

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas

ENTERED

January 10, 2017

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
GALVESTON DIVISION

JACQUELINE BARRETT,

Plaintiff,

VS.

COLUMBIA BRAZORIA ISD,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:15-CV-78

ORDER

Pending before the Court is Defendant’s Opposed Motion to Bifurcate Trial. Dkt. 95. A trial court “may order a separate trial of one or more separate issues” FED. R. CIV. P. § 42(b). A court may do so “[f]or convenience, to avoid prejudice, or to expedite and economize.” *Id.* The decision whether to bifurcate under this Rule is a matter left to the sound discretion of the trial court on the basis of circumstances of the litigation before it.” *Alaniz v. Zamora-Quezada*, 591 F.3d 761, 773-74 (5th Cir. 2009) (citations omitted).

Having considered the Motion and the record, the Court finds that maintaining a single trial will not prejudice the Defendant. The Court further finds that bifurcation is neither convenient. Nor will it expedite or economize the proceedings. The Court therefore **DENIES** the Motion.

SIGNED on January 10, 2017 at Galveston, Texas.


George C. Hanks, Jr.
United States District Judge