

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

CASE NO. 502009CA040800XXXXMB

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant,

-vs-

SCOTT ROTHSTEIN, individually  
and BRADLEY J. EDWARDS,  
individually,

Defendant/Counter-Plaintiffs.

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**MOTION TO TAX COSTS**

Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff, BRADLEY J. EDWARDS, individually, by  
and through his undersigned counsel, hereby files this Motion to Tax Costs  
pursuant to the First District Court's Opinion dated November 12, 2015 and  
Mandate dated December 1, 2015 (copies attached). Pursuant to Fla.R.App.P.  
9.400(a), the following costs were necessarily incurred in the above-styled case:

1.	Filing Fees Fourth District Court of Appeal	\$ 300.00
2.	Filings Fees Circuit Court	100.00
3.	Record-on-Appeal	227.00
TOTAL		<b><u>\$627.00</u></b>

WHEREFORE, Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court tax the above costs in this cause.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing was furnished to all counsel on the attached service list, by email, on December 24, 2015.

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DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
FOURTH DISTRICT

**BRADLEY J. EDWARDS,**  
Appellant,

v.

**JEFFREY EPSTEIN and SCOTT ROTHSTEIN,**  
Appellees.

No. 4D14-2282

[November 12, 2015]

Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Palm Beach County; Donald W. Hafele, Judge; L.T. Case No. 502009CA040800XXXXMB.

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Paul Morris of The Law Offices of Paul Morris, P.A., Miami, and Tonja Haddad Coleman of Tonja Haddad, PA, Fort Lauderdale, for appellee Jeffrey Epstein.

WARNER, J.

Appellant challenges a summary judgment holding that his malicious prosecution claim against appellee Epstein was barred by the litigation privilege. The trial court granted summary judgment based upon *Wolfe v. Foreman*, 128 So. 3d 67 (Fla. 3d DCA 2013), which had decided this issue just before the motion for summary judgment was heard.<sup>1</sup> However, after the trial court ruled, our court held to the contrary in *Fischer v. Debrincat*, 169 So. 3d 1204, 1209 (Fla. 4th DCA 2015), and certified conflict with *Wolfe* to the supreme court. See also *Rivernider v. Meyer*, 174 So. 3d 602, 604 (Fla. 4th DCA 2015) (same). As the issue is the same in this case, we hold that the litigation privilege does not bar a malicious prosecution

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<sup>1</sup> The trial court properly relied on *Wolfe* at the time, because that case was binding upon the trial court in the absence of interdistrict conflict. See *Pardo v. State*, 596 So. 2d 665, 666 (Fla. 1992).

cause of action where all the elements of malicious prosecution are present.

Epstein suggests that this case could be decided on a tipsy coachman analysis, as he alleges that all the elements of the cause of action were not present. However, the trial court specifically found that material issues of fact remained as to the elements of the claim. Based upon the facts presented and the inferences which may be drawn from those facts, we will not disturb the trial court's evaluation.

Just as in *Fischer* and *Rivernider*, we certify that this opinion conflicts with *Wolfe*.

*Reversed and remanded for further proceedings.*

TAYLOR and FORST, JJ., concur.

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***Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing.***

# M A N D A T E

from

## DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOURTH DISTRICT

This cause having been brought to the Court by appeal, and after due consideration the Court having issued its opinion;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED that such further proceedings be had in said cause as may be in accordance with the opinion of this Court, and with the rules of procedure and laws of the State of Florida.

WITNESS the Honorable Cory J. Ciklin, Chief Judge of the District Court of Appeal of the State of Florida, Fourth District, and seal of the said Court at West Palm Beach, Florida on this day.

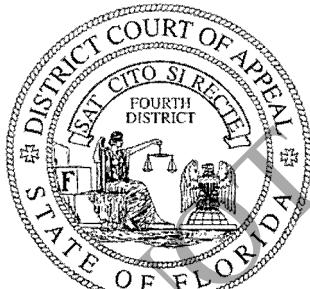
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**LONN WEISSBLUM, Clerk**  
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