

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

PAZUNIAK LAW OFFICE, LLC and)	
GEORGE PUZUNIAK,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	C.A. No. N14C-12-259 EMD
v.)	
)	
PI-NET INTERNATIONAL, INC. and)	
LAKSHMI ARUNACHALAM,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER GRANTING, IN PART AND DENYING IN PART, *PRO SE* DEFENDANT LAKSHMI ARUNACHALAM’S EMERGENCY MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME BEYOND SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 UNTIL NOVEMBER 20, 2016 TO FILE ANSWER TO COMPLAINT, UNDER EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR MEDICAL AND DR. LAKSHMI ARUNACHALAM’S HANDS HAVE GIVEN OUT FROM TENDONITIS FROM TYPING CONTINUALLY AND MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF BRIEF

Upon consideration of *Pro Se* Defendant Lakshmi Arunachalam’s Emergency Motion for Extension of Time Beyond September 20, 2016 Until November 20, 2016 to File Answer to Complaint, Under Extraordinary Circumstances for Medical and Dr. Lakshmi Arunachalam’s Hands Have Given Out From Tendonitis From Typing Continually and Motion for Enlargement of Brief (the “Third Request for Enlargement of Time”) filed by Defendant Lakshmi Arunachalam on August 29, 2016; Dr. Arunachalam’s Declaration in Support of *Pro Se* Defendant Lakshmi Arunachalam’s Emergency Motion for Extension of Time Beyond September 20, 2016 Until November 20, 2016 to File Answer to Complaint, Under Extraordinary Circumstances for Medical and Dr. Lakshmi Arunachalam’s Hands Have Given Out From Tendonitis From Typing Continually and Motion for Enlargement of Brief; Letter, dated August 25, 2016, from Scott Vahradian, PA-C, Stanford Health Care; Plaintiffs’ Response to Defendant Lakshmi Arunachalam’s Motion to Delay filed by Plaintiffs Pazuniak Law Office LLC and George Pazuniak; the *Pro Se* Defendant Lakshmi Arunachalam’s Reply Brief to

Plaintiffs' Answering Brief to *Pro Se* Defendant Lakshmi Arunachalam's Emergency Motion for Extension of Time Beyond September 20, 2016 Until November 20, 2016 to File Answer to Complaint, Under Extraordinary Circumstances for Medical and Dr. Lakshmi Arunachalam's Hands Have Given Out From Tendonitis From Typing Continually and Motion for Enlargement of Brief; the Order Granting, in part, Defendant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Answer to the Complaint under Extraordinary Circumstances under FRCP Rule 6(b) (the "Extension Order") entered by the Court on July 5, 2016; the Order Granting, in part, *Pro Se* Defendant Lakshmi Arunachalam's Emergency Motion for Extension of Time Beyond August 31, 2016 to File Answer to Complaint, Under Extraordinary Circumstances for Medical/Other Reasons Involving an Intense Workload (the "Second Extension Order"); the arguments of Dr. Arunachalam advanced in the Third Request for Enlargement of Time; the entire record of this civil action; and, the Court having determined no hearing is necessary on the Third Request for Enlargement of Time:

1. This is a civil action brought by Plaintiffs Pazuniak Law Office, LLC and Mr. Pazuniak (collectively, "Pazuniak Law"). Through the Complaint, Pazuniak Law seeks declaratory relief as to certain funds held by Pazuniak Law. In addition, Pazuniak Law alleges that Defendants Pi-Net International, Inc. ("Pi-Net") and Dr. Arunachalam are liable to Pazuniak Law on claims of common law libel and tortious interference with prospective business opportunities.

2. The Court previously addressed a request by Pi-Net and Dr. Arunachalam to enlarge the time to file an answer to the Complaint. The Court, in part, granted that request and set August 31, 2016 as the date by which Dr. Arunachalam and/or Pi-Net had to file an answer to the Complaint. Extension Order at ¶4. The Court also cautioned Dr. Arunachalam that Pi-Net

could only proceed through an agent duly licensed to practice law – *i.e.*, an attorney licensed to practice law in Delaware. Extension Order at ¶5. The Court then addressed an additional request by Dr. Arunachalam and Pi-Net to extend the August 31, 2016. The Court granted that request, in part, and extended the time for Dr. Arunachalam to file an answer to September 20, 2016. Second Extension Order at ¶4. The Court denied any extension requested by Pi-Net as Pi-Net did not appear through counsel to make the request. Second Extension Order at ¶5.

3. The Third Request for Enlargement of Time asks the Court to extend the time for Dr. Arunachalam to file an answer to the Complaint from August 31, 2016 until November 20, 2016. In support, Dr. Arunachalam provides information regarding upcoming deadlines for pleadings she must file in other actions and documentation that supports her medical issues. Dr. Arunachalam also provides the Letter, dated August 25, 2016, from Scott Vahradian, PC-A, Stanford Health Care. Pazuniak Law opposes the Third Request for Enlargement of Time.

4. The Court finds that a modest extension of time for Dr. Arunachalam is appropriate under the circumstances. Scott Vahradian, PC-A, states that Dr. Arunachalam needs a thirty day respite from typing in order to allow for recovery. A thirty day extension from August 25, 2016 (the date of the letter) would be September 25, 2016. The Court will grant Dr. Arunachalam an extension until October 3, 2016 to file her answer. The Court uses the term “answer” for a reason. Dr. Arunachalam talks about an “answering brief” in the Third Request for Enlargement of time. However, the Court notes that Dr. Arunachalam does not need to file a brief in response to the Complaint. Instead, Dr. Arunachalam needs to file an answer to the Complaint. This requires her to go paragraph by paragraph and “state in short and plain terms the party’s defenses to each claim asserted and shall admit or deny the averments upon which the adverse party relies.” Super. Ct. R. Civ. P. 8(b). In addition, Dr. Arunachalam needs to set out

any affirmative defenses and counterclaims she may have. *See* Super. Ct. R. Civ. P. 8(b) and 13. The Court believes that an extension until October 3, 2016 is enough time under the circumstances here.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, for the reasons set forth herein, that *Pro Se* Defendant Lakshmi Arunachalam's Emergency Motion for Extension of Time Beyond September 20, 2016 Until November 20, 2016 to File Answer to Complaint, Under Extraordinary Circumstances for Medical and Dr. Lakshmi Arunachalam's Hands Have Given Out From Tendonitis From Typing Continually and Motion for Enlargement of Brief is **GRANTED**, in part, and **DENIED**, in part, and Dr. Arunachalam shall have until October 3, 2016 to file an answer to the Complaint.

Dated: September 13, 2016
Wilmington, Delaware

/s/ *Eric M. Davis*
Eric M. Davis, Judge