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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

TAMARA GREEN;	
THERESE SERIGNESE; a	ınd
LINDA TRAITZ	

Plaintiffs,

-against-

WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.,

Defendant.

Misc.	No.	

Case No. 3:14-cv-30211-MGM in the District of Massachusetts

WILLIAM H. COSBY JR.'S MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA

William H. Cosby, Jr., by and through his undersigned attorneys, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45, respectfully moves the Court to quash the May 28, 2015 Subpoena served on Dolores M. Troiani, Esquire ("Subpoena"), or, in the alternative, to stay compliance with the Subpoena until after pending motions to dismiss are resolved in the United States District Court for Massachusetts and that Court enters appropriate terms to maintain the confidentiality of the protected information. In support of his motion, Mr. Cosby submits and relies upon the accompanying Memorandum of Law and documents attached in support thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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William H. Cosby, Jr. respectfully submits this memorandum of law in support of his motion to quash or modify the May 28, 2015 subpoena served on Dolores M. Troiani, Esq. (the "Subpoena").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

In 2006, Mr. Cosby entered into a confidential settlement agreement (the "Confidential Settlement") that resolved litigation pending in this Court (the "Constand Litigation"). That agreement prohibited the disclosure of all documents pertaining to any aspect of the Constand Litigation. The confidentiality terms were a material inducement to the Confidential Settlement on the part of not only Mr. Cosby, but also Ms. Constand and several other parties, none of whom is a party to the present action. Current Plaintiffs Tamara Green, Therese Serignese, and Linda Traitz (together, the "Massachusetts Plaintiffs"), who were not parties to the Constand Litigation, now seek to disrupt the protections of the Confidential Settlement by subpoening materials from Ms. Constand's counsel that are expressly prohibited from disclosure. The Subpoena should be quashed.

First, the Massachusetts Plaintiffs have failed to provide any compelling justification to set aside the confidentiality terms that are included in the Confidential Settlement. Public policy strongly favors the settlement of disputed claims, and confidentiality agreements—like the one at issue here—should not be set aside lightly. Similarly, during the course of the Constand Litigation, the Court entered orders protecting discovery material generated in that litigation from disclosure. Those protections should remain in force and the Subpoena quashed to avoid improper disclosure of the confidential materials.

Second, the Subpoena should be quashed and disclosure thereunder stayed because disclosure of the protected materials is premature. Mr. Cosby has filed motions to

dismiss the Massachusetts Plaintiffs' claims in their entirety that are currently pending before the Massachusetts Court. A motion to stay discovery in this action pending decision on the motions to dismiss is also pending before the Massachusetts district court. Even in the event that the Court finds that some disclosure of the confidential materials is appropriate, such disclosure should not occur unless and until the pending motions to dismiss are resolved. Indeed, stays of discovery pending the resolution of a motion to dismiss are routine: if Mr. Cosby's motions to dismiss are granted in full, discovery will be futile. Even if Mr. Cosby's motions to dismiss are granted only in part, awaiting decision will allow discovery to be tailored and efficiently focused on those claims and Plaintiffs, if any, that do survive. Waiting just a short period of time for the Court to resolve the pending motions to dismiss may substantially lessen—or eliminate—the burdens associated with discovery.

Third, compliance with the Subpoena should be stayed until the Massachusetts

Court enters appropriate terms to maintain the confidentiality of the protected materials that the

Subpoena seeks.

Finally, and in the alternative, if and when the Subpoena is enforced, the Court should afford Mr. Cosby an opportunity to review and object to disclosure of any materials before they are produced.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND

A. The Constand Litigation

On March 8, 2005, Andrea Constand filed an action – *Constand v. Cosby* – against Mr. Cosby in this District, which was heard by the Honorable Eduardo C. Robreno. *See Constand v. Cosby*, No. 2:05-cv-1099 (E.D. Pa.). In that litigation, Ms. Constand asserted claims for battery, assault, intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, defamation, and false light/invasion of privacy against Mr. Cosby. (*See Constand v. Cosby*, No. 05-cv-1099

(E.D. Pa.), Amended Complaint (Dkt. No. 41).) On February 1, 2006, Ms. Constand filed a separate action against Martin Singer, an alleged spokesperson for Mr. Cosby, and The National Enquirer. That action, which was also filed in this District and heard by Judge Robreno, alleged claims for defamation and false light/invasion of privacy against Mr. Singer and The National Enquirer. (See Constand v. Singer, et al., No. 2:06-cv-00483 (E.D. Pa.), Complaint (Dkt. No. 1).) Together, Ms. Constand's actions against Mr. Cosby, Mr. Singer, and The National Enquirer are referred to as the "Constand Litigation."

Discovery in the Constand Litigation was largely conducted privately, and discovery materials were submitted to the court, as necessary, under seal. Indeed, on November 4, 2005, the Court issued an order acknowledging that the "depositions [of the parties] were taken in private" and ordering that "all requests for discovery, responses and legal memoranda filed pursuant to this order shall be filed **UNDER SEAL**." (*Constand v. Cosby*, No. 05-cv-1099 (E.D. Pa.), 11/4/05 Order (Dkt. No. 47).) On July 12, 2006, the Court reaffirmed the confidential nature of the discovery materials by issuing a Stipulation of Confidentiality that acknowledged that the "case management order [in *Contand v. Cosby*] preserv[ed] the confidentiality of certain discovery materials" and extended the same obligation to "maintain and preserve the confidentiality of the discovery they receive and abide by the terms of the Court's original order governing confidentiality of discovery materials" to Mr. Singer and The National Enquirer. (*Constand v. Cosby*, No. 05-cv-1099 (E.D. Pa.), 6/12/06 Order (Dkt. No. 94).)

The Constand Litigation was dismissed with prejudice on November 8, 2006, after the execution of a Confidential Settlement Agreement and General Release between the

parties and their counsel (the "Confidential Settlement"). The Confidential Settlement requires each party to that agreement to maintain the confidentiality of materials and information gathered and generated in the course of the Constand Litigation. (LoBue Decl. ¶ 5.)² Further, each party to the Confidential Settlement explicitly agreed not to disclose to anyone the information that they learned during discovery in the Constand Litigation. The confidentiality provisions were a material inducement to each of the parties to enter into the Confidential Settlement, and Mr. Cosby relied on those provisions, as well as the Court's prior orders, in agreeing to enter into the Confidential Settlement. (*Id.*)

Ms. Troiani is an attorney who represented Ms. Constand in the Constand Litigation, and she is a party to the Confidential Settlement. The documents sought by the Subpoena are protected materials that Ms. Troiani is not permitted to disclose pursuant to the Confidential Settlement. Pursuant to that agreement, upon the filing of this motion to quash, Ms. Troiani is barred from complying with the Subpoena until this matter is resolved by this Court.³

The parties to the Confidential Settlement agreed that the Eastern District of Pennsylvania would be the exclusive jurisdiction in any proceeding to enforce the Confidential Settlement, and that they would submit any dispute concerning the Confidential Settlement to the Honorable Thomas J. Rueter. (LoBue Decl. ¶ 7.)

¹ The parties to the Confidential Settlement are Andrea Constand, William H. Cosby, Jr., Martin D. Singer, American Media, Inc., Gianna Constand, Andrew Constand, and their counsel. (LoBue Decl. ¶ 4.)

² The Confidential Settlement *prohibits* the disclosure of its terms or conditions, including by filing the Confidential Settlement itself with any court, except if the agreement itself is the subject of litigation and then only to the extent necessary to assert rights and/or defend litigation. (LoBue Decl. ¶ 6.) There is no dispute that the Confidential Settlement prohibits disclosure of the subpoenaed materials and, accordingly, Mr. Cosby has not attached the Confidential Settlement as an exhibit to this motion. In the event the Court wishes to review the relevant portions of the Confidential Settlement, Mr. Cosby would be willing to provide them to the Court for *in camera* review.

³ Indeed, on May 28, 2015, Ms. Troiani emailed counsel for Mr. Cosby acknowledging her obligations pursuant to the Confidential Settlement. (Ex. 8.)

B. The Massachusetts Litigation

1. Litigation Overview

Plaintiffs Tamara Green, Therese Serignese, and Linda Traitz are plaintiffs in an action pending before the Honorable Mark G. Mastroianni in the District of Massachusetts (the "Massachusetts Litigation").4 See Green, et al. v. Cosby, No. 14-cv-30211 (MGM). The Massachusetts Plaintiffs contend that Mr. Cosby assaulted them in three separate incidents in the 1970s. In an amended complaint filed on January 5, 2015 (the "Amended Complaint"), they claim that Mr. Cosby is vicariously liable for defamation because his representatives made statements (the "Statements") denying the Massachusetts Plaintiffs' accusations of assault. (See Amended Complaint, Ex. 1.)⁵ Although filed as a single action, the Massachusetts Litigation is essentially three separate defamation actions joined into one: the alleged facts concerning the alleged assaults that underlie the defamation claims are different, and the allegedly defamatory denials by Mr. Cosby's agents published in 2005 and 2014 are almost entirely different for each plaintiff. For example, Ms. Green alleged that she was defamed by various statements that mention her specifically and do not involve the other two plaintiffs; Ms. Traitz alleges defamation in one statement that mentions her by name and one that does not; Ms. Serignese alleges defamation in one statement that does not mention her.

