IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division

RONALD J. RILEY,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No. 3:08CV642-HEH
	)	
JOHN DOZIER and DOZIER INTERNET LAW, P.C.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

ORDER
(Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration)

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration (Dk. No. 17), filed on December 4, 2008. Even assuming that the amount in controversy in this case exceeds $75,000, the Court must abstain from exercising jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims. A related state-court action is currently pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Henrico, Virginia. The state-court action involves Plaintiff's alleged infringement of Defendants' trademark, which is registered with the Virginia State Corporation Commission. Virginia's interest in adjudicating claims involving a state-registered trademark is both clear and compelling, and the state-court proceeding affords Plaintiff an adequate opportunity to present his claims. *See Employers' Resource Mgmt. Co. v. Shannon*, 65 F.3d 1126, 1134–35 (4th Cir. 1995). Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration is DENIED.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to all counsel of record.

It is SO ORDERED.

/s/
Henry E. Hudson
United States District Judge

Date: Dec 8 2008
Richmond, VA