

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

C.A. No.: 2022-CP-40-01415

Rhonda Meisner )  
 )  
 Plaintiff, )

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**Jan 27 2025**

vs. )

**SC Court of Appeals**

Grant Meisner; Grant Meisner, MD, LLC; Sheila )  
Robinson; Erwin Mangubat, MD; Moore, Taylor, & )  
Thomas, P.A.; Moore Taylor Law Firm P.A.; Moore )  
Bradley Myers Law Firm, PA; Tricia L. Flowers; )  
Flowers Consulting, LLC; Flowers Consulting, LLC; )  
Richard G. Whiting, Esquire; Law Offices of Richard )  
G. Whiting, P.A.; John Doe (1-10) a fictional name )  
assigned to identify parties that are not yet known )  
or not yet determined. )

**ORDER DISMISSING  
DEFENDANTS' TRICIA L.  
FLOWERS AND FLOWERS  
CONSULTING, LLC**

Defendants. )

This matter is before the Richland County Court of Common Pleas on September 17, 2024, via Webex, pursuant to Defendants' Tricia L. Flowers and Flowers Consulting LLC's Motion to Dismiss for failure to state a claim, lack of subject matter jurisdiction, lack of personal jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 12(b) and subsections of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure (SCRCP,) as well as absolute and quasi-judicial immunity. The Court also takes judicial notice that all other defendants have been dismissed by the ruling of Justice Jean H. Toal on December 15, 2022, and December 20, 2022, respectively. This matter was presided by The Hon. Thomas William McGee III and present at the hearing were, Emre Ersoy, Esquire, counsel for Defendants Tricia L. Flowers and Flowers Consulting LLC, and Plaintiff, who appeared pro se.

Based upon the arguments of the parties, and a review of this Court's file and procedural history, I make the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. I find this matter is originated from Plaintiff and Defendant Graham Meisner MD's divorce action.
2. I find Plaintiff Rhonda Meisner, pro se, commenced this action on/or March 18, 2022, in the county of Richland Court of Common Pleas, making numerous allegations against the above-named defendants, including but not limited to, civil conspiracy, defamation, false light, trespassing, and public disclosure of private information.
3. I find Justice Toal had granted all other Defendants' Motion to Dismiss on December 15, 2022, and December 20, 2022, respectively. This Court takes judicial notice of the Orders.
4. I find Plaintiff subsequently filed a Notice of Appeal which was dismissed on June 6, 2023, as untimely.
5. I find Defendant Tricia L. Flowers filed a Motion To Set Aside Default on March 17, 2023, which was granted by Judge The Hon. Jocelyn Newman on July 14, 2023. Thus, by virtue, I find there is no dispute or question as to whether the said Defendant(s) were properly reinstated or remained as non-default parties.
6. I find Plaintiff's argument that this Motion being argued by Emre Ersoy, Esquire, of Michael C. Tanner LLC, instead of Michael C. Tanner, Esquire, is a violation of her constitutional rights of Equal Protection has no merit.
7. I find Tricia L. Flowers is a process server who served Plaintiff the pleadings for their divorce action and at all times relevant hereto, was hired and supervised by Defendant Graham Meisner MD's counsel, Shelia Robinson, Esquire, who was also named as one of the defendants.
8. I find the Defendant Tricia L. Flowers, at all times, acted within the scope of her

judicially empowered duty as she, individually and as an owner and sole agent of Flowers Consulting, LLC, served Plaintiff the Summons and Complaint filed by Graham Meisner, MD for divorce. I find that was a lawful service of process for a judicial proceeding.

9. For the reason hereinabove, I find Plaintiff has failed to state a claim under Rule 12(b)(6), SCRCF, as I find no sufficient claim that Defendant Flowers violated the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

10. Therefore, I find Plaintiff is not entitled to any relief on any theory in her Summons and Complaint as to the Defendants Tricia L. Flowers and/or Flowers Consulting, LLC.

11. I further find Defendants Tricia L. Flowers and Flowers Consulting LLC are protected by quasi-judicial immunity. "Our law affords absolute immunity to those persons who aid the truth-seeking mission of the judicial system." Day v. Johns Hopkins Health Sys., Corp. 907 F. 3d 766, 771 (4th Cir. 2018) (holding the protection extends to judges, prosecutors, and witnesses.) However, I also find in In Re John A. Betts, Debtor, 165 B.R. 233 (Bankr. N.D. III, 1994), the court held the process server's actions as a court appointed special private process server under order of the state court allowed him to have a limited protection, therefore, the immunity should be accorded to non-judicial officials for their quasi-judicial conduct when they act pursuant to a court directive. See also Henry v. Farmer City State Bank, 808 F. 2d 1228, 1238-1239 (7th Cir. 1986); Young v. Peoria Housing Authority, 479 F. Supp. 1093, 1096 (C.D. III. 1979); Heller v. Heller, 1989 WL 152556 \*4 (N.D. III Dec. 6, 1989).

12. I find while Tricia L. Flowers is a non-judicial official, she acted within the scope of her quasi-judicial conduct when she served the pleadings to Plaintiff Rhonda Meisner. For the reason herein, I find quasi-judicial immunity applies to Defendants Tricia L. Flowers and Flowers

Consulting, LLC. "The vital protection afforded all participants in litigation is unwavering and it is a bedrock of our law today just as it was centuries ago." Day at 771.

13. I conclude based upon the foregoing, Defendants Tricia L. Flowers and Flowers Consulting, LLC shall be dismissed with prejudice.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Defendants Tricia L. Flowers and Flowers Consulting, LLC are **DISMISSED** with prejudice.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

Columbia, SC

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The Hon. Thomas W. McGee III  
Presiding Judge



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So Ordered

s/ Thomas W. McGee III, Judge Code 2786

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Filed by or on behalf of: Thomas Mcgee, III

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John Doe (1-10)

Rhonda Meisner for Rhonda Meisner