

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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

Defendants.

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

CASE NO. 502009CA040800XXXXMBAG

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**PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES  
AND FOR SANCTIONS**

Plaintiff Jeffrey Epstein, by and through his undersigned counsel and pursuant to Rule 1.380 of the *Florida Rules of Civil Procedure*, hereby moves this Court to enter an order compelling the Defendant Bradley Edwards, yet again, to provide responses to Plaintiff's Request for Production. Plaintiff likewise requests that this Court order sanctions against Defendant Edwards for his direct and flagrant disregard of this Court's previous Order dated April 10, 2012. In support thereof, Plaintiff states:

**INTRODUCTION**

On March 9, 2012, Plaintiff Epstein served upon Defendant Edwards a Motion to Compel and to Amend and Lift a Protective Order. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Motion is attached hereto as "Exhibit A." On April 10, 2012, this Court entered an Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel, stating that "within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order, the Defendant EDWARDS shall produce any non-privileged documents as identified in Paragraph 13 of EDWARDS' [sic] Motion to Compel and Amend Protective Order." *See Order entered April 10, 2012*, a true and correct copy of

which is attached hereto as “Exhibit B.” The Order further avowed that “[n]othing in this Order shall constitute any waiver or ruling upon any privilege that may apply to said documents and the Defendant EDWARDS and/or others may file an objection to any such documentation on any privilege grounds and *shall file a privilege log specifically identifying such documents.*” See Exhibit B (emphasis added). Accordingly, all responses were due on or before April 30, 2012.

On May 9, 2012, Plaintiff received Defendant Edwards’ untimely response to the afore-referenced Request to Produce. A perfunctory review of the items provided by Edwards establishes that his response is incomplete and deficient. Edwards’ response contains nothing more than partial electronic communications between himself and three or four of the countless reporters with whom he had communications during the relevant time period. Further, Defendant’s response irrefutably corroborates that he wholly disregarded this Court’s Order. Accordingly, Defendant Edwards has failed to comply with this Court’s Order to produce the items responsive to Plaintiff’s Request to Produce, as well as any opportunity afforded to him therein to provide any privilege log with respect to the afore-referenced request. As such, and as demonstrated more fully below, Plaintiff’s requested order is warranted.

#### **MEMORANDUM OF LAW**

This Court has the authority to rule on this Motion without Oral Argument. See *First City Developments of Florida, Inc. v. Hallmark of Hollywood Condominium Ass’n*, 545 So. 2d 502 (Fla. 4th DCA 1989). Defendant Edwards was Ordered by this Court to provide

[a]ll e-mails, data, correspondence, and similar documents dated April 1, 2008 through August 1, 2010 by and between Bradley J. Edwards, Scott W. Rothstein, Marc, Nurik, Cara Holmes, Mike Fisten and any one of the following regarding or mentioning Jeffrey Epstein in any way: (a) the U.S. Attorney's Office, (b) the State Attorney's Office, (c) the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (d) Conchita Sarnoff, and (e) any other news employees or reporters.

*See Exhibit A.* This Court also permitted Defendant Edwards to assert any privilege grounds and "file a privilege log specifically identifying such documents." *See Exhibit B.* Edwards not only failed to provide the items requested, but also failed to provide a privilege log as mandated. It is well-settled law that if a party alleges that information requested from it is protected by privilege, then a privilege log must be prepared and attached to the response, *or the privilege is waived.* *See TIG Insurance Corp. of America v. Johnson*, 799 So. 2d 339 (Fla. 4th DCA 2001) (stating that failure to provide a reason for privilege and prepare a privilege log constitutes waiver of the privilege) (emphasis added).