On February 27, 2015, Mr. Cosby filed motions to dismiss the Amended Complaint. (See Exs. 2-4.) Mr. Cosby argued that Plaintiffs' claims should be dismissed in their entirety because, inter alia, (1) the Statements are constitutionally protected opinions or

⁴ Plaintiff Green initiated the Massachusetts Litigation by filing a complaint alleging claims against Mr. Cosby on December 10, 2014. Plaintiffs Serignese and Traitz joined the action on January 5, 2015, when an amended complaint was filed.

⁵ The numbered exhibits referred to in this memorandum are attached to the Declaration of Robert P. LoBue, which is submitted herewith.

non-defamatory statements of fact, (2) the Statements are protected by a common-law privilege of self-defense, and (3) the Massachusetts Plaintiffs failed to plausibly plead that the speaker of any of the Statements acted with the constitutionally required degree of fault. (See id.) Mr. Cosby also presented additional reasons why Plaintiffs claims' could not succeed, including that Plaintiffs have not identified any statements that are of and concerning Ms. Serignese, and that any alleged statements concerning Ms. Traitz are substantially true. (See id.)⁶

Mr. Cosby's motions to dismiss are now fully briefed, and the Massachusetts

Court has scheduled a hearing concerning those motions on June 9, 2015.⁷

2. Plaintiffs' Attempts at Expedited Discovery

The Massachusetts Plaintiffs filed a motion for expedited discovery in the Massachusetts Court in order to serve a subpoena upon Ms. Troiani to obtain certain documents that were generated or obtained in connection with the Constand Litigation.

At a May 7, 2015 conference, Magistrate Judge Hennessy denied the Massachusetts Plaintiffs' motion for leave to serve a subpoena upon Ms. Troiani. The Court determined that Plaintiffs "have not met their burden" of "showing good cause for expedited discovery" (Ex. 5, 5/7/15 Tr. at 32) because, *inter alia*, Plaintiffs would not suffer any "demonstrated irreparable harm", the proposed discovery would burden Mr. Cosby because it "implicate[s] privacy rights of the parties that were involved in the prior litigation," and because

⁶ The same day Mr. Cosby filed his motions to dismiss the Amended Complaint, the Massachusetts Plaintiffs filed a second amended complaint (the "Second Amended Complaint"). Consistent with the Massachusetts Court's orders, Mr. Cosby renewed his February 2015 motions to dismiss as to the Second Amended Complaint, and relied on those and other previously filed papers to explain why the Second Amended Complaint should be dismissed in its entirety.

⁷ Although the hearing is currently scheduled for June 9, 2015, it is likely to be rescheduled to June 22, 2015 to accommodate a scheduling conflict.

"[t]here has not been a showing as to how the expedited production of these documents, assuming they exist, would conserve judicial or litigation resources" (id. at Tr. 32-34).8

At the May 7 conference, Magistrate Judge Hennessy also ordered a scheduling conference to take place on June 19, 2015. In preparation for that conference, on May 26, 2015, the parties engaged in a Rule 26(f) meet and confer telephone call. During that call, counsel for Mr. Cosby expressed their view that discovery should not begin until after Mr. Cosby's pending motions to dismiss are resolved. (LoBue Decl. ¶ 2.) Counsel for Mr. Cosby further explained that discovery should not begin until the parties negotiate a confidentiality agreement that would govern the exchange of confidential material in the Massachusetts Litigation. (*Id.*) The parties were unable to resolve their dispute concerning when discovery should begin in this action. (*Id.*)

On May 29, 2015, Mr. Cosby filed in the Massachusetts Court a motion to stay discovery until after his motions to dismiss are resolved in the Massachusetts Litigation. (See Ex. 6.)

C. The Subpoena

On May 28, 2015, the Massachusetts Plaintiffs served the Subpoena upon Ms. Troiani. (Ex. 7.) The Subpoena seeks "[a]ny and all documents which concern or relate to any one or more of the following persons: Tamara Green, Therese Serignese, Linda Traitz." This is essentially the same subpoena that Plaintiffs were denied leave to serve on May 7.

⁸ As of April 7, 2015, the parties had not yet held a Rule 26(f) conference and, accordingly, any subpoena was invalid unless the Massachusetts Plaintiffs received prior leave of court. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d). Although the parties to the Massachusetts Litigation have now participated in a Rule 26(f) conference, discovery in advance of the resolution of Mr. Cosby's motions to dismiss remains improper for reasons discussed *infra*.

ARGUMENT

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(d)(3)(A), a court "must quash or modify a subpoena that ... (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or (iv) subjects a person to undue burden." Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(d)(3)(A). See also Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1) (authorizing District Court to issue a protective order to protect "a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense" by, inter alia, "forbidding the disclosure or discovery."). Here, the Subpoena should be quashed because it purports to require the production of materials that are protected from disclosure by the Confidential Settlement and prior orders of this Court, and because it improperly seeks such discovery while motions to dismiss are pending in the Massachusetts Court and before appropriate protections have been put in place to preserve the confidentiality of the protected materials.

I. THE MASSACHUSETTS PLAINTIFFS HAVE NO COMPELLING JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS PROTECTED BY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND COURT ORDER

The confidential materials subject to the Subpoena are protected from disclosure both by the Confidential Settlement and by orders entered during the course of the Constand Litigation. The Massachusetts Plaintiffs have set forth no compelling need for these materials and, accordingly, the Subpoena should be quashed.

It is well established "that public policy strongly favors the settlement of disputed claims, and confidentiality agreements regarding settlements should not be set aside absent a compelling justification." *Barbine v. Keystone Quality Transp.*, No. 03-cv-3426, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 31839, at *3 (E.D. Pa. Apr. 16, 2004). "This strong public interest outweighs any general public interest in providing litigants broad discovery of facts to support their claims and defenses." *Hasbrouck v. BankAmerica Hous. Servs.*, 187 F.R.D. 453, 461 (N.D.N.Y 1999). For

these reasons, courts have denied discovery that seeks the production of materials protected by confidentiality agreements entered into in connection with litigation settlements. *See*, *e.g. Hasbrouck*, 187 F.R.D. at 461-62 (denying discovery based on the "substantial pubic interest in maintaining confidentiality of settlements, and the slight, if any, relevance demonstrated"); *Flynn v. Portland General Elec. Corp.*, No. 88-cv-455, 1989 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 11219, at *3-5 (D. Or. Sept. 21, 1989) (noting that "the strong public policy favoring settlement of disputed claims dictates that confidentiality agreements regarding such settlements not be lightly abrogated" and denying discovery of "matters within the scope of the Stipulation and the Settlement Order").

Similarly, courts generally continue to protect from disclosure confidential materials that were subject to protective orders entered during the course of the litigation, especially where the parties relied on the court's confidentiality orders in entering into a settlement. Indeed, the Second Circuit has held that "once a confidentiality order has been entered and relied upon, it can only be modified if an 'extraordinary circumstance' or 'compelling need' warrants the requested modification." FDIC v. Ernst & Ernst, 677 F.2d 230, 232 (2d Cir. 1982) (quoting Martindell v. ITT Corp., 594 F.2d 291, 296 (2d Cir. 1979)); see also SEC v. TheStreet.com, 273 F.3d 222, 230 (2d Cir. 2001) ("It is, moreover, presumptively unfair for courts to modify protective orders which assure confidentiality and upon which the parties have reasonably relied . . . We have been hesitant, therefore, to permit modifications of protective orders in part because such modifications unfairly disturb the legitimate expectations of litigants."). Although the Third Circuit has declined to adopt the Second Circuit's test in full, it has explained that once a protective order is in place, "one of the factors the court should consider in determining whether to modify the order is the reliance by the original parties on the

confidentiality order." *Pansy v. Borough of Stroudsburg*, 23 F.3d 772, 790 (3d Cir. 1994). Here, Mr. Cosby and the other signatories relied on the confidentiality protections contained within the Confidential Settlement in entering into that agreement and resolving the Constand Litigation. Likewise, the parties to the Constand Litigation requested, received and relied on this Court's prior orders maintaining the confidentiality of materials exchanged in the Constand Litigation and protecting them from further disclosure. Those agreements and orders should not be set aside lightly.

