# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA SECOND DISTRICT

NEIL J. GILLESPIE

Appellant,

Case No.: 2D10-5197

Lower Court Case No. 05-CA-007205

VS.

BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, PA a Florida Corporation; and WILLIAM J. COOK, Appellees.

APPELLANT'S VERIFIED EMERGENCY MOTION TO STAY PENDING APPEAL, MOTION FOR ORDER OF PROTECTION, AND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

1. Appellant pro se moves for the following orders because Appellees counsel Ryan Christopher Rodems is seeking Appellant's incarceration that will disrupt the appellate process. This Court granted Appellant's motion for leave to file an amended initial brief, to be served within 30 days, which is May 8, 2011. Mr. Rodems' evidentiary hearing set for May 3, 2011 in the lower tribunal on "Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt" is seeking Appellant's incarceration on a Writ of Bodily Attachment that will deny Appellant time to file the brief in contempt of this Court's Order.

#### I. Motion To Stay Pending Appeal

- 2. The Plaintiff moves for a stay of the of the "Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt", and Writ Of Bodily Attachment, pursuant to Rule 9.310 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.
- 3. On September 30, 2010 Judge Martha Cook rendered "Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt", with threat of incarceration on a Writ of Bodily Attachment. (Exhibit 1). On its face the Order is a sham. Judge Cook wrote at footnote 1,

"Prior to this motion being heard, the Court heard Defendants' motion for summary judgment. During that hearing, Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie voluntarily left the hearing and did not return." This is false. Judge Cook ordered the Plaintiff removed, and he had no representation at either hearing.

- 4. Major James Livingston, Commander of the Court Operations Division, provided Appellant a letter dated January 12, 2011 that supports his claim that Judge Cook ordered him removed form the hearing and unlawfully denied him participation in the judicial process. Judge Cook then falsified the order stating Plaintiff voluntarily left. (Exhibit 2).
- 5. Mr. Rodems unilaterally set for hearing without coordinating the time and date with Appellant, an Evidentiary Hearing on the Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt for May 3, 2011 at 11:30AM. (Exhibit 3).
- 5. Appellant filed a Notice in the lower court that he is unavailable during the time set by this Court, and the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, to file Petitioner's amended initial brief, and reply brief, and requested that no appointments, mediations, conferences, hearings, depositions, depositions duces tecum, or other legal proceedings be scheduled during that time, or prior to June 20, 2011. (Exhibit 4).
- 6. Appellant requested Mr. Rodems cancel the improperly set Evidentiary Hearing by letter. (Exhibit 5). Mr. Rodems has not responded or canceled the hearing.
- 7. Appellant apprised the Honorable James D. Arnold of the foregoing by letter. (Exhibit 6). Judge Arnold has not responded or canceled the hearing.
- 8. Appellant filed a Motion To Stay Pending Appeal in the lower court. (Exhibit 7). Rule 9.310(a) authorizes the lower court to stay the Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J.

Gillespie In Contempt. According to the rule, the initial decision to grant or deny a stay is discretionary with the lower tribunal. Appellant believes there is no chance the lower court will grant the motion given the animosity between the parties, animosity directly created by Mr. Rodems in this case to benefit his law firm.

- 9. A stay is necessary in this case to preserve the status quo during the pendency of the appeal. A stay is also necessary because Appellant, a disabled adult, faces risk to his life and health and exhaustion of the ability to continue to pursue justice, according to a letter by Dr. Karin Huffer, the Appellant's ADA advocate. (Exhibit 8).
- 10. This motion for stay should be granted because Appellant will likely prevail on appeal. The appeal will also show that Mr. Rodems is unlawfully representing his law firm against a former client in a matter that is the same or substantially the same as the prior representation. Most if not all the problems in this case are due to Mr. Rodems' unlawful behavior toward a former client as set forth in the Affidavit of Neil J. Gillespie of April 25, 2011. (Exhibit 9).

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully moves this Court for an order granting a stay of the "Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt", and incarceration on Writ Of Bodily Attachment, pending this appeal.

### II. Motion For Order Of Protection

11. Attorney Ryan Christopher Rodems is unlawfully representing his firm against Plaintiff, a former client, on a matter that is the same or substantially similar to the prior representation, specifically their litigation with AMSCOT Corporation. ("AMSCOT"). Mr. Rodems knows about Plaintiff's disability from his firm's other representation of him on disability matters. Mr. Rodems separately commenced a counterclaim against Plaintiff

for libel over his letter to AMSCOT about the prior litigation. AMSCOT's attorney Charles L. Stutts of Holland & Knight, LLP wrote Plaintiff February 13, 2007 that "This former action is, of course, at the heart of your pending action against Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A." (Exhibit 10).

- 12. Since March 3, 2006 Mr. Rodems has directed, with malice aforethought, a course of harassing conduct toward Appellant that has aggravated his disability, caused substantial emotional distress, and serves no legitimate purpose, in violation of § 784.048, Florida Statutes. Mr. Rodems engaged in other abuse calculated to harm Appellant in violation of chapter 825, Florida Statutes, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults. Appellant was formerly represented by attorney Robert Bauer in this case. Mr. Bauer complained on the record about Mr. Rodems unprofessional behavior: "...Mr. Rodems has, you know, decided to take a full nuclear blast approach instead of us trying to work this out in a professional manner. It is my mistake for sitting back and giving him the opportunity to take this full blast attack." (Aug-14-08, transcript page 16, line 24).
- 13. This case was commenced August 11, 2005. There have been five trial court judges, four appeals to the 2dDCA, and a Petition for Writ of Prohibition. The problems in this case are due to Mr. Rodems unprofessional behavior. Rodems' independent professional judgment is materially limited by his own interest and conflict, as further described in <a href="Emergency Motion to Disqualify Defendants' Counsel Ryan Christopher">Emergency Motion to Disqualify Defendants' Counsel Ryan Christopher</a> Rodems & Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA filed July 9, 2010.
- 14. Dr. Karin Huffer, the Appellant's ADA advocate, assessed the foregoing in a letter dated October 28, 2010. (Exhibit 8). Dr. Huffer wrote in part:

"As the litigation has proceeded, Mr. Gillespie is routinely denied participatory and testimonial access to the court. He is discriminated against in the most brutal ways possible. He is ridiculed by the opposition, accused of malingering by the Judge and now, with no accommodations approved or in place, Mr. Gillespie is threatened with arrest if he does not succumb to a deposition. This is like threatening to arrest a paraplegic if he does not show up at a deposition leaving his wheelchair behind. This is precedent setting in my experience. I intend to ask for DOJ guidance on this matter." (p1, ¶2). "He [Gillespie] is left with permanent secondary wounds" (p2, top). "Additionally, Neil Gillespie faces risk to his life and health and exhaustion of the ability to continue to pursue justice with the failure of the ADA Administrative Offices to respond effectively to the request for accommodations per Federal and Florida mandates." (p2, ¶1). "It is against my medical advice for Neil Gillespie to continue the traditional legal path without properly being accommodated. It would be like sending a vulnerable human being into a field of bullies to sort out a legal problem." (p2, ¶1).

- 15. Appellant filed a complaint April 21, 2011 with the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Discrimination Complaint Form, OMB No. 1190-0009. A copy of the complaint is attached as Exhibit 11.
- 16. Appellant provided new information April 21, 2011 to Mark J. Kappelhoff, Section Chief, US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section, in a previously filed federal complaint for the misuse and denial of judicial process under the color of law by the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Florida. The new information includes a

letter dated January 12, 2011 from Major Livingston that supports Appellant's claim that Judge Cook falsified records and denied his participation in the judicial process.

17. Appellant requested by certified letter April 20, 2011 to Major Livingston the prosecution of Judge Cook and Mr. Rodems under chapter 825, Florida Statutes, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults. Appellant also requested Major Livingston recommend this case be transferred to another circuit because the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit cannot adjudicate this case safely or lawfully.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully moves this Court for an order of protection against Ryan Christopher Rodems mandating that he, or others on his behalf, have no contact with Appellant during the pendency of this appeal, other than as required by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure for Appellees' Answer Brief.

### III. Motion For An Extension of Time

- 18. Appellant has spent much of the past two weeks responding to Mr. Rodems improperly set Evidentiary Hearing. This has prevented Appellant from working on his amended initial brief. Appellant is disabled, and as noted by Dr. Huffer in her letter of October 28, 2010, "...faces risk to his life and health and exhaustion of the ability to continue to pursue justice...". (Exhibit 8). Appellant is not an attorney, has not attended law school, and therefore already at a disadvantage. Mr. Rodems' ongoing antics are calculated to aggravate Appellant's disabilities and further obstruct justice.
- 19. Appellant needs a two week extension of time to make up for the time spent responding to Mr. Rodems improperly set Evidentiary Hearing and threat of incarceration on a Writ of Bodily Attachment.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully moves this Court for an extension of time of two weeks (14 days) to file his amended initial brief.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED and VERIFIED April 25, 2011.

Non J. Gillespie, Appellant pro se

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Telephone: (352) 854-7807

### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MARION

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority authorized to take oaths and acknowledgments in the State of Florida, personally appeared NEIL J. GILLESPIE, known to me, who, after having first been duly sworn, deposes and says that the above matters contained in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 25th day of April 2011.



