

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 502009CA040800XXXXMBAG

BRADLEY J. EDWARDS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY EPSTIEN,

Defendant.

L.M., E.W., and JANE DOE,

Intervenors.

ORDER ON AGREED ORDER DIRECTING THE CLERK TO SEAL FILINGS

In hearings in the above-styled matter conducted on Thursday, March 8, 2018, an order was announced from the bench sealing specific pleadings alleged to contain attorney-client and work product privileged information. No written order was transmitted to the Clerk of Court and the confidential materials were made available to the public by posting on the Clerk's docket Friday evening.

Because this case has been the focus of widespread public attention, the parties have a substantial concern that further avoidable breaches of confidentiality will occur, if the Clerk is not directed to take immediate action to seal the two filings at issue as soon as possible.

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The specific filings are:

Docket Entry 1242, a 353-page filing with attachments containing actual emails as well as a summary of the contents of those emails. The document is titled: NOTICE OF FILING OF REDACTED APPENDIX IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT/COUNTER-PLAINTIFF BRADLEY J EDWARDS SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO MOTION IN LIMINE ADDRESSING SCOPE OF ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE F/B PLT/COUNTER-DFT JEFFREY EPSTEIN.

Docket Entry 1252 with attachments also needs to be sealed. It is entitled MOTION FOR COURT TO DECLARE RELEVANCE AND NON-PRIVILEGED NATURE OF DOCUMENTS. AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LIMITED DISCOVERY, EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL MASTER F/B PLT/COUNTER-DFT FOR COURT TO DECLARE RELEVANCE AND NON-PRIVILEGED NATURE OF DOCUMENTS. AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LIMITED DISCOVERY, EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL MASTER F/B PLT/COUNTER-DFT.

The parties are in agreement that the Clerk be directed to seal the above referenced filings including the attachments thereto, and the Clerk is directed to do so forthwith.

Done and Ordered this 12th day of March, 2018, nunc pro tunc, March 8, 2018.



DONALD HAPELE
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Copies have been furnished to all counsel on the attached counsel list.

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