The Massachusetts Plaintiffs, however, have no compelling justification for setting aside those confidentiality protections. The Subpoena seeks documents concerning Plaintiffs Green, Serignese, Traitz; but the Massachusetts Plaintiffs have no basis to seek such discovery from *Ms. Troiani*. To the extent the Massachusetts Plaintiffs have claims against Mr. Cosby based on alleged assaults in the 1970s, their best hope of establishing that the alleged assaults occurred is their own testimony. To the extent they wish to ask Mr. Cosby about whether the alleged assaults occurred, they will have ample opportunity to seek discovery directly from Mr. Cosby at an appropriate time in the Massachusetts Litigation. In either case,

⁹ Pansy instructs that the other factors a court should consider in evaluating whether to modify a protective order are the same factors that govern whether a protective order should be issued in the first place. 23 F.3d at 790. The Court's prior confidentiality orders continue to be appropriate today, because the relevant factors all weigh in favor of maintaining confidentiality or are neutral. The factors are (1) whether disclosure will violate any privacy interests; (2) whether the information is sought for a legitimate purpose; (3) whether the disclosure will cause a party embarrassment; (4) whether confidentiality is being sought over information important to public health and safety; (5) whether the sharing of information among litigants will promote fairness and efficiency; (6) whether the party benefiting from the order of confidentiality is a public entity or official; and (7) whether the case involves issues important to the public. See Shingara v. Skiles, 420 F.3d 301, 305-306 (3d Cir. 2005). Factor 1 weighs against disclosure because it is clear that disclosure under these circumstances will violate privacy interests of the signatories to the Confidential Settlement. Similarly, as discussed in greater detail infra, factors 2 and 5 weigh against disclosure at the current stage in the Massachusetts Litigation because the Massachusetts Plaintiffs' claims may be dismissed as a result of Mr. Cosby's pending motions to dismiss. Factors 3, 4, 6, and 7 also are neutral or weigh against disclosure because the information is not important to public health or safety and the matter does not involve public entities or officials.

there is no added relevance or value to the discovery they seek from Ms. Troiani. To the extent there is some minimal relevance to that discovery, it is outweighed by the strong public interest in encouraging settlement and Mr. Cosby's legitimate reliance on the Confidential Settlement and prior orders entered by this Court preserving the confidentiality of the subpoenaed materials. *See, e.g. Hasbrouck*, 187 F.R.D. at 461-62.

II. THIS COURT SHOULD NOT PERMIT DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE TROIANI SUBPOENA UNLESS AND UNTIL ANY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS SURVIVE A MOTION TO DISMISS

Even if the Massachusetts Plaintiffs could ultimately establish a need for production of the materials sought by the Subpoena, they certainly cannot do so where it is unclear whether any of their claims will survive the motions to dismiss that are currently pending in the Massachusetts Court. Allowing the Subpoena at this time would thus frustrate judicial efficiency, unnecessarily invade Mr. Cosby's privacy, and discourage the exercise of constitutionally protected speech.

A. Prohibiting Disclosure Pursuant to the Subpoena Pending the Resolution of the Motions to Dismiss Will Facilitate Efficient Discovery

"Courts are vested with broad discretion to manage the conduct of discovery, with the ultimate goal of ensuring the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding." Sai v. Dep't of Homeland Sec., No. 14-cv-1876, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 50056, at *12 (D.D.C. Apr. 16, 2015) (internal citations and quotation marks omitted). To satisfy those goals, courts "have often stayed discovery while a motion that would be thoroughly dispositive of the claims in the Complaint is pending." Id. (staying discovery "pending the resolution of the Defendants' motion to dismiss and Plaintiff's motion for partial summary judgment") (internal quotation marks omitted). Staying discovery pending resolution of a motion to dismiss promotes efficiency because "if the motion is granted, discovery would be futile." Mann v. Brenner, 375

F. App'x. 232, 239 (3d Cir. 2010) (affirming district court's decision to stay "discovery pending resolution of the motions to dismiss"). Thus, a "stay is proper where the likelihood that a motion to dismiss may result in a narrowing or outright elimination of discovery outweighs any likely harm from the delay." *Ryder v. Bartholomew*, No. 13-cv-1498, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 71839, at *8 (M.D. Pa. May 27, 2014) (staying discovery pending resolution of motions to dismiss); *see also Barbieri v. Wells Fargo & Co.*, No. 09-cv-3196, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 105969 (E.D. Pa. July 27, 2012) (staying discovery where court anticipated that defendants would file a motion to dismiss the amended complaint); *United States ex rel. Spay v. CVS Caremark Corp.*, No. 09-cv-4672, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 190652 (E.D. Pa. July 11, 2012) (staying discovery until resolution of pending motion to dismiss); *McLafferty v. Deutsche Lufthansa A.G.*, No. 08-cv-1706, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81627 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 14, 2008) (Angell, M.J.) ("[D]elaying discovery until the Court can determine whether or not Plaintiffs have pled the facts necessary to proceed with the claim, may help to streamline the expensive discovery process, and, thereby, minimize the burden on counsel, parties and the Court.").

Here, a stay of discovery would satisfy the ultimate goal of ensuring the just, speedy, and efficient determination of this action. If Mr. Cosby's pending motions to dismiss succeed, they will be thoroughly dispositive of the claims in the complaint. (See Exs. 2-4.) Mr. Cosby has also presented additional arguments for why certain of the individual Massachusetts Plaintiffs' claims should be dismissed. For example, Mr. Cosby has a statute of limitations defense solely against Ms. Green. The Massachusetts Plaintiffs have not identified any allegedly defamatory statement that is of and concerning Ms. Serignese. Similarly, Mr. Cosby argues solely with respect to Plaintiff Traitz that her defamation claims cannot succeed because the

allegedly defamatory statements are substantially true because of her multiple convictions for felonies involving dishonesty.

The Massachusetts Court's decision on the pending motions to dismiss will determine which, if any, of the Massachusetts Plaintiffs' claims may proceed and accordingly, what the proper scope of discovery in this case should be. Accordingly, Mr. Cosby has already filed a motion to stay discovery in the Massachusetts Court.

B. Prohibiting Disclosure Pursuant to the Subpoena Pending the Resolution of the Motions to Dismiss is Necessary to Protect Mr. Cosby's Privacy Interests

Regardless of how the Massachusetts Court rules on Mr. Cosby's pending motion to stay discovery, there is no basis for the Massachusetts Plaintiffs to seek discovery from Ms.

Troiani in this district while the motions to dismiss are pending.

"A Rule 12(b)(6) motion essentially represents a checkpoint that must be cleared before a plaintiff can reach the discovery stage of litigation." *See Top v. Ocean Petroleum, LLC,* No. 10-cv-1042, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78090, at *9 (D.N.J. Aug. 3, 2010) (citing *Mann*, 375 F. App'x 232.). Quashing the Subpoena pending the resolution of Mr. Cosby's motions to dismiss is especially appropriate here because the Subpoena seeks confidential material that is protected by the Confidential Settlement and this Court's prior orders. "[C]onfidentiality agreements regarding settlements should not be set aside absent a compelling justification." *Barbine*, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 31839 at *3. If the Massachusetts Plaintiffs cannot clear the checkpoint of a Rule 12(b)(6) motion, then they certainly cannot establish a compelling justification for invading the privacy interests of the six parties and their counsel to the Confidential Settlement.

Accordingly, the Subpoena should be quashed at minimum until after the Massachusetts Court decides the pending motions to dismiss.

C. The Massachusetts Plaintiffs Have No Pressing Need for Discovery

The Massachusetts Plaintiffs are unable to identify any reason for why they need discovery *now*, or how they will be harmed if discovery follows the Massachusetts Court's resolution of the pending motions to dismiss.

To date, the Massachusetts Plaintiffs have put forth only two arguments in an attempt to justify their need for discovery while the motions to dismiss are pending. First, they argue that discovery will aid the Massachusetts Court's resolution of the pending motions to dismiss. The Massachusetts Court has, however, already rejected this argument. As Magistrate Judge Hennessy already found, "the standard on a motion to dismiss requires that a court take the allegations in a complaint as true and take all reasonable inferences in favor of the plaintiff that can be drawn from those facts." (Ex. 5, 5/7/15 Tr. at 32.) No matter what the discovery shows, it thus cannot save Plaintiffs' claims from dismissal. *Wicker v. Shannon*, No. 09-cv-1629, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 60611, at *1-2 (M.D. Pa. June 18, 2010) ("By its nature, a motion to dismiss pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 12(b)(6) does not rely on matters outside the Plaintiffs complaint; thus, additional evidentiary matters will not be considered. Therefore, if truly dispositive, the resolution of the Motion to Dismiss will terminate the case without the need to respond to the pending discovery.").

Second, the Massachusetts Plaintiffs argue that they seek discovery while the motions to dismiss are pending so that they can amend their complaint. The Third Circuit has rejected this argument. *Mann*, 375 F. App'x at 239 ("A motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) tests the legal sufficiency of a claim, and therefore may be decided on its face without extensive factual development."); *Barbieri*., 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 105969, at *13-14 ("Plaintiffs argue in opposition to Defendants' Motion for a Protective Order that discovery will

allow them to gather additional facts to support the claims asserted in the Complaint as well as potential additional claims. This argument has been flatly rejected by the Third Circuit.").

