

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 Agreement
dated May 20, 2008, as amended,

Probate Division
Case No.: 502014CP003698XXXXNBIH

Plaintiff,

v.

ALEXANDRA BERNSTEIN; et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO STRIKE NOTICE OF APPEAL

Plaintiff, Ted S. Bernstein ("Trustee"), as Trustee of the Shirley Bernstein Trust Agreement dated May 20, 2008 (the "Trust"), files his Motion to Strike Eliot Ivan Bernstein's ("Eliot") Notice of Appeal [DE 309], for violating the Fourth District's ruling prohibiting further *pro se* appeals, and states:

1. The Court is familiar with the history of this case and issues with Eliot. Briefly, on August 23, 2017, after entertaining many of Eliot's previous *pro se*, lengthy and frivolous appeals, the Fourth District Court of Appeals Sanctioned Eliot (the "Sanction Order"). A copy of the Sanction Order is attached as Exhibit "A."

2. The Sanction Order states: "the Clerk of this Court [the Fourth DCA] is directed to no longer accept any paper filed by Eliot Ivan Bernstein ***unless the document has been reviewed and signed by a member in good standing of the Florida Bar who certifies that a good faith basis exists for each claim presented.***"

3. Despite the Sanction Order, on May 26, 2018, Eliot *pro se*, filed another Notice of Appeal [DE 309] not signed by a lawyer, seeking to appeal this Court's *Order on Motion to Approve*

Mediation Settlement Agreement with Tescher & Spallina, P.A. [D.E. 308] (the "Order"). A copy of the Notice of Appeal is attached as Exhibit "B."

4. The Notice of Appeal directly violates the Sanction Order. No member of the Florida Bar reviewed, signed or certified that a good faith basis existed for the claim presented. Therefore, the Notice of Appeal should be stricken.

5. The clerk of the Fourth DCA rejected Eliot's filing [DE 311]. A copy of the clerk's rejection is attached as Exhibit "C."¹

6. This is important to the Trustee because the settling parties' payment obligation is triggered by there being a final non-appealable order or the resolution of all appeals. While the Clerk of the Fourth DCA has rejected the Notice of Appeal, the notice remains of record and pending, and the settling parties' require that the Notice of Appeal be stricken from this Court before paying the amounts due under the settlement.

7. This should be a perfunctory and ministerial act by this Court, because "once a mandate issues to the trial court . . . the trial court's role becomes purely ministerial; its function is limited to implementing and effectuating the appellate court's order or decree." *Milton v. Keith*, 503 So. 2d 1312, 1314 (Fla. 3d DCA 1987)(citing, *O.P. Corp. v. Village of N. Palm Beach*, 302 So. 2d 130 (Fla. 1974).

WHEREFORE, Trustee requests that this Court enter an order striking Eliot's improper Notices of Appeal [DE 309 and 296].

¹ Eliot also filed an earlier unauthorized appeal [DE 206], which was rejected by the Fourth DCA [DE 298]. Both notices should be stricken.

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

August 23, 2017

CASE NO.: 4D17-1932

L.T. No.: 502014CP003698XXXXNB

ELIOT IVAN BERNSTEIN

v. TED BERNSTEIN, AS TRUSTEE, ET AL.

Appellant / Petitioner(s)

Appellee / Respondent(s)

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:

ORDERED that on July 19, 2017, this court ordered appellant to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed. Having considered appellant's August 8 and August 18, 2017 partial responses and motions for extension of time to respond, we deny the request for extension of time in the August 18, 2017 motion (we granted a short extension requested in the August 8, 2017 motion) and determine that sanctions are appropriate. For the reasons set forth in the July 19, 2017 order to show cause, we now impose sanctions pursuant to *Johnson v. Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co.*, 136 So. 3d 507, 508 (Fla. 2014); *Lomax v. Taylor*, 149 So. 3d 1135, 1137 (Fla. 2014); *Riethmiller v. Riethmiller*, 133 So. 3d 926 (Fla. 2013). The Clerk of this Court is directed to no longer accept any paper filed by Eliot Ivan Bernstein unless the document has been reviewed and signed by a member in good standing of the Florida Bar who certifies that a good faith basis exists for each claim presented.

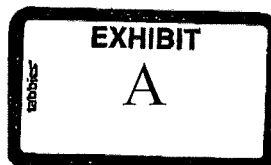
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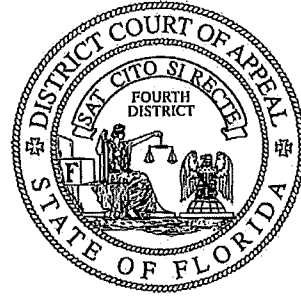
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Defendant(s).

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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 Rosemarie Scher sitting in the Probate Division dated December 06, 2017



titled “ORDER ON (i) TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO APPROVE COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT (ii) APPOINT A TRUSTEE FOR THE TRUSTS CREATED FOR D.B., J.A.B., AND JO.B, AND (iii) DETERMINE COMPENSATION FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM [D.E. #498]; (iv) MOTION TO DIRECT PAYMENTS FOR BENEFIT OF ELIOT'S CHILDREN TO COURT REGISTRY IN LIEU OF APPOINTING TRUSTEE; AND (v) TO DETERMINE COMPENSATION FOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND DISCHARGE GUARDIAN [D.E. 724)” (EXHIBIT 1) and hereby appeals from each and every part of said Order.

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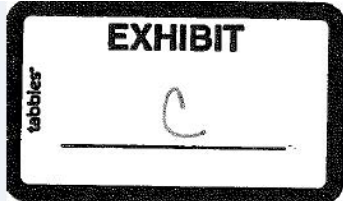
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