Notary Public State of Florida

### Certificate of Service

I certify that a copy hereof has been furnished to Ryan Christopher Rodems,

Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA, 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100, Tampa, Florida

33602 by mail on April 25, 2011.

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION

**NEIL J. GILLESPIE,** 

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.:

05CA7205

**Division:** 

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BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., a Florida corporation; and WILLIAM J. COOK,

Defendants.

#### ORDER ADJUDGING PLAINTIFF NEIL J. GILLESPIE IN CONTEMPT

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, on Defendants' Motion for an Order of Contempt and Writ of Bodily Attachment, and the proceedings having been read and considered and counsel having been heard, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the Court finds and concludes that Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie has wilfully and with contumacious disregard violated the Court's Notice of Case Management Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions entered July 29, 2010 by refusing to appear for a duly noticed deposition on September 3, 2010.

On July 29, 2010, the Court entered the Notice of Case Management Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions, which stated: "The Plaintiff's 'Motion for Order of Protection,' (no date provided in Judge Barton's order) renewed in his 'Motion to Cancel Deposition' (6-16-10) is DENIED. The Plaintiff has repeatedly been the subject of Motions to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior to this motion being heard, the Court heard Defendants' motion for summary judgment. During that hearing, Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie voluntarily left the hearing and did not return.

Compel by the Defendants during the course of these proceedings, and has ignored Court orders requiring his participation. The Court will not accept these or any further attempts by the Plaintiff to avoid the Defendant's right to discovery in this case and to bring this matter to a close.

Non-compliance with the Court's orders is grounds for dismissal of the Plaintiff's remaining count with prejudice." (Notice of Case Management Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions, ¶8).

The record shows that Plaintiff previously failed to appear for two properly noticed depositions. Defendants served a notice of deposition on October 13, 2009, scheduling Plaintiff's deposition on December 15, 2009. On June 1, 2010, Defendants served another notice of deposition, scheduling Plaintiff's deposition on June 18, 2010. While Plaintiff served "Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel Deposition Duces Tecum June 18, 2010 and for an Order of Protection" on June 14, 2010, he did not attempt to have it heard before the deposition, and did not appear at the deposition.<sup>2</sup>

After the Court's Order entered July 29, 2010, Defendants served a notice of deposition on August 17, 2010, scheduling the deposition for September 3, 2010. Plaintiff did not respond until September 3, 2010, asserting that he would not be attending the deposition for three reasons: First, Plaintiff asserted that "[t]he court has not responded to nor provided accommodations requested under the Americans with disabilities Act . . .." Second, he asserted that "the Oath of Office for judges in this matter [] are not legally sufficient, calling into question rulings in this matter." Finally, Plaintiff again asserted that Defendants' counsel's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As stated above, on July 29, 2010, this Court entered the Notice of Case Management Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions, denying the Plaintiff's motions for protection from being deposed.

representation of Defendants is "unlawful." Defendants contend that each of these reasons is either specious or has been expressly rejected by the Court. The Court agrees. Based on these findings

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie is guilty of contempt of this Court for failing to appear for deposition on September 3, 2010 and he will continue to be guilty of contempt unless and until the Plaintiff is deposed in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall submit to a deposition in Tampa, Florida, within 45 days. Plaintiff is directed to propose to Defendants' counsel, in writing, three dates on which his deposition may be taken on or before November 12, 2010.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff violates this Order by failing to submit to a deposition on or before November 12, 2010, then the Court will enter an Order to Show Cause requiring Plaintiff's appearance before the Court, and the Court will consider appropriate sanctions.

The Court retains jurisdiction to impose additional sanctions, as necessary, and to tax attorneys' fees and costs.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers this day of September, 2010.

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Circuit Judge

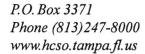
Copies to:

Mr. Neil J. Gillespie, pro se

Ryan Christopher Rodems, Esquire (Counsel for Defendants)

STATE OF FLORIDA THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE DOCUMENT ON FILE IN

OF CHROUIT COURT





## David Gee, Sheriff Jose Docobo, Chief Deputy

Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida 33601

January 12, 2011

Mr. Neil J. Gillespie 8092 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Loop Ocala, Florida 34481

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

In response to your letter dated November 13, 2010, I made contact with Deputy Christopher E. Brown concerning your request for an explanation regarding why he escorted you out of the courthouse on September 28, 2010 after a hearing with Judge Martha Cook. Deputy Brown advised that the Judge ordered you to leave after a disruption in the courtroom. He stated that he followed you to the front door as you exited the building without assistance. Other than the official records maintained by the Court, I am not aware of any other records related to the hearing before Judge Cook.

As we discussed on the telephone today, you expressed some concern over your personal safety while in the courthouse due to a disability and due to a potential threat from opposing counsel. Please let me know the date and time of your next visit to the courthouse and we will take action to help ensure a safe and orderly visit. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

James P. Livingston, Major Court Operations Division

James F. Lumpton

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION

**NEIL J. GILLESPIE,** 

Plaintiff,

VS.

Case No.:

05-CA-007205

Division:

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BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., a Florida corporation; and WILLIAM J. COOK,

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### **DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Defendants' Verified Motion for An Order to Show Cause Why Plaintiff Should Not Be Held In Contempt of Court and Writ of Bodily Attachment Should Not Be Issued has been scheduled for hearing before the Honorable James D. Arnold, Circuit Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Room 514, 800 East Twiggs Street, Tampa, Florida 33602, May 3, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard: Time Reserved: 30 minutes

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 800 E. Twiggs Street, Room 604 Tampa, FL 33602. Phone: 813-272-7040; Hearing Impaired: 1-800-955-8771; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED this 5th day of April, 2011.

KYAN CHRISTOPHER RODEMS, ESQUIRE

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Attorneys for Defendants

**EXHIBIT** 

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via U.S. Mail to Neil J. Gillespie, 8092 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Loop, Ocala Florida 34481 this 5th day of April, 2011.

Ryan Christopher Rodems, Esquire

### BARKER, RODEMS & COOK

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION ATTORNEYS AT LAW

CHRIS A. BARKER RYAN CHRISTOPHER RODEMS WILLIAM J. COOK 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100 Tampa, Florida 33602 Telephone 813/489-1001 Facsimile 813/489-1008

April 5, 2011

The Honorable James D. Arnold Circuit Court Judge Circuit Civil, Division "J" 800 E. Twiggs Street, Room 514 Tampa, Florida 33602

> Re: Neil J. Gillespie v. Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A., a Florida Corporation; and William J. Cook Case No.: 05-CA-7205; Division "J"

Dear Judge Arnold:

Enclosed please find courtesy copies of the following documents filed in connection with a hearing which previously was scheduled before you on January 26, 2011 and is presently scheduled before you on May 3, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.:

- 1. Defendant's Verified Motion for An Order to Show Cause Why Plaintiff Should Not Be Held In Contempt of Court and Writ of Bodily Attachment Should Not Be Issued; and,
- 2. Defendants' Notice of Evidentiary Hearing.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Christopher Rodems

RCR/so Enclosures

cc: Neil J. Gillespie (w/encl)

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION

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Defendants.		
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# VERIFIED MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY PLAINTIFF SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND WRIT OF BODILY ATTACHMENT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED

Defendants Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. and William J. Cook move the Court for an Order to Show Cause as to why Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie should not be held in contempt of Court and writ of bodily attachment should not be issued, and as grounds therefor would state:

- 1. Plaintiff has violated the Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie in Contempt, entered September 30, 2010. The September 30, 2010 Order was entered after Plaintiff refused to be deposed or failed to appear for several duly noticed depositions, as detailed below. The September 30, 2010 Order adjudging Plaintiff in contempt Ordered, among other things, that:
- a. "Plaintiff shall submit to a deposition in Tampa, Florida, within 45 days.

  Plaintiff is directed to propose to Defendants' counsel, in writing, three dates on which his deposition may be taken on or before November 12, 2010."
- b. "if Plaintiff violates this Order by failing to submit to a deposition on or before November 12, 2010, then the Court will enter an Order to Show Cause requiring

Plaintiff's appearance before the Court, and the Court will consider appropriate sanctions."

