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'Vexatious litigants' bother judges, state
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Annoyance was imprinted on nearly every page of the 4th District Court of Appeal's decision.

The three-judge panel turned down Howard Herships' appeal -- the latest in what the judges called an "unflagging" series of lawsuits over the same loan default. And it had some choice words for the San Francisco man.

Herships' "antics have done little more than consume precious judicial resources," Associate Justice Thomas Crosby wrote. He chided Herships, who represented himself, for dragging out the case for nearly eight years.

The Santa Ana appellate court decided that in addition to losing the appeal, Herships should pay \$2,500 to the defendants. "Perhaps an award of sanctions for a frivolous appeal will finally convince him to stop flogging this moribund steed," Crosby wrote.

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