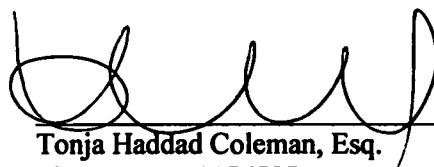
Here, Edwards fails to either respond to the Request to Produce or assert any privilege as Court ordered. A court has the inherent power to implement and enforce effective judicial proceedings pursuant to pretrial rules. As such, when a party fails to comply with a pretrial order, a court has broad discretion in determining sanctions. *First Republic Corp. of America v. Hayes*, 431 So. 2d 624 (Fla. 3d DCA 1983). Rule 1.380(3) of the *Florida Rules of Civil Procedure* provides that "[f]or purposes of this subdivision an evasive or incomplete answer shall be treated as a failure to answer." FLA. R.CIV. P. 1.380(3). This Rule likewise governs failure to comply with a prior court order and mandates that such failure "may be considered a contempt of the court."

FLA. R.CIV. P. 1.380(b). Accordingly, Defendant Edwards' inapposite and patent disregard for this Court's Order mandates sanctions.

Finally, Plaintiff certifies that he "in good faith, has conferred or attempted to confer with the person or party failing to make the discovery in an effort to secure the information or material without court action." FLA. R.CIV. P. 1.380. A true and correct copy of the correspondence sent to Defendant Edwards regarding this Motion is attached hereto as "Exhibit C." Pursuant to Rule 1.380 of the *Florida Rules of Civil Procedure*, Epstein is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees necessitated by Defendant's flagrant disregard of both this Court's Order and the afore-referenced Rules of Civil Procedure.

#### CONCLUSION

Accordingly, for all of the reasons delineated above and in reliance upon the applicable law cited herein, Plaintiff Jeffrey Epstein respectfully requests that this Court, yet again, Order Defendant Bradley Edwards to respond in full to Plaintiff's Request to Produce, award attorney's fees as sanctions, and such other and further relief as this Court deems proper.



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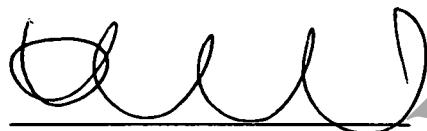
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WE HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon all parties listed on the attached service list, via facsimile and US Mail, this May 15, 2012.



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**PLAINTIFF JEFFREY EPSTEIN'S MOTION TO COMPEL  
AND AMEND PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Plaintiff, Jeffrey Epstein ("Epstein"), by and through his undersigned counsel, moves this Court to compel the production of documents from Defendant, BRADLEY J. EDWARDS ("Edwards") and to amend and lift a protective order relating to a subpoena to the Bankruptcy Trustee. The grounds for this Motion are as follows:

1. On April 12, 2010, Epstein sent a Request to Produce to Edwards requesting the following documents:

3. All emails, data, correspondence, memos, or similar documents between Bradley J. Edwards, Scott W. Rothstein, William Berger, and Russell Adler and/or any attorney or representative of RRA and any investor or third party (person or entity) regarding Jeffrey Epstein or which mentions Jeffrey Epstein (including Mike Fisten, Kenneth Jenne, Patrick Roberts or Rick (Rich) Fandrey).
2. On May 11, 2010, Edwards served his response to this request by stating:
3. Objection as to communications to or from investigators as that is protected by the work-product and/or attorney-client privilege.

Exhibit A

3. Although Edwards did not object to producing all documents requested, he did not produce *any* documents responsive to this request. Nor did Edwards, who asserted privilege, prepare a privilege log related to this request. It is important to note that this request went to documents *within Edwards' possession and control* as opposed to documents that were produced from the Bankruptcy Trustee.

4. The documents requested in #3 were also requested by means of a subpoena to the Bankruptcy Trustee dated April 17, 2010. After several motions and orders to compel, Edwards finally prepared a privilege log relating to communications to and from the investigators among others. However, Edwards did not produce any e-mails or documents between the lawyers at RRA and (a) the U.S. Attorney's Office, (b) the State Attorney's Office, (c) the Federal Bureau of Investigation – to which he had not objected and for which he did not claim a privilege on his privilege log.

5. Edwards did not produce any documents by and between RRA lawyers or representatives and third parties such as Conchita Sarnoff, a reporter, and any other news employees or reporters. Edwards has not identified any communication with reporters on his privilege log.