- 2. Plaintiff has not submitted to a deposition in Tampa, Florida, within 45 days of the September 30, 2010 Order. Instead, on November 8, 2010, Plaintiff sent a letter to the undersigned, offering to be deposed under his conditions: "I am available for deposition at the following dates and times provided that I am represented by counsel, have ADA accommodations in place, and the deposition is conducted by a third party." (Exhibit 1) (Emphasis supplied). Plaintiff also stated he would only allow one hour for his deposition.
- 3. The September 30, 2010 Order did not authorize Plaintiff to dictate that the deposition may only be taken if Plaintiff obtains counsel, or that Plaintiff may condition his deposition on some unspecified "ADA accommodations," or who takes his deposition. It also did not impose time limitations on the deposition.
- 4. Plaintiff's actions amount to a contumacious disregard for the authority of the Court and the September 30, 2010 Order.
- 5. What preceded the September 30, 2010 Order shows that Plaintiff's intent by the November 8, 2010 letter is to continue to delay his deposition.
- 6. Defendant served a notice of deposition on October 13, 2009, scheduling Plaintiff's deposition on December 15, 2009. (Exhibit 2). Plaintiff failed to appear. On June 1, 2010, Defendant served another notice of deposition, scheduling Plaintiff's deposition on June 18, 2010. (Exhibit 3). Plaintiff served "Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel Deposition Duces Tecum June 18, 2010 and for an Order of Protection" on June 14, 2010, but did not contact the undersigned to schedule a hearing on it before the deposition, and he did not appear at the deposition. Thereafter, on July 29, 2010, this Court entered the Notice of Case Management

Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions, which stated:

The Plaintiff's 'Motion for Order of Protection,' (no date provided in Judge Barton's order) renewed in his 'Motion to Cancel Deposition' (6-16-10) is DENIED. The Plaintiff has repeatedly been the subject of Motions to Compel by the Defendants during the course of these proceedings, and has ignored Court orders requiring his participation. The Court will not accept these or any further attempts by the Plaintiff to avoid the Defendant's right to discovery in this case and to bring this matter to a close. Non-compliance with the Court's orders is grounds for dismissal of the Plaintiff's remaining count with prejudice.

(Notice of Case Management Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions, July 29, 2010, ¶8).

- 7. After the Court's Order entered July 29, 2010, Defendants served a notice of deposition on August 17, 2010, scheduling Plaintiff's deposition for September 3, 2010.

  (Exhibit 4). Plaintiff did not respond until September 3, 2010, asserting that he would not be attending the deposition for three reasons: First, Plaintiff asserted that "[t]he court has not responded to nor provided accommodations requested under the Americans with disabilities Act..." Second, he asserted that "the Oath of Office for judges in this matter [] are not legally sufficient, calling into question rulings in this matter." Finally, Plaintiff again asserted that the undersigned's representation of Defendants is "unlawful." (Exhibit 5).
- 8. Thereafter, Defendants moved for an Order adjudging Plaintiff in contempt, which this Court granted on September 28, 2010. (Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie in Contempt, entered September 30, 2010).
- 9. Defendants request that the Court hold an evidentiary hearing, at which time Plaintiff should be directed to show cause why he should not be held in contempt for violating the Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie in Contempt, entered September 30, 2010, and

Defendants request that the Court issue a writ of bodily attachment directing that Plaintiff be taken into custody until such time as he purges himself of the contempt by complying with the Court's Order directing him to be deposed.

10. The Court should also award Defendant their attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this matter, pursuant to Rule 1.380(b).

WHEREFORE, Defendants request that the Court:

- 1. Enter an Order scheduling an evidentiary hearing for Plaintiff to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court and writ of bodily attachment should not be issued, pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.380(b);
- 2. Following the evidentiary hearing, issue an Order (a) finding Plaintiff in contempt of Court and that Plaintiff has the present ability to comply with the Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie in Contempt, entered September 30, 2010; and (b) issuing a writ of bodily attachment commanding that Plaintiff be taken into custody by the Sheriffs of the State of Florida until such time as he purges himself of his contempt; and,
- 3. Award Defendants costs and attorneys' fees, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 12th day of November.

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### **VERIFICATION**

I, Ryan Christopher Rodems, under penalty of perjury, swear that the facts alleged in herein are true and accurate, and I swear that the documents attached hereto are true and correct copies.
DATED this 12th day of November, 2010.  RYAN CHRISTOPHER RODEMS, ESQUIRE
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 12 <sup>th</sup> day of 2010, by Ryan Christopher Rodems, who is personally known to me or presented as identification.
Lynn June Duni
Notary Public-7State of Florida NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA Lynne Anne Spina Lynne Anne Spina Commission # DD941173
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  Expires: DEC. 26, 2013  BONDED THRU ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via
U.S. Mail to Neil J. Gillespie, 8092 SW 115th Loop, Ocala Florida 34481 this 12th day of
November, 2010.  Ryan Christopher Rodens, Esquire

Neil J. Gillespie 8092 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Loop Ocala, Florida 34481

November 8, 2010

Mr. Ryan Christopher Rodems, Attorney at Law Barker Rodems & Cook, PA 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100 Tampa, Florida 33602

RE: Court-ordered deposition by Judge Cook, Gillespie v. Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA, et al, case no. 05-CA-007205, Circuit Civil, 13th Judicial Circuit

#### Dear Mr. Rodems:

This is in response to your letter dated October 26, 2010. Dr. Karin Huffer has advised me not to attend a deposition with you unrepresented and without ADA accommodation. Dr. Huffer's letter of October 28, 2010 is enclosed. Dr. Huffer wrote this about attending the deposition without ADA accommodation: (page 1, paragraph 2)

"As the litigation has proceeded, Mr. Gillespie is routinely denied participatory and testimonial access to the court. He is discriminated against in the most brutal ways possible. He is ridiculed by the opposition, accused of malingering by the Judge and now, with no accommodations approved or in place, Mr. Gillespie is threatened with arrest if he does not succumb to a deposition. This is like threatening to arrest a paraplegic if he does not show up at a deposition leaving his wheelchair behind. This is precedent setting in my experience. I intend to ask for DOJ guidance on this matter."

I am actively seeking counsel for the court-ordered deposition and have provided you copies of correspondence thereto. I will continue to do so and file same with the court.

You did not provide any details about the deposition. Who will conduct the deposition? After five years of your lies and harassment toward me I cannot be in your presence, you make me ill. Previously I provided you my tax returns and other documents so that is done. Since you did not specify the amount of time needed I assume one hour is enough.

I am available for deposition at the following dates and times provided that I am represented by counsel, have ADA accommodations in place, and the deposition is conducted by a third party:



Wednesday November 10, 2010 noon to 1:00 PM Thursday November 11, 2010 noon to 1:00 PM Friday November 12, 2010 noon to 1:00 PM

I reiterate my offer to submit to a deposition in Ocala at the law office of Robert Stermer subject to the conditions described above. Another option is a telephonic deposition.

Please be advised that I will likely request a stay of Judge Cook's order under Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.310(a) and will advise you thereupon. In any event I don't see the need for a writ of bodily attachment. If it comes to that point I would voluntarily appear at the appropriate law enforcement office and submit to a deposition under duress. At least then I would have some protection from your stunts, like throwing coffee on a deponent, or your wont of making false affidavits that you were threatened.

In the past I have requested that you address me as "Mr. Gillespie" in this matter. Your letter of October 26, 2010 addressed "Dear Neil" violates my request. Judge Isom also requested you address me as "Mr. Gillespie" on February 5, 2007. A copy of my letter to you of December 22, 2006 requesting you address me as "Mr. Gillespie" is enclosed, along with the transcript pages of Judge Isom instructing you in civility.

Sincerely,

Meil J. Gillespie

Enclosures

### Dr. Karin Huffer

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist #NV0082

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October 28, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I created the first request for reasonable ADA Accommodations for Neil Gillespie. The document was properly and timely filed. As his ADA advocate, it appeared that his right to accommodations offsetting his functional impairments were in tact and he was being afforded full and equal access to the Court. Ever since this time, Mr. Gillespie has been subjected to ongoing denial of his accommodations and exploitation of his disabilities

As the litigation has proceeded, Mr. Gillespie is routinely denied participatory and testimonial access to the court. He is discriminated against in the most brutal ways possible. He is ridiculed by the opposition, accused of malingering by the Judge and now, with no accommodations approved or in place, Mr. Gillespie is threatened with arrest if he does not succumb to a deposition. This is like threatening to arrest a paraplegic if he does not show up at a deposition leaving his wheelchair behind. This is precedent setting in my experience. I intend to ask for DOJ guidance on this matter.

While my work is as a disinterested third party in terms of the legal particulars of a case, I am charged with assuring that the client has equal access to the court physically, psychologically, and emotionally. Critical to each case is that the disabled litigant is able to communicate and concentrate on equal footing to present and participate in their cases and protect themselves.

Unfortunately, there are cases that, due to the newness of the ADAAA, lack of training of judicial personnel, and entrenched patterns of litigating without being mandated to accommodate the disabled, that persons with disabilities become underserved and are too often ignored or summarily dismissed. Power differential becomes an abusive and oppressive issue between a person with disabilities and the opposition and/or court personnel. The litigant with disabilities progressively cannot overcome the stigma and bureaucratic barriers. Decisions are made by medically unqualified personnel causing them to be reckless in the endangering of the health and well being of the client. This creates a severe justice gap that prevents the ADAAA from being effectively applied. In our adversarial system, the situation can devolve into a war of attrition. For an unrepresented litigant with a disability to have a team of lawyers as adversaries, the demand of litigation exceeds the unrepresented, disabled litigantis ability to maintain health while pursuing justice in our courts. Neil Gillespies case is one of those. At this juncture the harm to Neil Gillespies health, economic situation, and general diminishment of him in terms of his legal case cannot be overestimated and this bell

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cannot be unrung. He is left with permanent secondary wounds.

Additionally, Neil Gillespie faces risk to his life and health and exhaustion of the ability to continue to pursue justice with the failure of the ADA Administrative Offices to respond effectively to the request for accommodations per Federal and Florida mandates. It seems that the ADA Administrative offices that I have appealed to ignore his requests for reasonable accommodations, including a response in writing. It is against my medical advice for Neil Gillespie to continue the traditional legal path without properly being accommodated. It would be like sending a vulnerable human being into a field of bullies to sort out a legal problem.

