

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

CASE NO.: 50-2014-CP-003698-XXXX-NB
PROBATE DIVISION: IH

TED BERNSTEIN, as Trustee
of the Shirley Bernstein Trust Agreement
dated May 20, 2008, as amended,

Plaintiff / Petitioner,

and

ALEXANDRA BERNSTEIN; et. al,
Defendants / Respondent.

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ELIOT BERNSTEIN SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN
CONTEMPT OF COURT AND ORDER RE-SETTING HEARING**

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Ted S. Bernstein, as Successor Trustee of the Shirley Bernstein Trust Motion to Hold Eliot Bernstein in Contempt of Court or Issue Order to Show Cause Against Eliot Bernstein, and for Sanctions (“Motion”) for Eliot’s Bernstein’s violation of Order on Successor Trustee’s Motion to Appoint a Guardian ad Litem; for a Gag Order to Protect the Guardian and Others; and to Strike Eliot Bernstein’s Filings dated March 1, 2016 (the “Order” D.E. 161).

The Court, having reviewed the Motion, the court file, and having been otherwise fully advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. On March 1, 2017, this Court entered an Order on Successor Trustee’s Motion to Appoint a Guardian ad Litem; for a Gag Order to Protect the Guardian and Others; and to Strike Eliot Bernstein’s Filings dated March 1, 2016 (the “Order” D.E. 161).

2. The Court's Order stated as follows:

6. Eliot Bernstein states that his agenda includes ridding the court system of corruption among judges, lawyers and fiduciaries, regardless of the ^{cost} ~~cost~~ the beneficiaries. He appears to have no interest in the swift and efficient administration of the Shirley Bernstein Trust. He has taken actions to hinder and delay the administration of the Trust, and caused waste of Trust assets to respond to his assertions.

7. To the extent not already covered by this Court's Order dated February 1, 2016, Eliot Bernstein is barred from any further participation in this action, whether individually or as purported parent and natural guardian. Any and all pending motions, claims, or other filings by Eliot Bernstein, ^{one} on behalf of his children, ~~is~~ hereby stricken from the record, without prejudice to the rights of the Guardian Ad Litem to take whatever actions are deemed appropriate.

3. Plaintiff / Petitioner's Motion proffers emails sent directly to Diana Lewis, the guardian ad litem, in direct violation of the Order. The Court concludes the Petitioner's / Plaintiff's Motion for Contempt for refusal to obey this Court's Order is well taken. It is therefore

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, as follows:

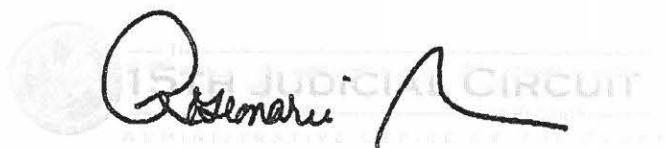
1. ELIOT BERNSTEIN is ordered to personally appear before this Court on **TUESDAY, March 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.**, in Courtroom 4 of the North County Courthouse, 3188 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410, and show cause why she should not be held in contempt of this Court for willful refusal to obey its Order, attached hereto. One hour shall be reserved.

2. **FAILURE OF ELIOT BERNSTEIN TO PERSONALLY APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A FINDING OF CONTEMPT OF COURT, AN AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS AGAINST ELIOT BERNSTEIN, THE ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER STRIKING ANY AND ALL FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS CASE AND/OR ANY OTHER SANCTIONS THE COURT DEEMS FIT.**

3. Petitioner/Plaintiff's counsel, at his own cost, shall cause a copy of this Order to Show Cause and Order Setting Hearing to be personally served VIA SHERIFF OR PRIVATE PROCESS SERVER upon ELIOT BERNSTEIN and file proof of personal service upon receipt. The Court will reserve to award these fees against ELIOT BERNSTEIN.

4. This Court reserves jurisdiction to award such fees and costs as may be proper to Petitioner/Plaintiff.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach County, Florida, this 29th day of January, 2018.

The seal of the 15th Judicial Circuit, Palm Beach County, Florida, featuring a circular design with the text "15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT" and "PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA".

ROSEMARIE SCHER
Circuit Judge

Copies furnished to:

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