## 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.: 502014CP003698XXXXNBIJ

Plaintiff,

v.

ALEXANDRA BERNSTEIN; ERIC BERNSTEIN; MICHAEL BERNSTEIN; MOLLY SIMON; PAMELA B. SIMON, Individually and as Trustee f/b/o Molly Simon under the Simon L. Bernstein Trust Dtd 9/13/12; ELIOT BERNSTEIN, individually, as Trustee f/b/o D.B., Ja. B. and Jo. B. under the Simon L. Bernstein Trust Dtd 9/13/12, and on behalf of his minor children D.B., Ja. B. and Jo. B.; JILL IANTONI, Individually, as Trustee f/b/o J.I. under the Simon L. Bernstein Trust Dtd 9/13/12, and on behalf of her Minor child J.I.; MAX FRIEDSTEIN; LISA FRIEDSTEIN, Individually, as Trustee f/b/o Max Friedstein and C.F., under the Simon L. Bernstein Trust Dtd 9/13/12, and on behalf of her minor child, C.F.,

Defendants.

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## ORDER DETERMINING ELIOT BERNSTEIN LACKS STANDING INDIVIDUALLY AND STRIKING ELIOT'S FILINGS, AND DEFERRING RULING ON THE <u>APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND OTHER RELIEF SOUGHT</u>

THIS CAUSE came before the Court for hearing on January 14, 2016 on Successor

Trustee's Motion for Appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem to Represent the Interests of Eliot

Bernstein's Children; For A Gag Order to Protect Guardian and Others; and to Strike Eliot's

Filings (the "Motion"). The Court, having considered the record, heard argument of counsel and

being otherwise fully advised in the premises, hereby ORDERS AND ADJUDGES:

1. The Motion is GRANTED in part as set forth in this Order and DEFERRED in remaining part pending an evidentiary hearing as requested by Eliot Bernstein and his wife.

2. By Final Judgment dated December 16, 2015, this Court has determined that Simon Bernstein's Will dated July 25, 2012 is valid and enforceable according to its terms. The Final Judgment is valid, binding and in full force and effect.

3. Based upon the Court's determination of the validity of Simon's Will, Simon Bernstein exercised a power of appointment he held over assets in the Shirley Bernstein Trust, in favor of his "then living grandchildren." Eliot Bernstein is not a grandchild of Simon or Shirley Bernstein. Based upon the exercise of the power of appointment, Eliot Bernstein is not a beneficiary of the Shirley Bernstein Trust. As a result, Eliot Bernstein lacks individual standing to participate in this proceeding, as he is not a beneficiary of either the Shirley Bernstein Trust or the Shirley Bernstein Estate.

4. Accordingly, Eliot Bernstein is barred from any further participation in his individual capacity in this action, and is removed individually as a party. Any and all pending motions, claims, or other filings by Eliot Bernstein, individually, in this case are hereby stricken from the record, and no further individual filings will be permitted except for a Notice of Appeal of the Final Judgment, should he desire to file one.

5. Having determined that Eliot Bernstein lacks individual standing, the Court next will consider whether a Guardian ad Litem should be appointed to represent the interests of the children of Eliot and Candice Bernstein, each of whom has been determined to be a beneficiary of the Shirley Bernstein Trust, and whether to enter a confidentiality order as requested by the Trustee in the Motion. These matters will be addressed at an evidentiary hearing to be set by separate order of this Court.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers, North County Courthouse in Palm Beach Gardens,

Florida, on this  $\int day$  of January, 2016.

HONORABLE JOHN L. PHILLIPS Circuit Court Judge

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