I am accustomed to working nationally with courts of law as a public service. I agree that our courts must adhere to strict rules. However, they must be flexible when it comes to ADAAA Accommodations preserving the mandates of this federal law Under Title II of the ADA. While lpublic entities are not required to create new programs that provide heretofore unprovided services to assist disabled persons.î (Townsend v. Quasim (9th Cir. 2003) 328 F.3d 511, 518) they are bound under ADAAA as a ministerial/administrative duty to approve any reasonable accommodation even in cases merely lregardedî as having a disability with no formal diagnosis.

The United States Department of Justice Technical Assistance Manual adopted by Florida also provides instructive guidance: "The ADA provides for equality of opportunity, but does not guarantee equality of results. The foundation of many of the specific requirements in the Department's regulations is the principle that individuals with disabilities must be provided an equally effective opportunity to participate in or benefit from a public entity's aids, benefits, and services. (U.S. Dept. of Justice, Title II, Technical Assistance Manual (1993) B II-3.3000.) A successful ADA claim does not require lexcruciating details as to how the plaintiff's capabilities have been affected by the impairment, even at the summary judgment stage. Gillen v. Fallon Ambulance Serv., Inc., 283 F.3d. My organization follows these guidelines maintaining a firm, focused and limited stance for equality of participatory and testimonial access. That is what has been denied Neil Gillespie.

The record of his ADAAA accommodations requests clearly shows that his well-documented disabilities are now becoming more stress-related and marked by depression and other serious symptoms that affect what he can do and how he can do it fi particularly under stress. Purposeful exacerbation of his symptoms and the resulting harm is, without a doubt, a strategy of attrition mixed with incompetence at the ADA Administrative level of these courts. I am prepared to stand by that statement as an observer for more than two years.

### Neil J. Gillespie 8092 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Loop Ocala, Florida 34481

Telephone: (352) 502-8409

### US CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT Article No. 7005 3110 0003 7395 1887

December 22, 2006

Ryan Christopher Rodems, Attorney at Law Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100 Tampa, Florida 33602

RE: Gillespie v. Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A., case no.: 05-CA-7205, Div. H

Dear Mr. Rodems,

Kindly take notice that we are not on a first name basis, and I request that you address me as "Mr. Gillespie". I have made this request to you several times, in writing, and still you refuse to comply. I address you as "Mr. Rodems", so I do not understand the problem. Mature adults in civilized society do this as a matter of course, so again, I do not understand your difficulty. Let me remind you that I am ten years your senior, which only reinforces the social protocol that you address me as "Mr. Gillespie".

As for your immature, childish remark left on my voice mail, your statement that because the greeting on my voice mail says "Hi, this is Neil, leave a message and I'li get back to you", that you somehow construe this as giving you permission to use my first name, this is further evidence that you are unfit to serve as counsel in this lawsuit. It also calls into question your mental fitness to be a lawyer, in my view. (Exhibit A).

I am providing a copy of this letter to the Court, and I am including it in the record. At trial, with you on the witness stand, I will question you about this matter, to give the Court and the jury some idea about how unprofessional you are, and to provide a glimpse into the nightmare of being your client at Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A.

Please address me as "Mr. Gillespie" at all times and govern yourself accordingly.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Gillespie

cc: The Honorable Claudia R. Isom

enclosure, page 5, transcript of Mr. Rodems' phone message of Dec-13-06

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5	Plaint		
6	-vs-	Case No.: 05-7205	
7	BARKER BODEMS & COOK	Division: H	
	BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., A Florida Corporation		
8	Defendant.		
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13	TRA	NSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	
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15	BEFORE:	HONORABLE CLAUDIA R. ISOM Circuit Judge	
16	TAKEN AT:	In Chambers	
17		Hillsborough County Courthouse Tampa, Florida	
18	DATE & TIME;	February 5, 2007 Commencing at 1:30 p.m.	
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	5	NEIL J. GILLESPIE (Pro se litigant)
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disposed of.

MR. GILLESPIE: Judge, is there a reason why Mr. Rodems can't address me as Mr. Gillespie? Do we have to go through an entire hearing for that?

THE COURT: I'm sorry. How were you addressing Mr. Gillespie?

MR. RODEMS: In the chambers of course I would address him as Mr. Gillespie. I haven't addressed him at all today. I've addressed all of my comments to you.

THE COURT: Okay, fine.

MR. GILLESPIE: He's been addressing me as either Neil or Neily.

THE COURT: Today during the hearing?

MR. GILLESPIE: No, on Thursday out in the hallway. And the purpose of it because I've written to him about this and request that he not do it, and it's just for the purpose of annoyance and harassment. In the alternative, I don't know if he perhaps is saying that because maybe he has some affection he wants to show to me. But I'm not interested in that. I believe he's married and I wish he would keep those comments for his wife.

MR. RODEMS: I think my wife would object if I called her Neil or Neily.

THE COURT: Okay. So in the future please both 2 of you need to refer to each other by your last name, 3 your surname, and not with any terms of affection, endearment or nicknames. 4 MR. RODEMS: Your Honor, are you asking me to do 5 that outside of these proceedings as a courtesy to the 6 7 Court or is this an official order? 8 THE COURT: When in the courthouse engaging in 9 litigation regarding this case -- is that your umbrella right there on that chair? 10 MR. GILLESPIE: I don't have an umbrella. 1.1 THE BAILIFF: That's been here since this 12 13 morning, Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: Off the record. 15 (Pause.) 16 THE COURT: All right, back on the record. 17 the context of this litigation please refer to each 1.8 other by your surnames so we won't have any question about whether or not people are being professional. 19 20 Okay. MR. GILLESPIE: And, Judge, would that go for 21 letters he sends me as well? 22 THE COURT: I said in the context of this 23

litigation that would be encompassed in this.

litigation. So if the letters have to do with this

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MR. GILLESPIE: Thank you.

THE COURT: That's for future reference. And since I just said that I would not hold it against either of you if you've been using something like nicknames in the past.

Okay. So let's try to get through what was set for today. And you said your order of protection has now been incorporated into an order to show cause.

MR. GILLESPIE: Yes, Judge.

THE COURT: So by doing the order to show cause we could check two of them off of our list. So why don't you proceed with that one.

MR. GILLESPIE: All right, Judge.

MR. RODEMS: Your Honor, before we begin, I object to some evidence that Mr. Gillespie has filed in connection with this motion. I'd like to be heard on that before the Court considers the admission of it.

MR. GILLESPIE: And, Judge, before --

THE COURT: In terms of this being an evidentiary hearing, I guess I'll reserve on your motion since it's nonjury. You can raise the objection whenever he seeks to introduce it into evidence today.

MR. RODEMS: Well, he filed it with this motion.

So before he begins his motion I'd like to identify the issues and make sure the record is clear.

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION

NEIL J. GILLESPIE,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Case No.:

05CA7205

Division:

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BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., a Florida corporation; and WILLIAM J. COOK,

Defend	ants.	

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned attorney for Defendants, will take the following deposition for discovery or use at hearings or trial, by sound, sound-and-visual, videotaped, or stenographic means, or all, at the time and place listed below, upon oral examination before an officer designated under Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.300, or a designated court reporter, or any other Notary Public authorized by law to take depositions, as prescribed by Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.310:

Name:

Neil J. Gillespie

Date:

December 15, 2009

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Time:

12:00 p.m.

Location:

Richard Lee Reporting

100 North Tampa Street, Suite 2060

Tampa, Florida 33602

(823) 229-1588

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   Family Living Trust Agreement dated February 10, 1997.
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- 5. For years 2005-2009, account statements for all money accounts, including checking, savings, credit union, investment accounts, equity accounts, insurance policies or any others for any accounts you have an interest in, whether individually or jointly.
- 6. Your federal income tax or information returns filed for 2005-2009. (If you have not filed for any of these three years, bring any worksheets or proposed returns.)
  - 7. For years 2005-2009, all W-2 income statements or 1099 forms.
  - 8. Your last five paycheck stubs or wage statements.

- 9. All title certificates and registrations to all automobiles, trucks, boats, motorcycles or other vehicles you owned singly or jointly with any other person or which you regularly drive.
- 10. The deed, mortgage, note and closing statement to your home and any and all other real property in the state of Florida or elsewhere owned by you individually or as a co-owner or in which you have any interest whatsoever.
- 11. All notes, loan agreements, judgments or other documents showing debts that you owe to any other person.
- 12. All documents that show or tend to show debts incurred for the purchase of real or personal property owned by you, including but not limited to financing contracts and payment books.
- 13. All notes, judgments, receipts, contracts or any other documents showing debts that other persons owe to you.
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- 32. All partnership agreements, shareholder agreements and other business agreements in which you are an interest party or by which you have any duties or rights.
- 33. Any and all documents showing or tending to show any investments or contributions made in whole or in pan by you within the last three years, and the amount and value of each investment or contribution,
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real or personal property by you within the past five years.

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  - 45. Any and all documents showing payments made to you by any person or entity.
  - 46. Credit report.

DATED this 13 day of October, 2009.