6. On January 3, 2011, Epstein sent a second subpoena requesting the following documents from the Bankruptcy Trustee:

1. Any and all email communications by/between any attorney and/or employee of the former Rothstein law firm, including but not limited to, Scott Rothstein, Russell Adler, William Berger, Michael Fisten, Ken Jenne, David Boden, Deborah Villegas, Andrew Barnett, Patrick Roberts, Richard Fandry, Christina Kitterman, Gary Farmer and Bradley Edwards, on the one hand, and any of the following regarding Jeffrey Epstein:

- a) U.S. Attorney's office;
- b) State of Florida Attorney's Office
- c) Federal Bureau of Investigations;
- d) City of Palm Beach Police Department;
- e) Any investigator working for the State of Florida;
- f) Any attorney, law firm and any agent of any attorney or law firm who represented any individual with a claim against Jeffrey Epstein.

7. On April 1, 2011, Epstein sent a Request to Produce to Edwards seeking documents that support Edwards' contention that Epstein has waived his Fifth Amendment right by speaking to reporters.

8. On May 5, 2011, Edwards responded with objections and claims of privilege. Edwards did not prepare a privilege log even though the Court ordered him to do so.

9. On July 14, 2011, this Court entered an Order granting a Motion for Protective Order without prejudice relating to the records on the subpoena to the Bankruptcy Trustee based on scope and relevancy. A copy of the Order is attached to this Motion as Exhibit 1.

10. On November 11, 2011, Edwards filed his Renewed Motion for Summary Judgment and a lengthy Statement of Undisputed Facts in which he purported to identify "summary judgment evidence" on which he relied. Such "undisputed facts" reference and/or quote the Palm Beach Police Incident Report (*see ¶3*), correspondence from the U.S. Attorney's Office to Epstein (*see ¶¶5, 19, 25*), correspondence between the U.S. Attorney's Office and Epstein's counsel (*see ¶¶6, 20, 27*) to support Edwards' argument that he acted in good faith and that Epstein "violated his agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office..." (*¶28*). Edwards also quotes correspondence from the U.S. Attorney's Office to Epstein's counsel (*see ¶6*) specifically in support of his contention that there was a "joint attempt to minimize Epstein's civil exposure."

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(*Id.*). Edwards also cites from a proposed plea agreement (*see ¶20*) in support of his contention that Epstein engaged in witness tampering.

11. Edwards has also referred to statements allegedly made by Epstein to a reporter in ¶¶80-81 of his Undisputed Statement of Facts. Edwards contends Epstein's alleged statements to reporters waives his Fifth Amendment rights.

12. As a result of Edwards relying on communications with the government and reporters as part of his Renewed Motion for Summary Judgment and to support his contention that Epstein has waived his Fifth Amendment rights by speaking with reporters, discovery is highly appropriate on these issues and should be permitted.

13. Epstein wishes to amend and narrow his request to the Trustee to obtain the following records:

All e-mails, data, correspondence, and similar documents dated April 1, 2008 through August 1, 2010 by and between Bradley J. Edwards, Scott W. Rothstein, Marc Nurik, Cara Holmes, Mike Fisten and any one of the following regarding or mentioning Jeffrey Epstein in any way: (a) the U.S. Attorney's Office, (b) the State Attorney's Office, (c) the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (d) Conchita Sarnoff, and (e) any other news employees or reporters.

14. The described documents are *not* privileged, so no in camera review is necessary. Epstein's request has been narrowed so that compliance and production are not overly broad or burdensome. The request is relevant and necessary in order for Epstein to defend Edwards' Renewed Motion for Summary Judgment, including Edwards' contention that Epstein has waived his Fifth Amendment rights by discussions and communications with media, news employees or reporters.

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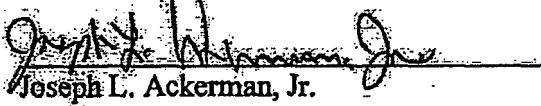
15. Based on the above, Epstein requests the following relief:

- a. An Order directing Edwards to produce the above-described records that are in *his* possession and control;
- b. An Order directing the Bankruptcy Trustee to produce the records described above and amending the prior protective order so as to allow the Bankruptcy Trustee to produce the records described above; and
- c. That the Order contain a specific deadline for compliance. Epstein requests compliance within twenty (20) days of the date of the Order so as to allow time for any additional discovery in advance of Rothstein's deposition and in advance of the hearing on Edwards' Renewed Motion for Summary Judgment.

