

Subject: ATTN: ALEX - CASE NUMBER: 2014CP003698XXXXNB IJ BERNSTEIN v. BERNSTEIN et al
Attachments: January 14, 2016 Letter to Judge Phillips Re-Order Determining Eliot Bernstein Lacks Standing.pdf; Order (Proposed) Determining Eliot Bernstein Lacks Standing etc.doc; NOH SS Evidentiary Hearing Re-Motion to Appoint Guardian Ad Litem on February 26, 2016.pdf
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,
Please see attached correspondence with referenced, proposed *Order Determining Eliot Bernstein Lacks Standing Individually and Striking Eliot's Filings*, etc. and referenced Notice of Hearing.

We have served the attached letter and proposed order on all parties.

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January 14, 2016

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable John L. Phillips
North County Courthouse
3188 PGA Boulevard
Room 1414 | Courtroom 3
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Re: *Ted Bernstein, etc., et al. v. Alexandra Bernstein, et al.*
Case Number(s): 2014CP003698XXXXNB IH

Dear Judge Phillips:

Regarding the hearing held this morning, January 14, 2015, attached is a proposed *Order Determining Eliot Bernstein Lacks Standing Individually And Striking Eliot's Filings, and Deferring Ruling on the Appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem and Other Relief Sought.*

I believe this proposed Order is consistent with the Court's ruling this morning, granting the relief sought in the Motion. I circulated a draft of the proposed Order, and received the following response from Eliot Bernstein:

Mr. Rose,

As you are and should be aware, to the extent any Order of Judge Colin is valid and remains in effect, the law of the case by Judge Colin's Orders has upheld my Standing in both Shirley and Simon and Denied your client Ted Bernstein in this regard and further that you are aware and were aware of the Outstanding Order of Production of Judge Colin that was never complied with at the time you mislead Judge Phillips' Court and moved in Shirley on Sept. 15, 2015.

For these reasons and more, I Object to the entirety of the Proposed Order and will be submitting my own Proposed Order by tomorrow, as I mentioned on the record today I am heavily medicated due to a dental problem.

The Honorable John L. Phillips
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Absent some Medical or other Emergency, the Date February 25 at 3:15pm does work, however, 1 hour is Insufficient, I think it should be at least one full working day and thus I object to the time being limited to one hour. Also, you are not properly serving notice to all parties, including all of the Counter Defendants.

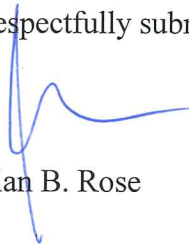
Thank you.

On behalf of my client, the Trustee, we request that you enter the enclosed form proposed Order or whatever Order Your Honor believes is consistent with your ruling today.

We also have enclosed a Notice of Evidentiary Hearing for February 25th, consistent with your ruling and the scheduling information from your judicial assistant. I advise you that Mr. Eliot Bernstein also objects to your Honor's ruling that the evidentiary hearing be scheduled for one hour.

We appreciate Your Honor's time and attention to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan B. Rose

Enclosures

cc: All parties listed on the Service List

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
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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.

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

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 ___ day of January, 2016.

HONORABLE JOHN L. PHILLIPS
Circuit Court Judge

Copies to: Attached Service List

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NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

Specially Set Evidentiary Hearing- One Hour Reserved

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the undersigned has called up for hearing the following:

DATE: Thursday, February 25, 2016

TIME: 3:15 p.m.

JUDGE: Honorable John L. Phillips

PLACE: Palm Beach North County Courthouse, 3188 PGA Blvd., Courtroom 3,
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

MATTER(S) TO BE HEARD:

**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**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to parties listed on attached Service List by: Facsimile **and** U.S. Mail; U.S. Mail; Email Electronic Transmission; FedEx; Hand Delivery this 14th day of January, 2016.

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