Moreover, the Massachusetts Court is likely to resolve the motions to dismiss in the near future. Those motions are already fully briefed. No harm will result from quashing the Subpoena until the Massachusetts Court resolves the pending motions to dismiss.

III. THIS COURT SHOULD PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE SUBPOENA UNTIL THE COURT IN THE MASSACHUSETTS LITIGATION ORDERS APPROPRIATE CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTIONS

In the event that the Court determines that some disclosure of materials is appropriate at a future date, no disclosure to the Massachusetts Plaintiffs should take place unless and until the Massachusetts Plaintiffs and Mr. Cosby reach an agreement concerning the appropriate confidentiality protections to apply to that material. On May 26, 2015, Mr. Cosby shared a proposed confidentiality agreement and protective order with the Massachusetts' Plaintiffs; they have not yet indicated, however, whether they will agree to the terms of that proposal. (LoBue Decl. ¶ 3.)

IV. IN ANY EVENT, THIS COURT SHOULD GIVE MR. COSBY AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ANY MATERIAL PRIOR TO DISCLOSURE

Finally, even if this Court does not quash or stay the effect of the Subpoena, it should afford Mr. Cosby's attorneys an opportunity to review any material that Ms. Troiani believes is responsive. The Constand Litigation involved different claims and numerous witnesses who are not the subject of the Subpoena. Ms. Troiani's files may well contain documents that interweave information about the present Plaintiffs and other matters that are not called for, and deciding what to produce may require judgment calls on which the parties may

not agree.¹⁰ It is only fair that Mr. Cosby have an opportunity to review and, if appropriate, object to disclosure before it occurs.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Mr. Cosby respectfully requests that the Court grant Mr. Cosby's motion to quash the May 28, 2015 Subpoena served on Dolores M. Troiani, Esq. In the alternative, the Court should stay compliance with the Subpoena until after the pending motions to dismiss are resolved and the Massachusetts Court enters appropriate terms to maintain the confidentiality of the protected information.

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¹⁰ For example, Mr. Cosby does not believe that the Confidential Settlement is responsive to the Subpoena. In the event that Ms. Troiani disagrees, Mr. Cosby should have an opportunity to object to the production of that document and any other documents Ms. Troiani believes are responsive before they are disclosed.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Cosby. Jr.'s Motion to Quash Subpoena and any res	ponse thereto, it is hereby ORDERED that
Mr. Cosby's Motion is GRANTED and the May 28	, 2015 Subpoena served on Dolores M.
Troiani, Esquire is QUASHED .	
	BY THE COURT:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, George M. Gowen, hereby certify that on June 2, 2015, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Quash and supporting documents to be served via first class mail as follows:

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

TAMARA GREEN;	
THERESE SERIGNESE; ANI	D
LINDA TRAITZ	

Plaintiffs,

VS.

WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.

Defendant.

Misc.	No.	

Case No. 3:14-cv-30211-MGM in the District of Massachusetts

DECLARATION OF ROBERT P. LoBUE IN SUPPORT OF WILLIAM H. COSBY JR.'S MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA

ROBERT P. LoBUE hereby declares under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 as follows:

- 1. I am a member of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP and am counsel to Defendant in the action captioned *Green, et al. v. Cosby*, No. 14-cv-30211 (MGM), pending in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (the "Massachusetts Litigation").
- 2. On May 26, 2015, the parties to the Massachusetts Litigation engaged in a Rule 26(f) meet and confer telephone call. During that call, I set forth Defendant's position that discovery should not begin until after Mr. Cosby's pending motions to dismiss are resolved. I further explained that discovery should not begin until the parties negotiate a confidentiality agreement that would govern the exchange of confidential material in the Massachusetts Litigation. The parties to the Massachusetts Litigation were unable to resolve their dispute concerning when discovery should begin in this action.
- 3. On May 26, 2015, Mr. Cosby shared with the Massachusetts Plaintiffs a proposed confidentiality agreement and protective order that would govern the exchange of confidential

material in the Massachusetts Litigation. The Massachusetts Plaintiffs have not yet indicated whether they will agree to the terms of that proposed agreement and order.

- 4. Mr. Cosby was party to litigation filed by Andrea Constand in the United States
 District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (the "Constand Litigation"). The
 Constand Litigation was dismissed with prejudice after the execution of a Confidential
 Settlement Agreement and General Release between Andrea Constand, William H. Cosby, Jr.,
 Martin D. Singer, American Media, Inc., Gianna Constand, Andrew Constand, and their counsel
 (the "Confidential Settlement").
- 5. The Confidential Settlement requires each party to that agreement to maintain the confidentiality of materials and information gathered and generated in the course of the Constand Litigation. Further, each party to the Confidential Settlement explicitly agreed not to disclose to anyone the information that they learned during discovery in the Constand Litigation. The confidentiality provisions were a material inducement to each of the parties to enter into the Confidential Settlement, and Mr. Cosby relied on those provisions in agreeing to enter into the Confidential Settlement.
- 6. The confidentiality provisions in the Confidential Settlement prohibit the disclosure of its terms or conditions, including by filing the Confidential Settlement itself with any court, except if the agreement itself is the subject of litigation and then only to the extent necessary to assert rights and/or defend litigation. Accordingly, in an abundance of caution, the Confidential Settlement is not attached as an exhibit to this motion but Mr. Cosby is prepared if necessary to submit it for *in camera* inspection by the Court.
- 7. The parties to the Confidential Settlement further agreed that the Eastern District of Pennsylvania would be the exclusive jurisdiction in any proceeding to enforce the

Confidential Settlement, and that they would submit any dispute concerning the Confidential Settlement to the Honorable Thomas J. Rueter.

8. True and correct copies of the following documents are attached as exhibits to this declaration:

Exhibit 1: Amended Complaint, *Green et al. v. Cosby*, No. 14-cv-30211 (MGM) (D. Mass.), dated January 5, 2015 (the "Amended Complaint").

Exhibit 2: Mr. Cosby's Motion to Dismiss Count I of the Amended Complaint.

Exhibit 3: Mr. Cosby's Motion to Dismiss Count II of the Amended Complaint.

Exhibit 4: Mr. Cosby's Motion to Dismiss Count III of the Amended Complaint.

Exhibit 5: Excerpts from the May 7, 2015 Transcript of Motion Hearing before the Honorable David H. Hennessy at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Exhibit 6: Mr. Cosby's Motion to Stay Discovery in the Massachusetts Litigation.

Exhibit 7: Subpoena to Dolores M. Troiani, dated May 28, 2015.

Exhibit 8: Email from Dolores M. Troiani to John P. Schmitt, dated May 28, 2015.

Dated: New York, New York June 1, 2015

/s/ Robert P. LoBue
Robert P. LoBue

EXHIBIT 1

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS Western Division

TAMARA GREEN :

and

THERESE SERIGNESE

and : Case No. 3:14-cv-30211-MGM

:

: Plaintiffs,

LINDA TRAITZ

v. :

WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR. :

Defendant. :

AMENDED COMPLAINT

COME NOW the Plaintiffs, by and through their counsel, Joseph Cammarata, Esq., Matthew W. Tievsky, Esq., and Andrew Abraham, Esq., and hereby represent as follows:

JURISDICTION AND PARTIES

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction of the within cause of action pursuant to diversity of citizenship and the amount in controversy, 28 U.S.C. § 1332.
- 2. Venue lies in the District of Massachusetts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 in that Defendant William H. Cosby, Jr. resides in this District.
- 3. Defendant Cosby is an internationally known actor and comedian.

- 4. Plaintiff Tamara Green is an adult individual residing at a confidential address in California.
- 5. Plaintiff Therese Serignese is an adult individual residing at a confidential address in Florida.
- 6. Plaintiff Linda Traitz is an adult individual residing at a confidential address in Florida.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs replead and incorporate by reference herein each and every allegation set forth above and further state as follows:

A. Plaintiff Tamara Green

- 7. Plaintiff Green met Defendant Cosby in or about 1969 or 1970, through an introduction from a mutual friend.
- 8. During that time, Plaintiff Green was a young and aspiring model and singer.
- 9. Defendant Cosby solicited Plaintiff Green's assistance to raise money for Defendant Cosby from investors to establish a new club that Defendant Cosby intended to open.
- 10. On a certain date in the early 1970s, Plaintiff Green telephoned Defendant Cosby to advise him that she was not feeling well and was unable to continue to assist him as

described in paragraph 9 above.

- 11. Defendant Cosby invited Plaintiff Green to meet him for lunch at Café Figaro in Los Angeles, California, telling her that she would feel better if she had something to eat.
- 12. While at lunch together, Defendant Cosby offered Plaintiff Green some red and grey pills, telling Plaintiff Green that they were over-the-counter cold medicine.
- 13. Plaintiff Green ingested the pills believing them to be what Defendant Cosby represented them to be.
- 14. To Plaintiff Green's surprise, within a short period of time, the pills caused Plaintiff Green to feel weak, dizzy and woozy.
- 15. Upon information and belief, Defendant Cosby deceived Plaintiff Green into ingesting narcotic or other type of drugs and not cold medicine.
- 16. Defendant Cosby intentionally drugged Plaintiff Green into this altered state, in order to facilitate his later sexual assault.
- 17. After feeling the effects of the drugs, lunch was ended prematurely and Defendant Cosby drove Plaintiff Green to her apartment.

