

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

CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION AO
CASE NO. 50-2012-CA-013933-XXXX-MB

WILLIAM E STANSBURY,
Plaintiff/Petitioner

vs.

**ARBITRAGE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LLC,
ESTATE OF SIMON L BERNSTEIN,
SIMON BERNSTEIN,
et al.,**
Defendant/Respondents.

**ORDER SETTING JURY TRIAL AND
DIRECTING PRETRIAL AND MEDIATION PROCEDURES**

I. SCHEDULING

This action is set for jury trial on the eight week trial calendar beginning MAY 28, 2018 and ending JULY 20, 2018. **YOU MUST APPEAR AT 9:00 A.M. on FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018 IN COURTROOM 10D, PALM BEACH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 205 NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401 FOR THE JURY CALENDAR CALL. APPEARANCE AT CALENDAR CALL IS REQUIRED. TELEPHONE APPEARANCES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT CALENDAR CALL.** Pursuant to the Notice to Set Cause for Trial, the Court has reserved **FIVE (5) DAYS** for the trial herein.

The trial will be scheduled sometime during the eight week trial calendar, at a date and time to be provided at the calendar call, subject to the Court's ordering a later case setting.

II. UNIFORM PRETRIAL PROCEDURE

- A. On the last business day no later than **120 DAYS PRIOR TO CALENDAR CALL**, the parties shall exchange lists of all trial exhibits, names and addresses of all trial witnesses, and names and addresses of all expert witnesses.
- B. On the last business day no later than **60 DAYS PRIOR TO CALENDAR CALL**, the parties shall exchange lists of names and addresses of all rebuttal witnesses.

- C. In addition to names and addresses of each expert retained to formulate an expert opinion with regard to this cause, both on the initial listing and on rebuttal, the parties shall provide:
1. the subject matter about which the expert is expected to testify;
 2. the substance of the facts and opinions to which the expert is expected to testify;
 3. a summary of the grounds for each opinion;
 4. a copy of any written reports issued by the expert regarding this case; and
 5. a copy of the expert's curriculum vitae.
- D. On the last business day no later than **30 DAYS PRIOR TO CALENDAR CALL**, the parties shall confer and:
1. discuss settlement;
 2. simplify the issues and stipulate, in writing, as to as many facts and issues as possible;
 3. prepare a Pre-Trial Stipulation in accordance with paragraph E; and
 4. list all objections to trial exhibits.
- E. **PRETRIAL STIPULATIONS MUST BE FILED.** It shall be the duty of counsel for the Plaintiff to see that the Pre-Trial Stipulation is drawn, executed by counsel for all parties, and filed with the Clerk no later than **20 DAYS PRIOR TO CALENDAR CALL**. **UNILATERAL PRETRIAL STATEMENTS ARE DISALLOWED, UNLESS APPROVED BY THE COURT, AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING SHOWING GOOD CAUSE.** Counsel for all parties are charged with good faith cooperation in this regard. The Pre-Trial Stipulation shall contain in separately numbered paragraphs:
1. a list of all pending motions including **MOTIONS IN LIMINE AND DAUBERT/FRYE MOTIONS** requiring action by the Court and the dates those motions are set for hearing (**MOTIONS IN LIMINE shall not be heard the day of trial or thereafter**). All Daubert/Frye Motions must be heard 20 days before the start of trial.
 2. stipulated facts which require no proof at trial which may be read to the trier of fact;
 3. a statement of all issues of fact for determination at trial;
 4. each party's numbered list of trial exhibits with specific objections, if any, to schedules attached to the Stipulation;
 5. each party's numbered list of trial witnesses with addresses (including all known rebuttal witnesses); the list of witnesses shall be on separate schedules attached to the Stipulation;

6. a statement of estimated trial time;
 7. names of attorneys to try case; and
 8. number of peremptory challenges per party.
 9. each party's proposed proposed jury instructions and verdict form, with citations to supporting authority, as schedules attached to the Stipulation.
- F. **FILING OF PRE-TRIAL STIPULATION.** Failure to file the Pre-Trial Stipulation or a Court Approved Unilateral Stipulation as above provided may result in the case being stricken from the Court's calendar at its sounding or other sanctions.
- G. **ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS, WITNESSES OR OBJECTIONS.** At trial, the parties shall be strictly limited to exhibits and witnesses disclosed and objections reserved on the schedules attached to the Pre-Trial Stipulation prepared in accordance with paragraphs D and E, absent agreement specifically stated in the Pre-Trial Stipulation or order of the Court upon good cause shown. Failure to reserve objections constitutes a waiver. A party desiring to use an exhibit or witness discovered after counsel have conferred pursuant to paragraph D shall immediately furnish the Court and other counsel with a description of the exhibit or with the witness' name and address and the expected subject matter of the witness' testimony, together with the reason for the late discovery of the exhibit or witness. Use of the exhibit or witness may be allowed by the Court for good cause shown or to prevent manifest injustice.
- H. **DISCOVERY.** Unless otherwise agreed in the Pre-Trial Stipulation, all discovery must be completed no later than **10 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE SET FOR CALENDAR CALL**, absent agreement for later discovery specifically stated in the Pre-Trial Stipulation or for other good cause shown.
- I. **PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE.** No pre-trial conference pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.200 is set by the Court on its own motion. If a pre-trial conference is set upon motion of a party, counsel shall meet and prepare a stipulation pursuant to paragraphs D and E and file the stipulation no later than **5 DAYS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE**. Failure to request a pre-trial conference in a timely fashion constitutes a waiver of the notice of requirement of Rule 1.200. Motions for Summary Judgment will not be heard at any pre-trial conference.
- J. **UNIQUE QUESTIONS OF LAW.** Prior to calendar call, counsel for the parties are directed to exchange and simultaneously submit to the Court appropriate memoranda with citations to legal authority in support of any unique legal questions which may reasonably be anticipated to arise during the trial.