RYAN CHRISTOPHER RODEMS, ESQUIRE

Florida Bar No. 947652

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Attorneys for Defendants

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail to Neil J. Gillespie, 8092 SW 115th Loop, Ocala, Florida 34481, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2009.

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cc: Richard Lee Reporting

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Division:

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Name:

Neil J. Gillespie

Date:

June 18, 2010

Time:

12:00 p.m.

Location:

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DATED this / day of June, 2010.

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September 3, 2010

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12:00 p.m.

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DATED this 17th day of August, 2010.

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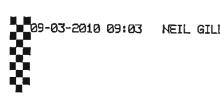
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U.S. Mail to Neil J. Gillespie, 8092 SW 115th Loop, Ocala, Florida 34481, this 17th day of August,

2010.

RYAN CHRISTOPHER RODEMS, ESOUIRE

cc: Richard Lee Reporting



Neil J. Gillespie 8092 SW 115th Loop Ocala, Florida 34481

September 3, 2010

#### VIA FAX (813) 489-1008

Mr. Ryan Christopher Rodems, Attorney at Law Barker Rodems & Cook, PA 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100 Tampa, Florida 33602

RE: Gillespie v. Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA, et al., case No.: 05-CA-7205, Division G

Dear Mr. Rodems:

Please be advised that I will not be attending your deposition duces tecum today. The court has not responded to nor provided accommodations requested under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Furthermore Warren A. Lee, president of Richard Lee Reporting, Inc., has not responded to my letter of July 6, 2010 about the ADA. These and other matters will be included in a soon to be commenced ADA lawsuit. Pleaso note that I assert the same Responses to Defendants' Deposition Duces Tecum submitted August 17, 2010 as to Defendants' Deposition Duces Tecum submitted June 1, 2010.

In addition, the Governor's Office of Open Records referred me to an attorncy at the Florida Department of State who provided copies of the Oath of Office for judges in this matter that are not legally sufficient, calling into question rulings in this matter. That matter is still unfolding and you will be apprised as appropriate.

Finally, you are unlawfully representing your client as set forth in Emergency Motion To Disqualify Defendants' Counsel Ryan Christopher Rodems & Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA filed July 9, 2010. Your representation is aggravating my disability.



# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION

NEIL J. GILLESPIE,	
Plaintiff, vs.	CASE NO.: 05-CA-7205
BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., a Florida corporation; WILLIAM J. COOK,	DIVISION: J
Defendants	

# PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF UNAVAILABILITY

Plaintiff pro se, Neil J. Gillespie, files this Notice of Unavailability and states:

- 1. Plaintiff is unavailable during the time set by the Second District Court of Appeal, and the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, to file Petitioner's Amended Initial Brief in Appeal No. 2D10-5197. The Appellate Court, in an Order dated April 8, 2011, Granted Appellant's (Plaintiff's) motion for leave to file an amended initial brief. The amended brief shall be served within 30 days of the order. That date is May 8, 2011. Within 20 days of the service of the amended initial brief, the appellee may file an amended answer brief. That day is May 28, 2011. Pursuant to Rule 9.210(f), Fla. R. App. P., Plaintiff will file a Reply Brief 20 days after service of the answer brief, or June 17, 2011. A copy of the Appellate Court Order of April 8, 2011 is attached as Exhibit A.
- 2. The undersigned requests that no appointments, mediations, conferences, hearings, depositions, depositions duces tecum, or other legal proceedings be scheduled during that time, or prior to June 20, 2011.

3. Defendants' counsel Ryan Christopher Rodems unilaterally set for hearing without coordinating the time and date with Plaintiff, "Defendants' Verified Motion for An Order to Show Cause Why Plaintiff Should Not Be Held In Contempt of Court and Writ of Bodily Attachment Should Not Be Issued" for May 3, 2011 at 11:30am. Setting hearings without coordinating the time and date with Plaintiff is an ongoing problem with Mr. Rodems and wastes valuable court time and resources. Furthermore, the order that gives rise to the motion, Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt, date September 30, 2010 by Judge Cook, is currently on appeal in Appeal No. 2D10-5197.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED April 16, 2011

Weil J. Gillespie, Plaintiff pro se

8092 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Loop Ocala, Florida 34481

# Certificate of Service

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was mailed April 16, 2011 to Ryan C. Rodems, at Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA, 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100, Tampa, Florida 33602.

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA SECOND DISTRICT, POST OFFICE BOX 327, LAKELAND, FL 33802-0327

April 8, 2011

**CASE NO.: 2D10-5197** 

L.T. No.: 05-CA-7205

Neil J. Gillespie

v. Barker, Rodems & Cook,

P. A. & William J. Cook

Appellant / Petitioner(s),

Appellee / Respondent(s).

## BY ORDER OF THE COURT:

The appellant's motion for leave to file an amended initial brief is granted. The initial brief already filed and its appendix are stricken. The amended brief shall be served within 30 days of this order.

The request for limitations on the initial brief found in the appellees' response is denied. However, the amended initial brief must not exceed 50 pages. <u>See</u> Fla. R. App. P. 9.210(a)(5).

Within 20 days of the service of the amended initial brief, the appellee may file an amended answer brief.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the original court order.

Served:

Neil J. Gillespie

Ryan Christopher Rodems, Esq.

Pat Frank, Clerk

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James Birkhold

Clerk





April 16, 2011

Mr. Ryan C. Rodems Barker Rodems & Cook, PA 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100 Tampa, Florida 33602

Dear Mr. Rodems:

Please find enclosed <u>Plaintiff's Notice of Unavailability</u>. As described in the notice, I am unavailable through June 20, 2011 relative to the appeal in 2D10-5197.

As for Defendants' Evidentiary Hearing unilaterally set for May 3, 2011 at 11:30am, you set the hearing without coordinating the time and date with me. Since I am not available during that time, kindly cancel the hearing immediately. In the future, please refrain from setting hearings without coordinating the time and date with me.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Ocala, Florida 34481

cc: The Honorable James D. Arnold

**Enclosure** 

# April 16, 2011

The Honorable James D. Arnold Circuit Court Judge Circuit Civil Division J 800 E. Twiggs Street, Room 514 Tampa, Florida 33602

RE: Gillespie v Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA, Case No. 05-CA-7205, Circuit Civil Division J, Hillsborough County, Florida

# Dear Judge Arnold:

Please find enclosed courtesy copies of <u>Plaintiff's Notice of Unavailability</u>. As described in the notice, I am unavailable through June 20, 2011 relative to the appeal in 2D10-5197.

Opposing counsel Mr. Rodems unilaterally set <u>Defendants' Evidentiary Hearing</u> for hearing before you May 3, 2011 at 11:30am. Mr. Rodems set the hearing without coordinating the time and date with me. Since I am not available during that time, I requested he cancel the hearing immediately. A copy of my letter to Mr. Rodems is enclosed.

Should Mr. Rodems fail to cancel the hearing, I request the Count cancel it sua sponte.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Weil J. Gillespie 8092 SW 115th Loop

Ocala, Florida 34481

(352) 854-7807

cc: Mr. Rodems

**Enclosures** 

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# MOTION TO STAY PENDING APPEAL

The Plaintiff moves for a stay of the Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J.

Gillespie In Contempt, and Writ Of Bodily Attachment, pursuant to Rule 9.310 of the

Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. In support of the motion, the Plaintiff states:

- 1. On September 30, 2010 Judge Martha Cook rendered "Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt", with threat of Writ of Bodily Attachment. On its face the Order is a sham. Judge Cook wrote at footnote 1, "Prior to this motion being heard, the Court heard Defendants' motion for summary judgment. During that hearing, Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie voluntarily left the hearing and did not return." This is false. Judge Cook ordered the Plaintiff removed, and he had no representation at the hearing.
- 2. The Plaintiff filed an appeal to the Second District Court of Appeal on October 22, 2010 to review the "Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt", and the "Final Summary Judgment as to Count I", of Judge Cook. In addition, pursuant to Rule 9.110(h), Fla. R. App. P, the court may review any ruling or matter occurring before filing of the notice. The appellate court rejected Defendant's request to limit the appeal.

- 3. Rule 9.310(a) authorizes this court to stay the Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt. According to the rule, the initial decision to grant or deny a stay is discretionary with the lower tribunal.
- 4. A stay is necessary in this case to preserve the status quo during the pendency of the appeal. A stay is also necessary because the Plaintiff, a person with disabilities, faces risk to his life and health and exhaustion of the ability to continue to pursue justice with the failure of the ADA Administrative Offices to respond effectively to the request for accommodations per Federal and Florida mandates, according to a letter dated October 28, 2010 by Dr. Karin Huffer, the Plaintiff's ADA coordinator. A copy of Dr. Huffer's letter accompanies this motion as Exhibit A.
- 5. This motion for stay should be granted because the Plaintiff will likely prevail on appeal. Major James Livingston, Commander of the Court Operations Division, provided Plaintiff a letter dated January 12, 2011 that supports his claim that Judge Cook falsified the Order finding Neil Gillespie in contempt and unlawfully denied him participation in the judicial process. A copy of the letter accompanies this motion as Exhibit B. The appeal will also show that Ryan Christopher Rodems is unlawfully representing his law firm against a former client in a matter that is the same or substantially the same as the prior representation. Most if not all the problems in this case are due to Mr. Rodems' unlawful behavior toward a former client whom he hates for suing his law firm.
- 6. Time is of the essence. Defendants' counsel Mr. Rodems unilaterally set for hearing without coordinating the time and date with Plaintiff, an Evidentiary Hearing on the Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt for May 3, 2011 at 11:30am. The Plaintiff filed a Notice of Unavailability April 16, 2011 that coincides with the

appeal process and runs through June 20, 2011. The Plaintiff requested that no appointments, mediations, conferences, hearings, depositions, depositions duces tecum, or other legal proceedings be scheduled during that time, or prior to June 20, 2011.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully moves the Court for an order granting a stay pending appeal of the "Order Adjudging Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie In Contempt".