- 18. Once there, without Plaintiff Green's consent, Defendant Cosby undressed himself and Plaintiff Green. Defendant Cosby then began to take advantage of Plaintiff Green by running his hands all over her body, touching her breasts and vaginal area, and he digitally penetrated her, while masturbating himself.
- 19. Despite repeated demands to stop, Defendant Cosby continued his assault of Plaintiff Green.
- 20. Plaintiff Green repeatedly told Defendant Cosby, "You're going to have to kill me" in an effort to stop the assault.
- 21. It was not until Plaintiff Green was able to upend a table lamp that Defendant Cosby stopped.
- 22. During the entirety of the sexual assault, Plaintiff Green remained weak, vulnerable and unable to fully defend her herself.
- 23. Defendant Cosby eventually left Plaintiff Green's apartment, leaving two \$100 bills on a coffee table.
- 24. Plaintiff Green first widely publicly disclosed Defendant Cosby's sexual assault in February of 2005, by an interview with the Philadelphia Daily News, and then by

appearances on television shows.

- 25. Defendant Cosby, by and through his agent, authorized representative, lawyer, servant, and/or employee Walter M. Phillips, Jr., responded that Defendant Cosby did not know Plaintiff Green, and that Plaintiff Green's allegations were "absolutely false" and that the incident "did not happen in any way, shape, or form." Thus by innuendo and effect, Defendant Cosby publically branded Plaintiff Green a liar.
- 26. At all relevant times, Phillips acted as an agent, authorized representative, lawyer, servant, and/or employee of Defendant Cosby, acting within the course and scope of his employment and/or agency.
- 27. On or about February 7, 2014, Newsweek published an interview of Plaintiff Green. In the interview, Plaintiff Green again detailed Defendant Cosby's sexual assault.
- 28. Along with that interview, Newsweek published a response attributed to "[Defendant] Cosby's publicist." Upon information and belief, the publicist was David Brokaw.
- 29. At all relevant times, David Brokaw acted as an agent, authorized representative, servant, and/or employee of Defendant Cosby, acting within the course and scope of his employment

and/or agency.

- 30. In his response to Newsweek, in an effort to continue the public branding of Plaintiff Green as a liar, Defendant Cosby, by and through Brokaw, stated explicitly, stated in effect, stated by innuendo, implied, and/or insinuated, that Defendant Cosby's drugging and sexual assault against Plaintiff Green never occurred, and therefore that Plaintiff Green lied and was a liar. Defendant Cosby thereby continued his pattern of branding Plaintiff Green as a liar that he began in 2005.
- 31. In or about November of 2014, Plaintiff Green repeated the substance of her allegations in an interview she gave to The Washington Post. The interview was published on or about November 22, 2014.
- 32. Along with that interview, The Washington Post published a response attributed to Phillips.
- 33. In his response to The Washington Post, in an effort to continue the public branding of Plaintiff Green as a liar, Defendant Cosby, by and through Phillips, again stated explicitly, stated in effect, stated by innuendo, implied, and/or insinuated, that Defendant Cosby did not know Plaintiff

Green and that Defendant Cosby's drugging and sexual assault against Plaintiff never occurred, and therefore that Plaintiff lied and was a liar. Defendant Cosby thereby continued his pattern of branding Plaintiff Green as a liar that he began in 2005.

- 34. Defendant Cosby has known that Plaintiff Green's allegations are true and that his attorneys', spokesperson's, and/or agents' denials are false.
- 35. Brokaw and Phillips each made their denial at the direction of Defendant Cosby, and/or within the course and scope of their employment and/or agency with Defendant Cosby.
- 36. Defendant Cosby's responses, by and through Brokaw and Philips, were publicized nationwide, not just through Newsweek and The Washington Post respectively, but through other publications that repeated their responses.

B. Plaintiff Therese Serignese

- 37. On a certain date in or about 1976, Plaintiff
 Serignese met Defendant Cosby in or near a gift shop at the Las
 Vegas Hilton.
- 38. During this time, Plaintiff Serignese was an aspiring young model, who was in Las Vegas to visit her mother.

- 39. At that time and place, Defendant Cosby approached Plaintiff Serignese from behind, put his arm around her, and asked, "Will you marry me?"
- 40. Defendant Cosby thereafter invited Plaintiff Serignese to see his show at the Las Vegas Hilton.
- 41. Plaintiff Serignese later attended the show, and at its conclusion was invited to a room backstage by Defendant Cosby.
- 42. Once Defendant Cosby and Plaintiff Serignese were alone together in a room backstage, Defendant Cosby gave Plaintiff Serignese two pills, and instructed Plaintiff Serignese to ingest the pills. Plaintiff Serignese complied.
- 43. The pills put Plaintiff Serignese into an altered state of consciousness.
- 44. Defendant Cosby intentionally drugged Plaintiff Serignese into this altered state, in order to facilitate his later sexual assault.
- 45. Once the pills put Plaintiff Serignese into an altered state, without Plaintiff Serignese's consent, Defendant Cosby undressed himself and Plaintiff Serignese. Defendant Cosby then began to take advantage of Plaintiff Serignese sexually.

- 46. Defendant Cosby stood behind Plaintiff Serignese, bent her over, sexually penetrated her, and raped her.
- 47. During the entirety of the sexual assault, Defendant Cosby acted without Plaintiff Serignese's consent, and Plaintiff Serignese remained weak, vulnerable, and unable to fully defend herself.
- 48. On or about November 19, 2014, Plaintiff Serignese publicly disclosed Defendant Cosby's sexual assault.
- 49. On or about November 21, 2014, Defendant Cosby, by and through his agent, authorized representative, lawyer, servant, and/or employee Martin D. Singer, responded to Plaintiff Serignese's disclosure, as well as to similar accusations by multiple other women made publicly in the preceding weeks, by issuing a written defamatory response to numerous media outlets. (This defamatory statement is referred to herein as "the November 21 defamatory statement.")
- 50. In the November 21 defamatory statement, Defendant Cosby, by and through Singer, stated explicitly, stated in effect, stated by innuendo, implied, and/or insinuated, that Defendant Cosby's sexual assault against Plaintiff Serignese (among other women) never occurred, and therefore that

Plaintiff Serignese (among other women) lied and was a liar.

- 51. At all relevant times, Singer acted as an agent, authorized representative, lawyer, servant, and/or employee of Defendant Cosby, acting within the course and scope of his employment and/or agency.
- 52. Defendant Cosby has known that Plaintiff Serignese's allegations are true and that his attorneys', spokesperson's, and/or agents' denials are false.
- 53. Singer made his denial at the direction of Defendant Cosby, and/or within the course and scope of his employment and/or agency with Defendant Cosby.
- 54. Defendant Cosby's response, by and through Singer, was publicized nationwide.

C. Plaintiff Linda Traitz

- 55. In or about 1970, Plaintiff Linda Traitz was approximately 18 years old, and a waitress at Café Figaro. Through her work at the restaurant, Plaintiff Traitz became acquainted with Defendant Cosby.
- 56. One day that year, while Defendant Cosby was at the restaurant, he offered a ride home to Plaintiff Traitz, which she accepted.

- 57. Instead of driving Plaintiff Traitz home, Defendant Cosby drove with Plaintiff Traitz to a beach, where Defendant Cosby parked his car.
- 58. Defendant Cosby then opened a briefcase and presented Plaintiff Traitz with an assortment of pills. Defendant Cosby pressured Plaintiff Traitz to ingest some of the pills, "to relax," as he said.
- 59. As evidenced by his previous use of pills with Plaintiff Green and Plaintiff Serignese, Defendant Cosby's offer of pills to Plaintiff Traitz was an attempt to intentionally drug Plaintiff Traitz into an altered state of consciousness, to facilitate Defendant Cosby's planned sexual assault against Plaintiff Traitz.
 - 60. Plaintiff Traitz declined the pills.
- 61. In response, Defendant Cosby became sexually aggressive with Plaintiff Traitz, groping Plaintiff Traitz's breasts and vaginal area. Defendant Cosby pushed Plaintiff Traitz down on the car seat, and attempted to lie on top of her. Plaintiff Traitz resisted Defendant Cosby's assault.
- 62. On or about November 18, 2014, Plaintiff Traitz publicly disclosed this incident through a post she made on her

personal Facebook page.

