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Subject: RE: Proposed Final Order in Harrison v. Kirkland, 202-CP-07-2301
Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022 11:47:00 AM

Heather, thank you for your confirmation that Judge Dukes will take no action with regards to the proposed Order at this time. As such, my clients will reserve the right to submit objections to the proposed Order if/when Judge Dukes takes this matter up again.
Best regards,
Charles Houston

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Good Evening:

I want to let parties know that the Judge was out of the office today and the rest of this week, as he is at the Judicial Conference in Columbia. That being said, I was able to speak with him about this email and the proposed Order. In light of the fact that Charles has filed his motion in Court of Appeals the Judge is not able to sign the Order at this time.

Attention:

We no longer have a Court Reporter, therefore you are responsible for bringing your own, should you choose to have one. If there is even a possibility of live testimony at the hearing, you are REQUIRED to bring your own Court Reporter. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation and rescheduling of the hearing.

Please contact us immediately if you are:

- 1. Waiting on a ruling and it has been more than 30 days.**
- 2. Ready to schedule a Trial date.**
- 3. Have a motion older than 30 days and need to schedule a hearing.**

Thanking You in Advance,

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Your Honor—Good afternoon. Pursuant to your request, Chet Williams, Terry Finger and I worked together to draft a proposed Final Order in this matter that we believe reflects your verbal rulings made on September 22, 2022. I forwarded a copy of the proposed Order to Mr. Houston early yesterday morning, October 4, 2022, and asked for his input and comments by noon on October 6, 2022, so that we could submit it to you by early afternoon tomorrow.

However, early this morning, Mr. Houston filed an “Ex Parte Motion for Order For Immediate Stay” with the Court of Appeals, as is attached. In it, you will see that Mr. Houston asserts that the Plaintiffs and me and Chet are perpetrating a “fraud upon the Court” (p. 3) and has asked the Court of Appeals, ex parte, to enter an immediate order staying the proceedings in your court.

I immediately responded to Mr. Houston this morning and asked him if that COA filing was his response to our proposed Order, and have not heard back from him. Thus, I must assume it was.

Terry Finger, Chet and I therefore present the attached proposed Order and request the Court review it and if you find it appropriate, please sign and file same. Again, this precise version of this proposed Order was sent to Charles Houston for the Defendants via email at 8:02 a.m. October 4, 2022, and none of us have heard from him. He is also copied on this email. I have also uploaded a word version of this Order through the e-filing portal and it should be in your Judge’s queue.

We would like for the Court of Appeals to have the benefit of this Court’s Order prior to their consideration of Mr. Houston’s filings, so we are sending this to you today for your consideration.

I trust it goes without saying, but because of Mr. Houston's assertions, please know that the Plaintiffs have no intention of moving forward with closing the sale until after you have entered your Order and we deal with any type of emergency motions posited with the Court of Appeals.

Thank you Judge.

Tom

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