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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF HORRY)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Civil Action No.: 2024-CP-26-01482

Carol Tidik Will and Trust, Brad Tidik,)
)
Plaintiffs,)

v.)

Karen Tidik Sorenson, Jane Doe I,)
)
Defendants.)

ORDER

(Not ending case)

This above-captioned matter came before me on Monday, January 5, 2026 for a hearing on three Motions:

- 1) Plaintiff Brad Tidik’s Motion to Compel;
- 2) Defendant Karen Tidik Sorensen’s Motion to Dismiss Complaint, or Portions Thereof, Pursuant to Rules 12(b)(6) and (7), SCRCP; and
- 3) Defendant Karen Tidik Sorensen’s Motion to Strike or, in the Alternative, to Dismiss Certain Parties from the Case and to Strike Portions of the Complaint.

Present at the hearing was Luther O. McCutchen, III, on behalf of Defendant Sorensen. Plaintiff Brad Tidik was not in attendance at the hearing.

In that Plaintiff Tidik was not in attendance at the hearing, his Motion to Dismiss is denied.

As to Defendant Sorensen’s Motion to Dismiss the Complaint and/or Portions thereof pursuant to Rules 12(b)(6) and (7), this Motion is denied.

As to Defendant Sorensen’s Motion to Strike or, in the Alternative, to Dismiss Certain Parties from the Case and to Strike Portions of the Complaint, the Court duly notes that a previous Form 4 Order in this case filed September 3, 2025 continued Plaintiff Tidik’s Motion to Compel

for 60 days to allow Defendant Tidik to obtain counsel to represent the Trust in this matter. Counsel for Defendant Sorensen informed the Court that his client, individually, is the Trustee of the Carol Tidik Will and Trust and would not be seeking any counsel to represent the Trust in the case as a plaintiff against Karen Tidik Sorensen and Jane Doe 1. Based on oral argument presented by Mr. McCutchen, together with a review of the record of the case and Plaintiff Tidik's absence, this Court hereby dismisses Carol Tidik Will and Trust as a named plaintiff and party in this case with prejudice.

Defendant Sorensen additionally sought to dismiss Jane Doe 1 as a party to the case in that there has been no service on this particular named Defendant. At this time, the Court denies Defendant Sorensen's Motion to Dismiss Jane Doe 1 as a Defendant from the case; however, it is duly noted that no service has been effected on Jane Doe 1 to bring this named Defendant into the case as a party.

Defendant Sorensen further presented positions that the allegations in the Complaint dealing with conversations and/or information received from Carol Tidik should be stricken pursuant to Rule 802, SCRE, and the Dead Man's Statute § 19-11-20, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976). This motion is granted as to Plaintiff Carol Tidik Will and Trust.

A copy of the Complaint is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and the provisions sought to be stricken from the Complaint are as follows:

1. The first sentence under the heading "**PARTIES,**", related to Carol Tidik Will and Trust;
2. The entire paragraph under the Heading "**STATEMENT OF FACTS**";
3. Paragraphs 1, 2, 2a., 2b. and 2c. under the heading "**UNDUE INFLUENCE**";
4. Paragraphs 4, 6, 8 under "**UNDUE INFLUENCE BY KAREN**";
5. Paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 under "**UNDUE INFLUENCE BY DOE.**"

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

A. Plaintiff Brad Tidik's Motion to Compel is DENIED;

B. Defendant Sorensen's Motion to Dismiss the Complaint and/or Portions thereof pursuant to Rules 12(b)(6) and (7) Motion is DENIED;

C. Defendant Sorensen's Motion to Strike Carol Tidik Will and Trust a Plaintiff in this case is GRANTED, and Carol Tidik Will and Trust is hereby dismissed as a Plaintiff to this case, with prejudice, and shall be removed from the caption of the case;

D. Defendant Sorensen's Motion to Dismiss Jane Doe as a party to the case is DENIED.

E. Defendant Sorensen's Motion to Strike Portions of the Complaint is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART, and the following provisions are hereby stricken from the Complaint:

6. The first sentence under the heading "**PARTIES**," related to Carol Tidik Will and Trust;
7. The entire paragraph under the Heading "**STATEMENT OF FACTS**";
8. Paragraphs 1, 2, 2a., 2b. and 2c. under the heading "**UNDUE INFLUENCE**";
9. Paragraphs 4, 6, 8 under "**UNDUE INFLUENCE BY KAREN**";
10. Paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 under "**UNDUE INFLUENCE BY DOE.**"

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Honorable B. Alex Hyman

January __, 2026
Conway, South Carolina