

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No.	SACV 11-0485 AG (AJWx)	Date	October 22, 2012
Title	LISA LIBERI, et al. v. ORLY TAITZ, et al.		

Present: The Honorable	ANDREW J. GUILFORD
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Lisa Bredahl	Not Present	
Deputy Clerk	Court Reporter / Recorder	Tape No.
Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:	Attorneys Present for Defendants:	

Proceedings: [IN CHAMBERS] ORDER REGARDING OCTOBER 15, 2012 HEARING

The Hearing (“Hearing”) held in this case on October 15, 2012, increased the Court’s concern about the demands this case is making upon the limited resources of this Court. Under the Constitution of the United States, the People of the United States, through their tax dollars, provide courts such as this the ability and duty to perform numerous functions, including the resolution of disputes. This case has wasted huge amounts of time, but very little time has been focused on the substance of the actual dispute at issue. Instead, both sides have expended incredible amounts of time calling each other names and fighting over peripheral issues.

At the hearing, the name calling continued. The oft-repeated charge that one of the plaintiffs is a felon was again raised, apparently implying that felons should not be allowed to bring civil lawsuits in our courts. It was reported that Attorney Taitz is subject to disciplinary proceedings in the Ninth Circuit for alleged misrepresentations concerning Attorney Berg’s disciplinary status. It has also been reported that Attorney Berg and Attorney Colen have been or are involved in disciplinary actions, and the latter confessed to “anger management” issues.

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The Hearing was expressly to review “the status of this case.” The parties were ordered to “be prepared to discuss all aspects of the case.” A ten page limit was set for any briefs filed. Attorney Berg filed five different documents vastly exceeding 10 pages in total, and yet providing little information about “the status of this case.” At the hearing, with whatever documents Berg chose to bring to a hearing to review status – presumably including his briefing on the subject – Attorney Berg was unable to identify the remaining plaintiffs and defendants in this case. This is an extraordinary failing, particularly at a hearing where the parties were to discuss status. This is yet another example of Attorney Berg’s failure to follow the letter and spirit of this Court’s Orders and the Local Rules of this Court.

As the hearing came to an end on a very busy law and motion day with many attorneys in the Court on many other matters, Attorney Taitz said that she wished to speak. In the past, this has resulted in extensive speeches attacking a variety of people and not focusing on the matters at hand or the substance of this dispute. Before allowing Attorney Taitz to take time away from the many other pressing matters before the Court, the Court simply asked that she begin by stating what action she was seeking from the Court. Since Attorney Taitz has sought and obtained a stay of actions against her, the Court believes that she should be limited in seeking actions against others while the stay is in effect. Despite receiving multiple opportunities to simply begin by stating what she was seeking, Attorney Taitz was unable to do so and then acted extremely unprofessionally in this Court of the United States of America by rolling her eyes and exhibiting gestures of contempt.

The Court is now considering what action it should take so that the limited resources of this Court – and taxpayer dollars – might not be further wasted in this case. Possibilities include a published opinion outlining all the misconduct that has occurred, orders prohibiting certain attorneys from further representation in this matter, and dismissals of claims. For now, the Court makes the following orders:

- Concerning the pending ethical matters, the parties are ORDERED to inform the Court immediately of any actions taken on pending ethical, disciplinary, or related

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matters concerning any of the parties now appearing in this case. The Court will likely take further action on such matters only after such notification is provided. The notice shall be in letter form not exceeding two pages.

- On Plaintiffs' pending request to file a Motion to Compel and a Motion for a Discovery Protective Order, the Court will permit such motions to be filed with this Court (and not the Magistrate Judge). However, *all applicable rules must be obeyed concerning such motion*, and the failure to follow *any* rule will result in a denial of the motion.
- Concerning Defendant Intelius's request for judgment to be entered following the summary judgment it obtained, the Court finds that the circumstances of this case justify the entry of such a judgment and has signed and entered the judgment that was submitted.

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