- 63. On or about November 20, 2014, Defendant Cosby, by and through Singer, responded to Plaintiff Traitz's disclosure by a statement given to numerous media outlets, that Plaintiff Traitz was "the latest example of people coming out of the woodwork with unsubstantiated or fabricated stories about my client [Defendant Cosby]." Plaintiff Cosby, by and through Singer, further stated that "there was no briefcase of drugs."
- 64. Thus Defendant Cosby, by and through Singer, stated explicitly, stated in effect, stated by innuendo, implied, and/or insinuated, that Defendant Cosby's sexual assault against Plaintiff Traitz never occurred, and therefore that Plaintiff Traitz lied and was a liar.
- 65. Thereafter, Defendant Cosby, by and through Singer, issued the November 21 defamatory statement, which referred to, among others, Plaintiff Traitz.
- 66. In the November 21 defamatory statement, Defendant Cosby, by and through Singer, again stated explicitly, stated in effect, stated by innuendo, implied, and/or insinuated, that Defendant Cosby's sexual assault against Plaintiff Traitz (among other women) never occurred, and therefore that

Plaintiff Traitz (among other women) lied and was a liar.

Defendant Cosby thereby continued his pattern of branding

Plaintiff Traitz as a liar.

- 67. Defendant Cosby has known that Plaintiff Traitz's allegations are true and that his attorneys', spokesperson's, and/or agents' denials are false.
- 68. Singer made his denials at the direction of Defendant Cosby, and/or within the course and scope of his employment and/or agency with Defendant Cosby.
- 69. Defendant Cosby's responses, by and through Singer, were publicized nationwide.

COUNT I (Defamation - Plaintiff Green)

Plaintiffs replead and incorporate by reference herein each and every allegation set forth above and further state as follows:

- 70. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Green enjoyed the respect, confidence and esteem of her neighbors, as well as others in the community.
- 71. Defendant Cosby's responses, by and through Brokaw, given to Newsweek on or about February 7, 2014, and by and through Phillips, given to The Washington Post on or about

November 22, 2014, were each defamatory.

- 72. Each response was false when made, in that Plaintiff Green's accusation against Defendant Cosby was true, and there was no basis to publicly claim that Plaintiff Green was lying or a liar.
 - 73. Each response was not privileged.
- 74. Brokaw and Phillips, within the course and scope of their employment and/or agency with Defendant Cosby, and Defendant Cosby, by and through Brokaw and Phillips, gave each false response intentionally, with knowledge of its falsity; with reckless disregard of the truth; with negligent disregard of the truth; and/or with actual malice toward Plaintiff Green, intending to injure Plaintiff Green and to deprive her of her good name and reputation.
- 75. Brokaw and Phillips each knew or should have known that his respective response was false at the time of the publication.
- 76. Defendant Cosby knew each of the responses was false at the time of the publication.
- 77. Each of the responses of Defendant Cosby, by and through Brokaw and Phillips, was printed, published, circulated

and distributed by the news outlets to which they were made, and was widely read by Plaintiff Green's family, neighbors, friends, and diverse other persons.

- 78. Defendant Cosby's responses, by and through Brokaw and Phillips, each on its face impugned Plaintiff Green's reputation, and tended to expose Plaintiff Green to public contempt, ridicule, aversion or disgrace, to induce an evil opinion of her in the minds of right-thinking persons, to cause her to be shunned or avoided, and/or to injure her in her occupation, good name, character, and reputation.
- 79. Defendant Cosby's responses, by and through Brokaw and Phillips, each has directly and proximately caused Plaintiff Green damages by virtue of her loss of reputation, shame, mortification, hurt feelings, and/or damage to her property, business, trade, profession, or and/or occupation.
- 80. Defendant Cosby is liable for the conduct of Brokaw and Phillips each, by virtue of respondent superior.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Tamara Green, demands judgment of and against Defendant William H. Cosby, Jr., in an amount in excess of the minimal jurisdictional limits of the Court, in compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus pre- and post-

judgment interest, attorneys' fees, and costs.

COUNT II

(Defamation - Plaintiff Serignese)

Plaintiffs replead and incorporate by reference herein each and every allegation set forth above and further state as follows:

- 81. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Serignese enjoyed the respect, confidence and esteem of her neighbors, as well as others in the community.
- 82. Defendant Cosby's response, by and through Singer, given on or about November 21, 2014, was defamatory.
- 83. The response was false when made, in that Plaintiff Serignese's accusation against Defendant Cosby was true, and there was no basis to publicly claim that Plaintiff Serignese was lying or a liar.
 - 84. The response was not privileged.
- 85. Singer, within the course and scope of his employment and/or agency with Defendant Cosby, and Defendant Cosby, by and through Singer, gave the false response intentionally, with knowledge of its falsity; with reckless disregard of the truth; with negligent disregard of the truth; and/or with actual malice

toward Plaintiff Serignese, intending to injure Plaintiff Serignese and to deprive her of her good name and reputation.

- 86. Singer knew or should have known that his response was false at the time of the publication.
- 87. Defendant Cosby knew the response was false at the time of the publication.
- 88. The response of Defendant Cosby, by and through Singer, was printed, published, circulated and distributed by the news outlets to which it was made, and was widely read by Plaintiff Serignese's family, neighbors, friends, and diverse other persons.
- 89. Defendant Cosby's response, by and through Singer, on its face impugned Plaintiff Serignese's reputation, and tended to expose Plaintiff Serignese to public contempt, ridicule, aversion or disgrace, to induce an evil opinion of her in the minds of right-thinking persons, to cause her to be shunned or avoided, and/or to injure her in her occupation, good name, character, and reputation.
- 90. Defendant Cosby's response, by and through Singer, has directly and proximately caused Plaintiff Serignese damages by virtue of her loss of reputation, shame, mortification, hurt

feelings, and/or damage to her property, business, trade, profession, or and/or occupation.

91. Defendant Cosby is liable for the conduct of Singer, by virtue of respondent superior.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Therese Serignese, demands judgment of and against Defendant William H. Cosby, Jr., in an amount in excess of the minimal jurisdictional limits of the Court, in compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus pre- and post-judgment interest, attorneys' fees, and costs.

COUNT III

(Defamation - Plaintiff Traitz)

Plaintiffs replead and incorporate by reference herein each and every allegation set forth above and further state as follows:

- 92. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Traitz enjoyed the respect, confidence and esteem of her neighbors, as well as others in the community.
- 93. Defendant Cosby's responses, by and through Singer, given on or about November 20, 2014, and on or about November 21, 2014, respectively, were each defamatory.
- 94. Each response was false when made, in that Plaintiff Traitz's accusation against Defendant Cosby was true, and there

was no basis to publicly claim that Plaintiff Traitz was lying or a liar.

- 95. Each response was not privileged.
- 96. Singer, within the course and scope of his employment and/or agency with Defendant Cosby, and Defendant Cosby, by and through Singer, gave each false response intentionally, with knowledge of its falsity; with reckless disregard of the truth; with negligent disregard of the truth; and/or with actual malice toward Plaintiff Traitz, intending to injure Plaintiff Traitz and to deprive her of her good name and reputation.
- 97. Singer knew or should have known that each of his responses was false at the time of the publication.
- 98. Defendant Cosby knew each of the responses was false at the time of the publication.
- 99. Each of the responses of Defendant Cosby, by and through Singer, was printed, published, circulated and distributed by the news outlets to which they were made, and was widely read by Plaintiff Traitz's family, neighbors, friends, and diverse other persons.
- 100. Defendant Cosby's responses, by and through Singer, each on its face impugned Plaintiff Traitz's reputation, and

tended to expose Plaintiff Traitz to public contempt, ridicule, aversion or disgrace, to induce an evil opinion of her in the minds of right-thinking persons, to cause her to be shunned or avoided, and/or to injure her in her occupation, good name, character, and reputation.

101. Defendant Cosby's responses, by and through Singer, each has directly and proximately caused Plaintiff Traitz damages by virtue of her loss of reputation, shame, mortification, hurt feelings, and/or damage to her property, business, trade, profession, or and/or occupation.

102. Defendant Cosby is liable for the conduct of Singer, by virtue of respondent superior.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Linda Traitz, demands judgment of and against Defendant William H. Cosby, Jr., in an amount in excess of the minimal jurisdictional limits of the Court, in compensatory damages and punitive damages, plus pre- and post-judgment interest, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Respectfully submitted,

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs hereby request a trial by jury as to all issues triable herein.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this $\underline{5th}$ day of January, 2015, a copy of the foregoing Amended Complaint was served through the Case Management/Electronic Case Files system upon:

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EXHIBIT 2

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS WESTERN DIVISION

TAMARA GREEN, et al.)
	Plaintiffs,)
v.) Civil Action No.: 14-cv-30211-MGM
WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.,		ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED
	Defendant.)
)
)

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM AS TO COUNT I (Plaintiff Green)

Defendant William H. Cosby, Jr. ("Mr. Cosby") hereby moves this Court pursuant to Fed R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) to dismiss Count I of the Amended Complaint asserted against Mr. Cosby by Plaintiff Tamara Green ("Plaintiff Green"). As set forth more fully in William H. Cosby Jr.'s Memorandum of Law In Support of His Motions to Dismiss filed herewith, the Grounds for this motion are that Count I fails to state a claim against Mr. Cosby for which relief may be granted because:

- Any claims based on the Washington Post Statement (filed as Exhibit B to the Declaration of Martin D. Singer) are barred by the statute of limitations;
- The Newsweek Statement (filed within Exhibit A to the Declaration of Martin D.
 Singer) and the Washington Post Statement are constitutionally protected opinions;
- The Newsweek Statement and the Washington Post Statement lack defamatory meaning;

- The Newsweek Statement and the Washington Post Statement are protected by the privilege of self-defense; and
- Plaintiff Green has failed to adequately plead that the persons who made the
 Newsweek Statement and the Washington Post Statement acted with fault.

