IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOURTH DISTRICT, 1525 PALM BEACH LAKES BLVD., WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401

CASE NO.: 4D16-1478

L.T. No.: 2014CP003698XXXXNB

ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN,

Appellant / Petitioners, **Motion for Extension of Time;**

**Reply to Order to Show Cause**

v.

TED BERNSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE,

ET AL.

Appellee / Respondent(s)

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Appellant-Petitioner Eliot I. Bernstein, respectfully says and moves this Court as follows:

1. I am the Appellant-Petitioner Pro Se and in indigent status.
2. While it may be an oversight, there appears to be some error in that a Notice of Appeal was filed on03/29/2016 11:04:05 AM ET and accepted by this Court on 3/21/16 in the underlying Order that found a need to appoint a Guardian Ad litem, however Appellant has not received any Notice of Case Number assigned by this Court for the underlying Order to be appealed.
3. Should Appellant be successful on Appeal in that underlying case, then this appeal becomes moot.
4. Further, the Initial Brief on the Merits for the underlying original Order appointing a Guardian Ad Litem in the related case with Oppenheimer is substantially completed and just about to be filed at this time under Appeal No. 4D16-1449 and is in substantially completed draft form.
5. In addition to almost completing the Initial brief in that case, an Initial Brief was also just filed recently within the last 10 days on the related “validity” of certain Trusts and Wills of Simon and Shirley Bernstein.
6. As this Court should be aware, the Records on Appeal on those cases produced went into the thousands of pages and as the Court may also recall, I recently had to request an extension also based upon medical-dental related issues necessitating prescription medicine and causing substantial pain and lack of sleep.
7. As the initial brief on the underlying Order finding a need for a Guardian Ad litem shows, there is merit to the appeal.
8. Additionally, I had virtually an entire day consumed on Court Ordered Mediation today that actually was somehow still “ongoing” as of almost 9 pm EST this evening as I was kept “in a hold pattern” waiting for the Mediator to call me.
9. Eliot has been under medical treatment and medications throughout this entire appeal process and parties have knowingly ignored this and further are damaging the Bernstein family and jeopardizing their health and safety where we are already victims to frauds on the court by court appointed counsel and fiduciaries and fraud by the court in this case and the related cases involving the Estates and Trusts of Simon and Shirley Bernstein that are yet resolved according to this Court’s own fraud policies and law.
10. I respectfully seek a reasonable time of no less than 30 days to submit the initial brief herein.

**WHEREFORE**, it is respectfully prayed for an Order for an Extension of Time in Reply to the Order to Show Cause issued July 13, 2016 and for such other and further relief as to this Court may seem just and proper.

Dated: July 25, 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; this 25th day of July, 2016.

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