RESPECTULLY SUBMITTED April 23, 2011.

Neil J. Gillespie, Plaintiff pro se

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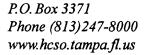
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# David Gee, Sheriff Jose Docobo, Chief Deputy

Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida 33601

January 12, 2011

Mr. Neil J. Gillespie 8092 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Loop Ocala, Florida 34481

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

In response to your letter dated November 13, 2010, I made contact with Deputy Christopher E. Brown concerning your request for an explanation regarding why he escorted you out of the courthouse on September 28, 2010 after a hearing with Judge Martha Cook. Deputy Brown advised that the Judge ordered you to leave after a disruption in the courtroom. He stated that he followed you to the front door as you exited the building without assistance. Other than the official records maintained by the Court, I am not aware of any other records related to the hearing before Judge Cook.

As we discussed on the telephone today, you expressed some concern over your personal safety while in the courthouse due to a disability and due to a potential threat from opposing counsel. Please let me know the date and time of your next visit to the courthouse and we will take action to help ensure a safe and orderly visit. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

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NEIL J.	GIL	LESPI	Έ,
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VS.

Plaintiff, CASE NO.: 05-CA-7205

BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., a Florida corporation; and WILLIAM J. COOK,

Defendants.		
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# AFFIDAVIT OF NEIL J. GILLESPIE

**DIVISION: J** 

Neil J. Gillespie, under oath, testifies as follows:

- 1. My name is Neil J. Gillespie, and I am over eighteen years of age. This affidavit is given on personal knowledge unless otherwise expressly stated. At all times pertinent I am a disabled adult as defined by, but not limited to, section 825.101(4), Florida Statutes, and as further described in documents in this lawsuit.
- 2. The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit ("Court") has jurisdiction of this lawsuit and responsibility under federal and state law for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA").
- 3. Plaintiff retained at his own expense Dr. Karin Huffer as his ADA program designer and advocate. Plaintiff applied to the Court February 19, 2010 for reasonable accommodation under the ADA. An ADA disability report was submitted by Dr. Huffer. Court Counsel David Rowland denied Plaintiff's ADA accommodation request.
- 4. Attorney Ryan Christopher Rodems is unlawfully representing his firm against Plaintiff, a former client, on a matter that is the same or substantially similar to the prior



representation, specifically their litigation with AMSCOT Corporation. ("AMSCOT"). Mr. Rodems knows about Plaintiff's disability from his firm's other representation of him on disability matters. Mr. Rodems separately commenced a counterclaim against Plaintiff for libel over his letter to AMSCOT about the prior litigation. AMSCOT's attorney Charles L. Stutts of Holland & Knight, LLP wrote Plaintiff February 13, 2007 that "This former action is, of course, at the heart of your pending action against Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A." A copy of Mr. Stutts' letter is attached as Exhibit A.

- 5. Since March 3, 2006 Mr. Rodems has directed, with malice aforethought, a course of harassing conduct toward Plaintiff that has aggravated his disability, caused substantial emotional distress, and serves no legitimate purpose, in violation of § 784.048, Florida Statutes. Mr. Rodems engaged in other abuse calculated to harm Plaintiff in violation of chapter 825, Florida Statutes, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults. Plaintiff was formerly represented by attorney Robert Bauer in this case. Mr. Bauer complained on the record about Mr. Rodems unprofessional behavior: "...Mr. Rodems has, you know, decided to take a full nuclear blast approach instead of us trying to work this out in a professional manner. It is my mistake for sitting back and giving him the opportunity to take this full blast attack." (Aug-14-08, transcript page 16, line 24).
- 6. This case was commenced August 11, 2005. There have been five trial court judges, four appeals to the 2dDCA, and a Petition for Writ of Prohibition. The problems in this case are due to Mr. Rodems unprofessional behavior. Rodems' independent professional judgment is materially limited by his own interest and conflict, as further

described in Emergency Motion to Disqualify Defendants' Counsel Ryan Christopher Rodems & Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA filed July 9, 2010.

- 7. Judge Martha Cook presided over this lawsuit from May 24, 2010 through November 18, 2010. While presiding over this case Judge Cook misused and denied the Plaintiff judicial process under the color of law. Plaintiff moved to disqualify Judge Cook five times, all of which were all denied. Plaintiff filed a Petition for Writ of Prohibition to remove Judge Cook November 18, 2010, Case No. 2D10-5529, Second District Court of Appeal. Judge Cook recused herself from the case the same day.
- 8. Because of the forgoing Plaintiff concluded that he could not obtain justice in this Court and commenced a Federal Civil Rights lawsuit, <u>Gillespie v. Thirteenth Judicial</u>

  <u>Circuit, Florida et. al</u>, Case No. 5:10-cv-503-oc-10-DAB, US District Court, Middle

  District of Florida, Ocala Division. Plaintiff lives in Ocala. The complaint was stamped

  FILED at 7:47 AM September 28, 2010 by the US District Court Clerk. Plaintiff planned to file the suit weeks earlier by was delayed by his worsening disability. A copy of the Clerk-stamped cover page of the complaint is attached as Exhibit B. Judge Cook is named as a Defendant in the lawsuit in her capacity as a judge and personally.
- 9. After filing the federal lawsuit described in the preceding paragraph, Plaintiff drove to the Court in Tampa for a 11:00 AM hearing before Judge Cook for a "Court-Ordered Hearing On Defendants' Motion For Final Summary Judgment". A second matter heard was a contempt on an alleged violation of the "Notice of Case Management Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions entered July 29, 2010.
- 10. When Plaintiff arrived in Tampa for the hearing before Judge Cook at 11:00 AM she was unaware of the Federal Civil Rights lawsuit against the Court and herself.

Plaintiff had a duty to inform Judge Cook of the lawsuit prior to the hearing, and did so by handing a copy of the complaint to Deputy Henderson prior to the hearing and asked him to give it to the judge in chambers. This was not for service of process, but to inform Judge Cook that she was a defendant in a lawsuit. Rule 3, FRCP, Commencement of Action, a civil action is commenced by filing a complaint with the court.

11. Deputy Henderson refused to take the complaint from Plaintiff, and he refused to hand it to Judge Cook in chambers. As such Plaintiff had no choice but to address the issue in open court as shown in the record. A transcript of the hearing shows the following: (Exhibit C, Transcript, Sep-28-10, pages 1-5; 19)

(Transcript, Sep-28-10, Defendants' Motion For Final Summary Judgment, Page 3)

- 16 MR. GILLESPIE: Your Honor, this morning I
- 17 filed a federal lawsuit against you. I have a
- 18 complaint here if you would like to read it. I
- 19 move to disqualify you.
- 20 THE COURT: Your motion to disqualify
- 21 based on a federal lawsuit is legally
- 22 insufficient and is denied.
- 23 Please continue with your Motion for
- 24 Summary Judgment.
- 25 MR. RODEMS: Thank you, Your Honor.

(Transcript, Sep-28-10, Defendants' Motion For Final Summary Judgment, Page 4)

- 1 MR. GILLESPIE: I move to disqualify you
- 2 on the basis that I have a financial
- 3 relationship with your husband.

- 4 THE COURT: All right. Your motion to
- 5 disqualify me on that basis is denied.
- 6 MR. GILLESPIE: I move to disqualify
- 7 you --
- 8 THE COURT: Sir --
- 9 MR. GILLESPIE: -- on the basis of an
- 10 affidavit that you made misrepresentations at
- 11 the last hearing about whether or not I was --
- 12 THE COURT: Sir, file a written motion.
- 13 I'm not going to allow you to disrupt these
- 14 proceedings again. The last proceedings you
- 15 feigned illness. You left this courtroom --
- 16 MR. GILLESPIE: No, I did not feign
- 17 illness.
- 18 THE COURT: Sir, if you interrupt me you
- 19 will be escorted out.
- 20 MR. GILLESPIE: Well, I'm leaving.
- 21 THE COURT: This is your last warning,
- 22 sir.
- 23 MR. GILLESPIE: I'm leaving.
- 24 THE COURT: All right, sir. Escort the
- 25 gentleman out. He's leaving. All right.

#### (Transcript, Sep-28-10, Defendants' Motion For Final Summary Judgment, Page 5)

- 1 Continue with your motion, please. The hearing
- 2 will continue.