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Mr. Cosby believes that oral argument may be of assistance to the Court and hereby requests that the Court set a date for a hearing on this motion.

The Defendant, William H. Cosby, Jr. By His Attorneys:

PATTERSON BELKNAP WEBB & TYLER LLP

Dated: February 27, 2015

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 7.1(2)

I certify that this document filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF), this 27 day of February, 2015. I further certify that Francis D. Dibble and I conferred with Plaintiffs' counsel Joseph Cammarata by telephone on February 20, 2015, and attempted in good faith to resolve and narrow the issues between the parties, but were unsuccessful.

/s/ Robert P. LoBue Robert P. LoBue

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EXHIBIT 3

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS WESTERN DIVISION

TAMARA GREEN, et al.)	
	Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No.: 14-cv-30211-MGM
WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.,	Defendant.))	ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED
)	

<u>DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM</u> <u>AS TO COUNT II (Plaintiff Serignese)</u>

Defendant William H. Cosby, Jr. ("Mr. Cosby") hereby moves this Court pursuant to Fed R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) to dismiss Count II of the Amended Complaint asserted against Mr. Cosby by Plaintiff Therese Serignese ("Plaintiff Serignese"). As set forth more fully in William H. Cosby Jr.'s Memorandum of Law In Support of His Motions to Dismiss filed herewith, the Grounds for this motion are that Count II fails to state a claim against Mr. Cosby for which relief may be granted because:

- The November 21 Statement (Exhibit D to the Declaration of Martin D. Singer and constituting the sole statement allegedly defamatory of Plaintiff Serignese) is a constitutionally protected opinion;
- The November 21 Statement lacks defamatory meaning;
- The November 21 Statement is protected by the privilege of self-defense;
- The November 21 Statement is not of and concerning Plaintiff Serignese; and

 Plaintiff Serignese has failed to adequately plead that the person who made the November 21 Statement acted with fault.

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Mr. Cosby believes that oral argument may be of assistance to the Court and hereby requests that the Court set a date for a hearing on this motion.

The Defendant, William H. Cosby, Jr. By His Attorneys:

PATTERSON BELKNAP WEBB & TYLER LLP

Dated: February 27, 2015

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EXHIBIT 4

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS WESTERN DIVISION

TAMARA GREEN, et al.)	
	Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	Civil Action No.: 14-cv-30211-MGM
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WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.,)	ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED
	Defendant.)	
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DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM AS TO COUNT III (Plaintiff Traitz)

Defendant William H. Cosby, Jr. ("Mr. Cosby") hereby moves this Court pursuant to Fed R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) to dismiss Count III of the Amended Complaint asserted against Mr. Cosby by Plaintiff Linda Traitz ("Plaintiff Traitz"). As set forth more fully in William H. Cosby Jr.'s Memorandum of Law In Support of His Motions to Dismiss filed herewith, the Grounds for this motion are that Count III fails to state a claim against Mr. Cosby for which relief may be granted because:

- The November 20 Statement and November 21 Statement (filed as Exhibits D and F to the Declaration of Martin D. Singer and constituting the sole statements allegedly defamatory of Plaintiff Traitz) are constitutionally protected opinions;
- The November 20 Statement and November 21 Statement lack defamatory meaning;
- The November 20 Statement and November 21 Statement are protected by the privilege of self-defense;

- The November 20 Statement and November 21 Statement are substantially true as to
 Plaintiff Traitz and Plaintiff Traitz has suffered no incremental harm;
- The November 21 Statement is not of and concerning Plaintiff Traitz; and
- Plaintiff Traitz has failed to adequately plead that the person who made the November
 Statement and the November 21 Statement acted with fault.

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Mr. Cosby believes that oral argument may be of assistance to the Court and hereby requests that the Court set a date for a hearing on this motion.

The Defendant, William H. Cosby, Jr. By His Attorneys:

PATTERSON BELKNAP WEBB & TYLER LLP

Dated: February 27, 2015

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/s/ Robert P. LoBue Robert P. LoBue

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EXHIBIT 5

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

TAMARA GREEN et al, Plaintiffs

vs.

Case No. 3:14-cv-30211-MGM

WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.,
Defendant

TRANSCRIPT OF MOTION HEARING
BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVID H. HENNESSY
AT WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
ON MAY 7, 2015

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If we get those documents and have access to those limited documents, that would provide us with an opportunity to close that perceived-by-the-defendant gap in our allegations and assist us in preventing what may be a detrimental impact by a lack of having that closure in that allegation.

I don't have anything further unless your Honor has a specific question.

THE COURT: No. Thank you.

MR. CAMMARATA: Thank you very much, your Honor.

THE COURT: I do want to keep the case moving now that it's been assigned to me. Let's take a short break and I'll come back and address the parties. Five minutes.

(There was a break in the audio.)

THE CLERK: Resuming in the case of Green versus Cosby.

THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to do two things in this case. I'm going to rule on the motion, and I do want to set a date for a scheduling conference in this matter, and I'll take that up after I issue a brief ruling from the bench.

This is a case brought by three plaintiffs against William Cosby. The allegations are defamation. Essentially, the allegations are that Mr. Cosby sexually assaulted each of the plaintiffs on a separate occasion and then defamed the plaintiffs when he or one of his agents issued a number of statements, I think there are four of them, denying their

accusations, thereby branding them liars.

Procedurally there has been — the plaintiffs have been permitted to amend their complaint. There has now been briefings submitted on a motion directed to the amended complaint to dismiss that complaint, and Judge Mastroianni has scheduled a hearing on the motion to dismiss the amended complaint on June 9th in Springfield. There has not been a Rule 20 — the parties have not participated in a Rule 26(f) conference in this case.

The plaintiffs are moving to subpoen documents in a case from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania that at a minimum is protected by a confidentiality agreement, and to the extent that those documents that are protected by the confidentiality agreement are with the court, they would be under seal, presumably. The plaintiffs have limited their request to only those documents or statements that relate to the three plaintiffs in this case. It's not a request to entirely open that case.

The standard in this case under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(d), a party may not seek discovery from any source before the parties have conferred, as required by Rule 26(f), and in order to obtain expedited discovery, in other words as an exception to Rule 26(d) before the 26(f) conference, a party must show good cause. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(1) states that for good cause, the court may order discovery of

any matter relevant to the subject matter in the action.

The parties agree on what the standard for good cause is. The factors were set out in, among other decisions, McMann versus Doe, a decision in another session of this district from 2006. The standard is determined — the showing of good cause is determined by examining the reasonableness of the requests in light of all the surrounding circumstances, and the circumstances to which the courts have looked include the following: The purpose of the discovery, the ability of the discovery to preclude demonstrated irreparable harm, plaintiff's likelihood of success on the merits, the burden of discovery on the defendant, the degree of prematurity, and of course that list is not exhaustive. There may be other circumstances that bear on whether good cause has been shown.

The filing of a motion to dismiss, as we have in this case, does not automatically stay discovery, nor am I aware of any case where that filing means that a party moving for expedited discovery cannot show good cause.

So that's the standard. I applied them to the information as it has been presented here. I want to make clear what's not at issue here. I'm not making a decision on the potential relevance of these documents should they be sought at some other time. I'm not making a decision on the admissibility of evidence, if it exists, under Federal Rule of Evidence 415. I'm deciding a very narrow issue and that is

whether the plaintiffs in this case have carried their burden of showing good cause for expedited discovery, and I find that -- well, it's a closer call. I find that they have not met their burden.

The first thing that I look to is the purpose of the discovery and the plaintiffs seem to be moving around a little bit on this. In some instances they're saying it's critical to the motion to dismiss and at other times it's needed to allow them to make a motion for leave to supplement their allegations and file, I guess, a further amended complaint.

With respect to the motion to dismiss, I find it unpersuasive. As I indicated, the standard on a motion to dismiss requires that a court take the allegations in a complaint as true and take all reasonable inferences in favor of the plaintiff that can be drawn from those facts. And there are very limited exceptions as to when a court can consider other documents, and they tend to be, on a motion to dismiss, documents where there's no dispute about their authenticity, when they are central to the claim.

