

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND  
FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

TED BERNSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE  
OF THE SHIRLEY BERNSTEIN TRUST  
TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MAY 20, 2008  
AS AMENDED,

Plaintiff(s)

v.

ALEXANDRA BERNSTEIN; ET AL.

Defendant(s).

PROBATE DIVISION IH  
CASE NO. 502014CP003698XXXXNB

Related Cases:

502011CP00653XXXXSB  
502014CA014637XXXXMB  
502014CP002815XXXXSB  
502015CP001162XXXXNB  
502015CP002717XXXXNB

**NOTICE OF APPEAL  
ORDER OF VALIDITY TRIAL**

#### **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that Eliot Ivan Bernstein, Appellant-Petitioner, appeals to the Fourth ( 4th ) District Court of Appeals from the Order of Palm Beach County Judge John L. Phillips sitting in the Probate Division dated Dec. 16, 2015 purportedly transmitted via the U.S. mail arriving multiple days later in my US Postal Box by Judge Phillips or his Chambers purporting to be a Trial Order and Final Judgment under Probate law on Count II of an Amended Complaint of Ted Bernstein and Alan Rose allegedly declaring the validity and authenticity of specified Wills, Trusts and Instruments in both Shirley Bernstein and Simon Bernstein cases and illegally going

beyond the purported Trial to afford affirmative relief in favor of Ted Bernstein Not Noticed for the improperly Scheduled Trial and other relief set out therein. Eliot Bernstein hereby Appeals from each and every part of said Order and Judgment.

Dated: January 15, 2016

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to parties listed on attached Service List by E-mail Electronic Transmission; Court ECF/Email; this 15th day of January, 2016.

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**ATTACHED TWO COPIES OF ORDER**

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**FINAL JUDGMENT ON COUNT II OF THE AMENDED COMPLAINT**

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1. This is an action for declaratory judgment to determine the validity, authenticity and enforceability of certain wills and trusts executed by Simon Bernstein and Shirley Bernstein, as follows:

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(collectively, the "Testamentary Documents").

2. Based upon the evidence presented during the trial, the Court finds that the Testamentary Documents, as offered in evidence by Plaintiff, are genuine and authentic, and are valid and enforceable according to their terms.

3. The Court finds that Simon's Testamentary Documents were signed by Simon and Shirley's Testamentary Documents were signed by Shirley, in the presence of two attesting witnesses who signed in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other. § 732.502, Fla. Stat.; § 736.0403(2)(b), Fla. Stat.



4. The Court finds the Testamentary Documents meet the requirements for self-proof, as specified in §732.503, Fla. Stat. Alternatively, the Testamentary Documents were properly admitted based upon the testimony of at least one of the attesting witnesses, which occurred. §733.201, Fla. Stat.

5. Based on the evidence presented, the Court finds that Plaintiff, Ted S. Bernstein, Trustee, was not involved in the preparation or creation of the Testamentary Documents. ~~Indeed,~~ Ted S. Bernstein had never seen the documents before his father's death. ~~Moreover,~~ Ted S. Bernstein played no role in any questioned activities of the law firm Tescher & Spallina, PA, who represented Simon and Shirley while they were alive. There is no evidence to support the assertions that Ted Bernstein forged or fabricated any of the Testamentary Documents, or aided and abetted others in forging or fabricating documents. ~~Thus,~~ Ted Bernstein played no role in the preparation of any improper documents; the presentation of any improper documents to the Court; or any other improper act, contrary to the allegations of Eliot Bernstein, ~~made in the pleadings in this case or in various blogs and websites in which Eliot Bernstein has attacked the actions of Ted Bernstein.~~

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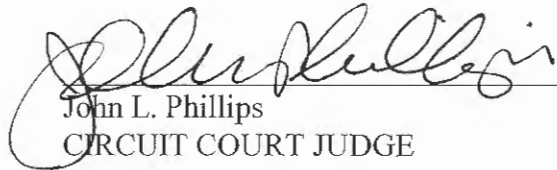
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6. Based on the evidence presented, the Court finds that an unauthorized version of the First Amendment to Shirley Bernstein Trust Agreement was prepared sometime after Simon died. This document (Pl. Ex. 6) was not signed by Shirley Bernstein and, therefore, is not an operative document.

7. This ruling is intended to be a Final Judgment under Rule 9.170 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, determining the validity of Testamentary Documents, denying any objection to the probate of Shirley's and Simon's Wills or the validity of the Trust Agreements, and determining which persons are entitled to receive distributions from these trusts and estates.

8. Based upon the rulings made by the Court in this trial of Count II, the Court reserves jurisdiction to determine the remaining issues in this action.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, in Palm Beach County, Florida, this 16 day of December, 2015.

  
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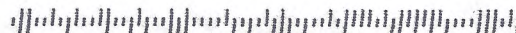
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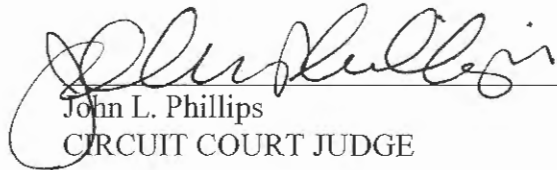
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