

Hale church must pay plaintiff's attorney fees

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A federal judge on Monday ordered the former World Church of the Creator, led by jailed white supremacist Matthew Hale, to pay \$450,000 in attorney fees to the winning side in a trademark infringement lawsuit.

Hale was sentenced to 40 years in prison last month for his conviction for soliciting the murder of U.S. District Judge Joan Lefkow because she ordered the church to change its name after it lost the court battle over the lawsuit.

In February, Bart Ross, a disgruntled litigant in an unrelated case before Lefkow, killed the judge's husband and mother.

Hale had been sued by an Oregon church with a similar name. On Monday, U.S. District Judge Samuel Der-Yeghiayan called the \$450,747 in attorney fees sought by the church's Chicago lawyers "reasonable and appropriate."

Lefkow had earlier denied the request for attorney fees, but the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals reversed her ruling.

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