For instance, in one of the cases that was cited,

Fudge versus Penthouse, the allegation in that case was that an
article that was printed by Penthouse magazine was libelous of
the young plaintiffs on whose behalves the suit had been
brought. The court considered the article. That's an
appropriate instance for considering a document that is not

actually in the complaint, but is referenced in the complaint or is central to it. Other cases might be where there's a contract that is central to the allegation or where there's an ordinance or a local law that is central to the allegation. A court can look at those in deciding the motion to dismiss. I don't find that the documents that the plaintiffs believe may exist and that they would find fall into those categories and I'm not persuaded that the documents, therefore, could be considered on a motion to dismiss.

The second factor is the ability of the discovery to preclude demonstrated irreparable harm. First of all, I'm not satisfied that there's demonstrated irreparable harm. We're talking about allegedly defamatory statements that have been made and there is a complaint that has been filed in this case, and I don't find the discovery that's being sought to be relevant to that or somehow precluding it. As I indicated, I'm not sure -- I'm not persuaded that there is demonstrated irreparable harm in this case.

There's a question of the plaintiffs' likelihood of success on the merits. The plaintiffs, in their filing, refer to the Court to the merits of the motion to dismiss and I suppose that provides some barometer as to likelihood of success on the merits. On the other hand, the motion to dismiss is directed to the sufficiency of the amended complaint in this case and not to the overall case. So I'm not persuaded

that -- that's a factor that seems to go either way. I mean, both parties are indicating that they feel they have a strong case. I don't find that factor as either supporting or not supporting the motion.

There's the burden on the defendant. It's a light burden. Certainly, when you consider the fact that the documents are being sought from another source in this case, a third party, however, there is some burden because it does implicate privacy rights of the parties that were involved in the prior litigation.

Finally, there's the degree of prematurity. There is a motion pending to dismiss, but that does not make the -- that does not mean the plaintiffs cannot show good cause.

There are other factors that other courts have considered. One of the cases mentioned was Semitool versus Tokyo Electronics. As Mr. Cammarata points out, there the court permitted at least some, not all, expedited discovery that had been requested, and it was done so that the parties could comply with a local patent rule and thereby conserve judicial and litigation resources. But here that argument has not been made. There has not been a showing as to how the expedited production of these documents, assuming that they exist, would conserve judicial or litigation resources.

This is a case where there's no motion for injunctive relief right now, a factor that has been considered by courts

in also determining whether or not a plaintiff has established good cause.

Again, as I indicated, I think it's a close call, but it's the plaintiffs' burden, and on my view of what has been presented, the plaintiffs have failed to carry that burden and establish that there is good cause, and so I am going to deny the motion.

One of the things that Mr. Cammarata mentioned also is right on target, Federal Rule of Evidence 16(b)(2) requires this Court to issue a scheduling order as soon a practicable, but not more than 120 days after the defendant has been served with the complaint or 90 days after the defendant has appeared. I think the parties are generally in agreement that the defendant has appeared in this case in or around December and 90 days from that would take us to sometime in March, and we're beyond that date.

And I do think it's appropriate for the case to, as all cases before this Court, that they need to move along. There was some delay in this case because the Magistrate Judge to whom the case was originally assigned had to recuse herself and that is how this part of the case is in the Worcester Session. What I would like to do, and what I intend to do, is issue an order that will identify for the parties the matters that I would expect them to address at the scheduling conference, and what I think I'll do on a date is to set it

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS WESTERN DIVISION

TAMARA GREEN, et al.)
	Plaintiffs,)
v.) Civil Action No.: 14-cv-30211-MGM
WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.,) ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED
	Defendant.)
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WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.'S MOTION TO STAY DISCOVERY

Defendant William H. Cosby, Jr. ("Mr. Cosby") hereby moves this Court pursuant to Fed R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1) to stay discovery in the above captioned action until after the disposition of the pending Motions to Dismiss the Amended Complaint. As set forth more fully in William H. Cosby Jr.'s Memorandum of Law In Support of His Motions to Stay Discovery filed herewith, the Grounds for this motion are that:

- Motions to Dismiss are pending as to each of the three Plaintiffs' claims, and the Motions may dispose of all or some of those claims, thus rendering discovery either completely or partially unnecessary;
- the claims made by each of the three Plaintiffs are based on separate factual allegations so that discovery taken on any claim that is then dismissed likely will be wasteful as discovery topics may be sharply curtailed if any part of any Motion to Dismiss is granted;
- each claim in this case is for defamation, Mr. Cosby has sought to dismiss the claims for reasons that include that the statements at issue were constitutionally protected

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opinions, and permitting discovery before the Motions to Dismiss are resolved would chill the

exercise of constitutionally protected speech;

• the Motions to Dismiss have been fully briefed and are scheduled for

argument, so any delay in the commencement of discovery would be brief;

discovery prior to resolution of the Motions to Dismiss would burden Mr.

Cosby and third parties to this matter, all of whose privacy interests are implicated by a

discovery request Plaintiffs have made already; and

• a delay in initiating discovery will not impose any burden on Plaintiffs, who

have articulated no need or purpose for discovery at this time.

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Mr. Cosby believes that oral argument may be of assistance to the Court and hereby

requests that the Court set a date for a hearing on this motion.

Dated: May 29, 2015

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COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULES 7.1(2) and 37.1

I certify that this document filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF), this 29th day of May, 2015. I further certify that Robert P. LoBue and I conferred with Plaintiff's counsel Joseph Cammarata by telephone on May 26, 2015, for approximately 45 minutes, and attempted in good faith to resolve or narrow the issues between the parties. The parties reached agreement on most discovery completion deadlines, but were unsuccessful at resolving the issue presented in this motion.

*/s/ Francis D. Dibble, Jr.*Francis D. Dibble, Jr.

EXHIBIT 7

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)

(c) Place of Compliance.

(1) For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition. A subpocna may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

(A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or

(B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person

(i) is a party or a party's officer, or

(II) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial

(2) For Other Discovery. A subpoena may command:

(A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and

(B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions. A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees-on a party or attorney who fails to comply,

(2) Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.

(A) Appearance Not Required. A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) Objections. A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

(I) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an

order compelling production or inspection.

(ii) These acis may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.

(A) When Required. On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

(i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;

(li) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);

(iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or

(iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) When Permitted. To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

(i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) Specifying Conditions as an Alternative. In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

(i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and

(II) ensures that the subpoensed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena,

(1) Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information. These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) Documents. A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified. If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form. The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored

information in more than one form.

(D) Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information. The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) Claiming Privilege or Protection.

(A) Information Withheld. A person withholding subpoensed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must

(i) expressly make the claim; and

(ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) Information Produced. If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under scal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(g) Contempt.

The court for the district where compliance is required—and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court—may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoens or an order related to it,

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS Western Division

TAMARA GREEN, et al.

Plaintiffs,

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WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.

Defendant.

ATTACHMENT A TO SUBPOENA TO DOLORES TROIANI

If you (the subject of the subpoena) would agree to do so, it is requested that you deliver the documents requested in the subpoena, by mail or e-mail to Plaintiffs' counsel's office in Washington, D.C, by the return date on the subpoena, in lieu of appearing in person at the return location listed on the subpoena.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this <u>28th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2015, a copy of the foregoing Subpoena to Dolores Troiani with Attachment A was sent via e-mail and mailed first class, postage pre-paid to:

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EXHIBIT 8

Ginsberg, Melissa (x2153)

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Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)

(c) Piace of Compliance,

- (1) For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition. A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:
- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person

(i) is a party or a party's officer; or

(ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial

(2) For Other Discovery. A subpoena may command:

- (A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and
 - (B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions. A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees-on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.

(A) Appearance Not Required. A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition,

hearing, or trial.

(B) Objections. A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

(I) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an

order compelling production or inspection.

(ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) Quasting or Modifying a Subpoena.

(A) When Required. On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

(i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;

- (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
- (III) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or

(iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

- (B) When Permitted. To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:
- (i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(II) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) Specifying Conditions as an Alternative. In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

(i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be

otherwise met without undue hardship; and

(ii) ensures that the subpoensed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena,

(1) Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information. These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) Documents. A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified. If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form. The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored

information in more than one form.

(D) Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information. The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) Claiming Privilege or Protection.

(A) Information Withheld. A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

(i) expressly make the claim; and

(ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) Information Produced. If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved

(g) Contempt.
The court for the district where compliance is required—and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court—may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpocna or an order related to it,

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TAMARA GREEN, et al.

Plaintiffs,

: Case No. 3:14-cy-30211-MGM

V.

WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.

Defendant.

ATTACHMENT A TO SUBPOENA TO DOLORES TROIANI

If you (the subject of the subpoena) would agree to do so, it is requested that you deliver the documents requested in the subpoena, by mail or e-mail to Plaintiffs' counsel's office in Washington, D.C, by the return date on the subpoena, in lieu of appearing in person at the return location listed on the subpoena.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this <u>28th</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2015, a copy of the foregoing Subpoena to Dolores Troiani with Attachment A was sent via e-mail and mailed first class, postage pre-paid to:

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