- 3 MR. GILLESPIE: For the record, I'm
- 4 leaving because I didn't get my ADA
- 5 accommodation.
- 6 THE COURT: That's not true, sir.
- 7 MR. GILLESPIE: I'm leaving the federal
- 8 lawsuit on this table for you.
- 9 THE COURT: You must go, sir. It's not
- 10 proper service. Leave.
- 11 (THEREUPON, Mr. Gillespie exited the courtroom)
- 12 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 13 MR. RODEMS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 12. The transcript of the hearing shows Judge Cook ordered Plaintiff removed prior to any discussion of Defendants' Motion For Final Summary Judgment. Plaintiff was escorted out of the courthouse by the bailiff, Deputy Christopher E. Brown, of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO). The transcript shows Judge Cook cut Plaintiff the first two times he attempted to say "I'm leaving the federal lawsuit on the table for you" (page 4, lines 20 and 23; Page 5 lines 7 and 8). The hearing continued without Plaintiff and he had no representation.
- 13. Later during the hearing September 28, 2010 Judge Cook announced on the record that Plaintiff "elected" to leave the hearing voluntarily:

(Transcript, Sep-28-10, Defendants' Motion For Final Summary Judgment, Page 19)

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FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Dated this 25th day of April 2011.

MEIL J. GILLESPIE

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MARION

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority authorized to take oaths and acknowledgments in the State of Florida, personally appeared NEIL J. GILLESPIE, known to me, who, after having first been duly sworn, deposes and says that the above matters contained in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 25th day of April 2011.

CECILIA ROSENBERGER
Commission DD 781620
Expires June 6, 2012
Bonded Thru Troy Fain Insurance 800-385-7019

Notary Public
State of Florida



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February 13, 2007

### **VIA FEDEX**

Neil J. Gillespie 8092 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Loop Ocala, FL 34481

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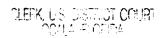
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cc: Ian MacKechnie



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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA OCALA DIVISION



NEIL J. GILLESPIE.

CASE NO .: 5:10-CV-503-0C-10-DAB

Plaintiff.

vs. DE

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

THIRTEENTH JUDICAL CIRCUIT. FLORIDA, GONZALO B. CASARES, ADA Coordinator. and individually, DAVID A. ROWLAND, Court Counsel, and individually, CLAUDIA RICKERT ISOM, Circuit Court Judge, and individually, JAMES M. BARTON, II, Circuit Court Judge, and individually, MARTHA J. COOK, Circuit Court Judge, and individually,

BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., RYAN CHRISTOPHER RODEMS,

THE LAW OFFICE OF ROBERT W. BAUER, P.A., ROBERT W. BAUER,

Defendants.

# COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Plaintiff pro se NEIL J. GILLESPIE sues the Defendants and alleges as follows:

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This lawsuit arises under the Americans With Disabilities Act ("ADA"), 42 U.S.C., Chapter 126, Equal Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities, Subchapter II. Public Services, Part A, §§ 12131 - 12134, Subchapter III. Public Accommodations and Services Operated by Private Entities, §§ 12181 - 12189, Subchapter IV, §§12201 - 12213, including the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) updates. Plaintiff also



EXHIBIT B

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL LAW DIVISION CASE NO. 05-CA-007205

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NEIL J. GILLESPIE,

Plaintiff,

and

BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A. A Florida Corporation, and WILLIAM J. COOK,

Defendants.

BEFORE:

THE HONORABLE MARTHA J. COOK

PLACE:

Hillsborough County Courthouse

800 East Twiggs Street Tampa, Florida 33602

DATE:

September 28, 2010

TIME:

11:04 a.m. - 11:28 a.m.

REPORTED BY: Robbie E. Darling Court Reporter

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR FINAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT; CORRECTED TRANSCRIPT

Pages 1 - 26

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DEMPSTER, BERRYHILL & ASSOCIATES 1875 NORTH BELCHER ROAD, SUITE 102 CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33765 (727) 725-9157

> ORIGINAL EXHIBIT

# **APPEARANCES**

RYAN CHRISTOPHER RODEMS, ESQUIRE

Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100 Tampa, Florida 33602

Attorney for Defendants

NEIL GILLESPIE Pro Se

1 PROCEEDINGS 2 THE COURT: Good morning, folks. All I believe we're here today on a Motion for Final Summary Judgment -- or, Motion for Summary Judgment filed by the defendant; is that correct? MR. RODEMS: Yes, Your Honor. There is two other matters as well. 9 THE COURT: Well, let's address the one 10 that has been scheduled first, which is the Motion for Summary Judgment. 12 MR. GILLESPIE: Your Honor --13 THE COURT: Please be seated. Folks, you 14 don't need to stand to argue. Both of you. Please be seated. 16 MR. GILLESPIE: Your Honor, this morning I 17 filed a federal lawsuit against you. I have a 18 complaint here if you would like to read it. I move to disqualify you. 20 THE COURT: Your motion to disqualify 21 based on a federal lawsuit is legally 22 insufficient and is denied. 23 Please continue with your Motion for

MR. RODEMS: Thank you, Your Honor.

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Summary Judgment.

1 MR. GILLESPIE: I move to disqualify you 2 on the basis that I have a financial 3 relationship with your husband. THE COURT: All right. Your motion to disqualify me on that basis is denied. MR. GILLESPIE: I move to disqualify 7 you --THE COURT: Sir --MR. GILLESPIE: -- on the basis of an 10 affidavit that you made misrepresentations at 11 the last hearing about whether or not I was --12 THE COURT: Sir, file a written motion. 13 I'm not going to allow you to disrupt these 14 proceedings again. The last proceedings you 15 feigned illness. You left this courtroom --16 MR. GILLESPIE: No, I did not feign 17 illness. 18 THE COURT: Sir, if you interrupt me you 19 will be escorted out. 20 MR. GILLESPIE: Well, I'm leaving. 21 THE COURT: This is your last warning, 22 sir. 23 MR. GILLESPIE: I'm leaving. 24 THE COURT: All right, sir. Escort the

gentleman out. He's leaving. All right.

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- 1 Continue with your motion, please. The hearing
- will continue.
- MR. GILLESPIE: For the record, I'm
- 4 leaving because I didn't get my ADA
- 5 accommodation.
- 6 THE COURT: That's not true, sir.
- 7 MR. GILLESPIE: I'm leaving the federal
- 8 lawsuit on this table for you.
- 9 THE COURT: You must go, sir. It's not
- proper service. Leave.
- 11 (THEREUPON, Mr. Gillespie exited the courtroom)
- 12 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- MR. RODEMS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- The plaintiff filed a two-count complaint
- against the two defendants; Barker, Rodems and
- 16 Cook and Cook. Count One alleged breech of
- contract, Count Two alleged fraud.
- By orders dated November 28th, 2007 and
- July 7th, 2008 the Court granted judgment in
- 20 favor of Cook on both counts and for Defendant
- 21 BRC on the fraud count. The only count
- remaining by plaintiff against Defendant BRC is
- for Breech of Contract against BRC, and we're
- 24 moving for Summary Judgment.
- The following facts that are in my motion

- 1 THE COURT: This can be mailed, and I
- believe you can give this back to counsel.
- There were only two conformed copies, one for
- Mr. Gillespie -- all right.
- 5 You can make a record. I did have your
- 6 motion, it was noticed for today. As you know,
- 7 this is a Motion for an Order of Contempt and
- 8 Writ of Bodily Attachment. And let the record
- 9 reflect that Mr. Gillespie elected to leave
- 10 even though he was advised that the hearing
- would continue in his absence. You have
- noticed him for deposition, you indicate,
- 13 several times?
- MR. RODEMS: Yes, Your Honor. Prior to
- the order of July 29th, 2010 we noticed
- Mr. Gillespie twice for deposition, and both
- times he failed to appear.
- 18 The second -- and this is all reflected in
- 19 the motion. On the second occasion he did file
- some sort of motion for protection, but he
- 21 never made any effort to have it heard or
- 22 anything.
- So, when the Court entered the order on
- July 29th, 2010 denying his Motion for Order of
- 25 Protection the Court was fairly clear that

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION

**NEIL J. GILLESPIE,** 

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vs.

Case No.:

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**Division:** 

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BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., a Florida corporation; and WILLIAM J. COOK,

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#### ORDER ADJUDGING PLAINTIFF NEIL J. GILLESPIE IN CONTEMPT

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, on Defendants' Motion for an Order of Contempt and Writ of Bodily Attachment, and the proceedings having been read and considered and counsel having been heard, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the Court finds and concludes that Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie has wilfully and with contumacious disregard violated the Court's Notice of Case Management Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions entered July 29, 2010 by refusing to appear for a duly noticed deposition on September 3, 2010.

On July 29, 2010, the Court entered the Notice of Case Management Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions, which stated: "The Plaintiff's 'Motion for Order of Protection,' (no date provided in Judge Barton's order) renewed in his 'Motion to Cancel Deposition' (6-16-10) is DENIED. The Plaintiff has repeatedly been the subject of Motions to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior to this motion being heard, the Court heard Defendants' motion for summary judgment. During that hearing, Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie voluntarily left the hearing and did not return.

Compel by the Defendants during the course of these proceedings, and has ignored Court orders requiring his participation. The Court will not accept these or any further attempts by the Plaintiff to avoid the Defendant's right to discovery in this case and to bring this matter to a close.

Non-compliance with the Court's orders is grounds for dismissal of the Plaintiff's remaining count with prejudice." (Notice of Case Management Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions, ¶8).

