

NOVA SCOTIA COURT OF APPEAL

Citation: *Dempsey v. Pagefreezer Software Inc.*, 2026 NSCA 49

Date: 20260618

Docket: CA 551267

Registry: Halifax

Between:

Nathan Kirk Dempsey

Appellant

v.

The Attorney General of Nova Scotia,
Pagefreezer Software Inc. and Michael Riedijk

Respondents

Judges: Farrar, Derrick and Beaton, JJ.A.

Appeal Heard: June 17, 2026, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Written Release: June 18, 2026

Held: Leave to appeal denied for reasons of the Court with costs to the respondents

Counsel: Nathan Kirk Dempsey, self-represented appellant
Glenn Anderson, K.C. and Zachary Hennessy, for the
respondent the Attorney General of Nova Scotia
Noah Entwisle, for the respondents Pagefreezer Software Inc.
and Michael Riedijk

Reasons for judgment:**By the Court (Orally)**

[1] The appellant's Notice of Appeal, the grounds contained therein and the appellant's arguments challenging the Interlocutory Order of Justice Gail Gatchalian dated March 3, 2026 are entirely without merit. Not only are they lacking in merit, they are completely irrelevant.

[2] The appellant tries to expand the operational terms of the Order. The four categories of alleged error are immaterial, misguided and based on a mischaracterization of the Motion Judge's decision. They appear to be a collateral attack on the sealing decision of Justice John Keith reported at 2025 NSSC 47.

[3] We can only conclude that the filing of the appeal was for a vexatious purpose to embroil the respondents in continued litigation to cause them expense and inconvenience addressing arguments that have no chance of success.

[4] Leave to appeal is denied.

Costs

[5] Costs are payable to Pagefreezer Software Inc. and Michael Riedijk in the amount of \$1,000.00 inclusive of disbursements, and to the Attorney General of Nova Scotia in the amount of \$500.00 inclusive of disbursements. The costs are payable forthwith and in any event of the cause.

Farrar, J.A.

Derrick, J.A.

Beaton, J.A.