- K. **MODIFICATION TO UNIFORM PRE-TRIAL PROCEDURE.** Upon written stipulation of the parties filed with the Court, the Pre-Trial Procedure, except for items II D-F, inclusive, may be modified in accordance with the parties' stipulation, except to the extent that the stipulation may interfere with the Court's scheduling of the matter for trial or hinder the orderly progress of the trial.
- L. **PREMARKING EXHIBITS.** Parties shall pre-mark all exhibits in the manner customarily used by the Clerk of Court. Before trial, each party shall contact the Clerk of Court for pre-marking instructions at (561) 355-2986.
- M. **DEPOSITION DESIGNATIONS.** No later than **20 DAYS PRIOR TO CALENDAR CALL**, each party shall serve his, her, or its designation of depositions, or portions of depositions, each intends to offer as testimony in his, her or its case in chief. No later than **10 DAYS PRIOR TO CALENDAR CALL**, each opposing party shall serve his, her, or its counter (or "fairness") designations to portions of depositions designated, together with objections to the depositions, or portions thereof, originally designated. No later than calendar call, each party shall serve his, her or its objections to counter designations served by an opposing party.
- N. The parties shall prepare the proposed jury instructions and verdict form by the calendar call date. The Court requests that *one* proposed jury instructions and verdict be created and shall note any objections the parties may have. Once the case has been provided a trial date by the Court, the Plaintiff shall ***immediately*** email the Pre-Trial Stipulation, the proposed jury instructions and verdict in word format to the Court's divisional email address.

III. MEDIATION

- A. All parties are required to participate in mediation.
1. The appearance of counsel who will try the case and representatives of each party with full authority to enter into a complete compromise and settlement is mandatory. If insurance is involved, an adjuster with authority up to the policy limits or the most recent demand, whichever is lower, shall attend.
 2. At least **ONE WEEK BEFORE THE CONFERENCE**, all parties shall file with the mediator a brief, written summary of the case containing a list of issues as to each party. If an attorney or party filing the summary wishes its content to remain confidential, he/she must advise the mediator in writing when the report is filed.

3. All discussions, representations, and statements made at the mediation conference shall be privileged consistent with Florida Statutes sections 44.102 and 90.408.
 4. The mediator has no power to compel or enforce a settlement agreement. If a settlement is reached, it shall be the responsibility of the attorneys or parties to reduce the agreement to writing and to comply with Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.730(b), unless waived.
- B. The Plaintiff's attorney shall be responsible for scheduling mediation. The parties should agree on a mediator. If they are unable to agree, any party may apply to the Court for appointment of a mediator in conformity with Rule 1.720 (j), Fla. R. Civ. P. The lead attorney or party shall file and serve on all parties and the mediator a Notice of Mediation giving the time, place, and date of the mediation and the mediator's name.
- C. Completion of mediation prior to calendar call is a prerequisite to trial. If mediation is not conducted, or if a party fails to participate in mediation, the case, at the Court's discretion, may be stricken from the trial calendar, pleadings may be stricken, and other sanctions may be imposed.
- D. Any party opposing mediation may proceed under Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.700(b).

IV. REQUEST FOR JURORS

A. Per Administrative Order 2.402-7/13, the maximum number of jurors for a Circuit Civil jury panel, without the Chief Judge and Jury offices' approval is **31**. If you are requesting an enlarged jury panel (more than 31 jurors) in regards to this case, you are **REQUIRED** to notify the Judge's office, ***in writing***, WITHIN 30 DAYS from the date of this trial Order, of the number of requested jurors and the reason(s) why you need an enlarged jury panel in order for our office to seek approval for same from the Chief Judge and Jury office.

B. Failure to timely notify our office of the need for an enlarged jury panel will result in our office requesting only up to the maximum number of jurors (up to 31 jurors), per Administrative Order 2.402-7/13, for the jury trial herein.

V. CONTINUANCES

- A. No continuance will be granted unless good cause is demonstrated in writing signed by counsel and the parties he or she represents. See Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, Rule 2.545 (e). Motions for Continuances must be heard prior to calendar call. No Motion for Continuance will be heard at calendar call.

VI. NONCOMPLIANCE

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH ANY PORTION OF THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN THE STRIKING OF THE CASE, WITNESSES, OR EXHIBITS, OR IMPOSITION OF SUCH OTHER SANCTIONS AS ARE JUST.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida this the 8TH day of June, 2017.



CYMONIE ROWE, Circuit Judge

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Los procedimientos en los tribunales se llevan a cabo en inglés. Si usted tiene dificultad en hablar o entender el inglés, por favor traiga un intérprete.

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“If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Tammy Anton, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, Palm Beach County Courthouse, 205 N. Dixie Highway West Palm Beach, Florida 33401; telephone number (561) 355-4380 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.”

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