The record shows that Plaintiff previously failed to appear for two properly noticed depositions. Defendants served a notice of deposition on October 13, 2009, scheduling Plaintiff's deposition on December 15, 2009. On June 1, 2010, Defendants served another notice of deposition, scheduling Plaintiff's deposition on June 18, 2010. While Plaintiff served "Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel Deposition Duces Tecum June 18, 2010 and for an Order of Protection" on June 14, 2010, he did not attempt to have it heard before the deposition, and did not appear at the deposition.<sup>2</sup>

After the Court's Order entered July 29, 2010, Defendants served a notice of deposition on August 17, 2010, scheduling the deposition for September 3, 2010. Plaintiff did not respond until September 3, 2010, asserting that he would not be attending the deposition for three reasons: First, Plaintiff asserted that "[t]he court has not responded to nor provided accommodations requested under the Americans with disabilities Act . . .." Second, he asserted that "the Oath of Office for judges in this matter [] are not legally sufficient, calling into question rulings in this matter." Finally, Plaintiff again asserted that Defendants' counsel's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As stated above, on July 29, 2010, this Court entered the Notice of Case Management Status and Orders on Outstanding Res Judicata Motions, denying the Plaintiff's motions for protection from being deposed.

representation of Defendants is "unlawful." Defendants contend that each of these reasons is either specious or has been expressly rejected by the Court. The Court agrees. Based on these findings

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Plaintiff Neil J. Gillespie is guilty of contempt of this Court for failing to appear for deposition on September 3, 2010 and he will continue to be guilty of contempt unless and until the Plaintiff is deposed in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall submit to a deposition in Tampa, Florida, within 45 days. Plaintiff is directed to propose to Defendants' counsel, in writing, three dates on which his deposition may be taken on or before November 12, 2010.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff violates this Order by failing to submit to a deposition on or before November 12, 2010, then the Court will enter an Order to Show Cause requiring Plaintiff's appearance before the Court, and the Court will consider appropriate sanctions.

The Court retains jurisdiction to impose additional sanctions, as necessary, and to tax attorneys' fees and costs.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers this (3) day of September, 2010.

Muta J. Cook

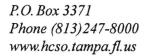
Circuit Judge

Copies to:

Mr. Neil J. Gillespie, pro se

Ryan Christopher Rodems, Esquire (Counsel for Defendants)

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOPOUGH) THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE DOCUMENT ON FILE IN





## David Gee, Sheriff Jose Docobo, Chief Deputy

Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida 33601

January 12, 2011

Mr. Neil J. Gillespie 8092 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Loop Ocala, Florida 34481

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

In response to your letter dated November 13, 2010, I made contact with Deputy Christopher E. Brown concerning your request for an explanation regarding why he escorted you out of the courthouse on September 28, 2010 after a hearing with Judge Martha Cook. Deputy Brown advised that the Judge ordered you to leave after a disruption in the courtroom. He stated that he followed you to the front door as you exited the building without assistance. Other than the official records maintained by the Court, I am not aware of any other records related to the hearing before Judge Cook.

As we discussed on the telephone today, you expressed some concern over your personal safety while in the courthouse due to a disability and due to a potential threat from opposing counsel. Please let me know the date and time of your next visit to the courthouse and we will take action to help ensure a safe and orderly visit. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

James P. Livingston, Major Court Operations Division

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The record of his ADAAA accommodations requests clearly shows that his well-documented disabilities are now becoming more stress-related and marked by depression and other serious symptoms that affect what he can do and how he can do it  $\tilde{n}$  particularly under stress. Purposeful exacerbation of his symptoms and the resulting harm is, without a doubt, a strategy of attrition mixed with incompetence at the ADA Administrative level of these courts. I am prepared to stand by that statement as an observer for more than two years.



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#### <u>VIA US CERTIFIED MAIL, RRR</u> Article No.: 7010 0780 0000 8981 6467

April 21, 2011

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Disability Rights - NYAV Washington, D.C. 20530

#### Dear DOJ Civil Rights Division:

Please find enclosed a complaint under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Discrimination Complaint Form, OMB No. 1190-0009, related to my lawsuit in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Florida, <u>Gillespie v Barker, Rodems & Cook, et. al</u>, Case No. 05-CA-007205, Circuit Civil Division.

Also enclosed are the following supporting documents:

- 1. ADA Report by Karin Huffer to Gonzalo B. Casares, ADA Coordinator for the 13th Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, Florida. Dr. Huffer is my ADA advocate.
- 2. Letter of Dr. Karin Huffer, October 28, 2010.
- 3. ADA Request for Accommodation by Persons with Disabilities to the 13th Judicial Circuit by Neil J. Gillespie.
- 4. Federal lawsuit complaint, <u>Gillespie v. Thirteenth Judicial Circuit</u>, et. al, Case No. 5:10-cv-503-oc-10DAB, US District Court, Middle District of Florida, Ocala Division, filed September 28, 2010.
- 5. Notice of Claim against the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit pursuant to § 768.28(6)(a) Fla. Stat.

Sincerely,

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8092 SW 115th Loop Ocala, Florida 34481

Telephone: (352) 854-7807

cc: Dr. Karin Huffer

**Enclosures** 

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Disability Rights Section

OMB No. 1190-0009

## Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Discrimination Complaint Form

Instructions: Please fill out this form completely, in black ink or type. Sign and return to the address on page 3.

Complainant: Neil J. Gillespie
Address: 8092 Sw 115 th Loop
City, State and Zip Code: OcalA, Florida 34481
Telephone: Home:
Business:
Person Discriminated Against: (if other than the complainant)
Address:
City, State, and Zip Code:
Telephone: Home:
Business:
Government, or organization, or institution which you believe has discriminated:
Name: Thir Teenth Judicial Circuit, Florida

Address: 800 E. Twiggs Street
County: Hills borough
City: TAMPA
State and Zip Code: Florida 33602
Telephone Number: (813) 272 - 6843
When did the discrimination occur? Date: 2006-2011
Describe the acts of discrimination providing the name(s) where possible of the individuals who discriminated (use space on page 3 if necessary):
See the accompanying Letter From DR KARIN HUFFER, MY  ADA Advocate
Have efforts been made to resolve this complaint through the internal grievance procedure of the government, organization, or institution?
YesNo
If yes: what is the status of the grievance?
Has the complaint been filed with another bureau of the Department of Justice or any other Federal, State, or local civil rights agency or court?
Yes_V_No
Agency or Court: US District Court, Middle District Florice Ocala Division
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Contact Person: US DISTRICT Judge William Teppell Hodges
Address: 207 NW Second Street
City, State, and Zip Code: OCAlA, Florida, 34475
Telephone Number: (352) 369-4860
Date Filed: September 28, 2010
Do you intend to file with another agency or court?  Yes No
Agency or Court:
Address:
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Additional space for answers:
A Related complaint was made to Mark J. KAPPelhoff, Section
Chief, US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Divisory, CRIMINA!
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cannot be unrung. He is left with permanent secondary wounds.

Additionally, Neil Gillespie faces risk to his life and health and exhaustion of the ability to continue to pursue justice with the failure of the ADA Administrative Offices to respond effectively to the request for accommodations per Federal and Florida mandates. It seems that the ADA Administrative offices that I have appealed to ignore his requests for reasonable accommodations, including a response in writing. It is against my medical advice for Neil Gillespie to continue the traditional legal path without properly being accommodated. It would be like sending a vulnerable human being into a field of bullies to sort out a legal problem.

I am accustomed to working nationally with courts of law as a public service. I agree that our courts must adhere to strict rules. However, they must be flexible when it comes to ADAAA Accommodations preserving the mandates of this federal law Under Title II of the ADA. While ipublic entities are not required to create new programs that provide heretofore unprovided services to assist disabled persons.î (*Townsend v. Quasim* (9th Cir. 2003) 328 F.3d 511, 518) they are bound under ADAAA as a ministerial/administrative duty to approve any reasonable accommodation even in cases merely iregardedî as having a disability with no formal diagnosis.

The United States Department of Justice Technical Assistance Manual adopted by Florida also provides instructive guidance: "The ADA provides for equality of opportunity, but does not guarantee equality of results. The foundation of many of the specific requirements in the Department's regulations is the principle that individuals with disabilities must be provided an equally effective opportunity to participate in or benefit from a public entity's aids, benefits, and services.î (U.S. Dept. of Justice, Title II, *Technical Assistance Manual* (1993) ß II-3.3000.) A successful ADA claim does not require iexcruciating details as to how the plaintiff's capabilities have been affected by the impairment,î even at the summary judgment stage. *Gillen v. Fallon Ambulance Serv.*, *Inc.*, 283 F.3d. My organization follows these guidelines maintaining a firm, focused and limited stance for equality of participatory and testimonial access. That is what has been denied Neil Gillespie.

The record of his ADAAA accommodations requests clearly shows that his well-documented disabilities are now becoming more stress-related and marked by depression and other serious symptoms that affect what he can do and how he can do it  $\tilde{n}$  particularly under stress. Purposeful exacerbation of his symptoms and the resulting harm is, without a doubt, a strategy of attrition mixed with incompetence at the ADA Administrative level of these courts. I am prepared to stand by that statement as an observer for more than two years.