16. The undersigned counsel certifies that he has and will continue to attempt to resolve this matter with counsel for Edwards without the need of a hearing.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, JEFFREY EPSTEIN, requests the Court grant its Motion to Compel and Amend Protective Order for the reasons set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

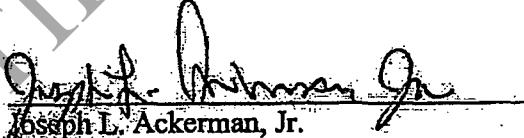
  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent via U.S. Mail on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012 to: Jack Scarola, Esq., Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A., 2139 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33409; Jack Alan Goldberger, Esq., Atterbury, Goldberger & Weiss, P.A., 250 Australian Ave. South, Suite 1400, West Palm Beach, FL 33401-5012; and Marc S. Nurik, Esq., Law Offices of Marc S. Nurik, One East Broward Blvd., Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

  
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**ORDER ON PLAINTIFF JEFFREY EPSTEIN'S  
MOTION TO COMPEL AND AMEND PROTECTIVE ORDER**

THIS MATTER came before the Court on Plaintiff Jeffrey Epstein's Motion to Compel and Amend Protective Order in the above-styled case. This Court having reviewed the Motion, having heard argument of counsel, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows: The Motion seeks to Compel a Request to Produce and to modify this Court's prior Protective Order in regard to specific requests of the Defendant EDWARDS. In addition, the Motion seeks authority to direct a subpoena to the Bankruptcy Trustee of the former law firm of the Defendants EDWARDS and ROTHSTEIN. The Court finds that the Amended Request for Production and request for subpoena, does request documents which the Court finds are either relevant and/or reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence. Therefore, within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order, the Defendant EDWARDS shall produce any non-privileged documents as identified in Paragraph 13 of EDWARDS' Motion to Compel and Amend Protective Order. In addition, the Plaintiff EPSTEIN is given authority to issue a subpoena to the Bankruptcy Trustee requesting the identical documents that are non-privileged.

Nothing in this Order shall constitute any waiver or ruling upon any privilege that may apply to said documents and the Defendant EDWARDS and/or others may file an objection to any such documentation on any privilege grounds and shall file a privilege log specifically identifying such documents.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2012.

**SIGNED AND DATED**  
APR 10 2012  
**JUDGE DAVID F. CROW**

**HONORABLE DAVID F. CROW**  
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Re: *Epstein v. Edwards et al.*

Dear Mr. Scarola:

We are in receipt of your purported responsive documents to Paragraph 13 of our Motion to Compel and have reviewed same. Please note that the request to which you were Court-ordered to respond required you to provide the following:

"All e-mails, data, correspondence, and similar documents dated April 1, 2008 through August 1, 2010 by and between Bradley J. Edwards, Scott W. Rothstein, Marc Nurik, Cara Holmes, Mike Fisten and any one of the following regarding or mentioning Jeffrey Epstein in any way: (a) the U.S. Attorney's Office, (b) the State Attorney's Office, (c) the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (d) Conchita Sarnoff, and (e) any other news employees or reporters." *See Paragraph 13 of Motion to Compel.*

However, you provided little more than multiple copies of correspondence responsive to subparts (d) and (e). As such, please be advised that if we do not receive items responsive to the actual request, to wit: all e-mails, data, correspondence, and similar documents dated April 1, 2008 through August 1, 2010 by and between Bradley J. Edwards, Scott W. Rothstein, Marc Nurik, Cara Holmes, Mike Fisten and any one of the following regarding or mentioning Jeffrey Epstein in any way: (a) the U.S. Attorney's Office, (b) the State Attorney's Office, and (c) the Federal Bureau of Investigation on or before Monday, May 14, 2012, we will be left with no choice but to, yet again, file all appropriate motions with the Court and seek any and all sanctions available, including those to which you will be vulnerable for violation of a Court order.

Sincerely,  
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