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CAUSE NO. 141-307474-19

4	VICTOR MIGNOGNA,	X	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
		X	
5	Plaintiff,	X	
		X	
6	VS.	X	141ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
		X	
7	MONICA RIAL, RONALD	X	
	TOYE and FUNIMATION	X	
8	PRODUCTIONS, LLC	X	
		X	
9	Defendants.	X	TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

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HEARING

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 17th day of
 September, 2019, the following proceedings came on to
 be heard in the above-entitled and -numbered cause
 before the Honorable John P. Chupp, judge presiding,
 held in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 1:30 p.m.)

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THE COURT: I have handed all counsel of record some documents that were sent to me by the Sheriff's Department. And, like I said, I want y'all to be aware that this is out there, if you're not aware of it.

I don't know if there is any potential threats to you as lawyers or your clients, but I think you need to be aware of it.

I think there is a community out there, obviously, that is interested in this case. I think it might be -- I mean, this isn't a TV show. This is real life stuff. This isn't an anime cartoon or something like that, and I don't know if people can distinguish between the two.

So what I'm trying to say is I think y'all may owe a duty to this community, since y'all's clients are a part of it, to try to get this case worked out.

Is anybody opposed to trying to get this case worked out?

Y'all can speak. She's typing.

MR. BEARD: No, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Okay. There is a lawyer in
2 town that handles some -- he handles some mediations
3 that are a little more sensitive and deal with other
4 issues other than just legal issues. I think this
5 case deals with things other than legal issues,
6 obviously, because people are invested in it, for some
7 reason. His name is David Seidler.

8 So I'm going to order you to go see
9 David Seidler. I'll give you the information. And
10 you need to do it before October 3rd, because I still
11 have to rule on the rest of the motions by October
12 6th, I believe, or 5th.

13 The 3rd is a Thursday, so that will
14 allow me to rule on Friday if y'all don't get this
15 worked out.

16 Is everybody still here? I mean, I
17 don't remember who represents who. Who do you
18 represent?

19 MR. LEMOINE: Monica Rial and Ron Toye.

20 THE COURT: And you are?

21 MR. VOLNEY: I'm Funimation, Your
22 Honor.

23 THE COURT: You're Funimation, okay.

24 MR. JOHNSON: I'm Jamie Marchi, Your
25 Honor.

1 THE COURT: And you're Jamie Marchi,
2 okay.

3 Okay. So y'all need to call David
4 Seidler, set up something with him. Where are your
5 offices?

6 MR. VOLNEY: I'm in Dallas. He's in
7 Plano.

8 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Plano.

9 THE COURT: Okay. He might drive
10 somewhere. I don't know. Because y'all are coming
11 from Tyler, right?

12 MR. BEARD: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Okay. He might meet y'all
14 somewhere in Dallas. I don't know. If that makes it
15 easier on you, you might ask him that.

16 He's -- well, his address is not on
17 here, but he's downtown.

18 So here's an order, if you want to each
19 get a copy, come on up.

20 But, again, just make sure your clients
21 are aware that this stuff is going on, and I don't
22 want them to get hurt, or you guys to get hurt,
23 either, obviously. So just be aware of your
24 surroundings.

25 MR. JOHNSON: And, Your Honor, if I

1 may. This includes Jamie Marchi? The Court ruled to
2 dismiss all of the claims against her. I just want to
3 make sure that --

4 THE COURT: I mean, I think she should
5 show up, because there's no guarantee you're not going
6 to be back here in three months on an appeal.

7 MR. JOHNSON: I agree. The reason I
8 asked, I have a vacation letter for next week on file,
9 so just -- that was why I was asking.

10 THE COURT: Well, somebody with
11 settlement authority is all I'm asking for, so what --
12 what law firm are you with?

13 MR. JOHNSON: I have my own firm, Your
14 Honor.

15 THE COURT: Oh, you do, okay.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, but I have other
17 counsel that works for us.

18 THE COURT: Based upon her standing in
19 the case, she may be in better position than some,
20 but, I mean, I think if it happens to work out, you
21 can do it by phone, I don't care.

22 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.

23 THE COURT: If you need to, or have
24 somebody else there to be available or something.

25 MR. JOHNSON: And I'll be back before

1 the 3rd.

2 THE COURT: See what y'all can work
3 out.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: I mean, there's no telling
6 what the appellate court is going to do.

7 MR. JOHNSON: Right.

8 THE COURT: I rule on stuff, and
9 sometimes they side with me and sometimes they don't.
10 And that's just the way it goes. I don't take it
11 personally. That's just -- they may have different
12 feelings on stuff.

13 But before I rule on the rest of it,
14 I'd rather you try to get this worked out. I think
15 y'all have the opportunity to heal the community by
16 doing something that y'all can all agree on, as
17 opposed to having me do something, and then y'all
18 having to appeal it, and go through all that process,
19 and it just comes back here again. I mean, this could
20 go on years.

21 I'd rather just, obviously, see the
22 community of anime get healed and move on and do what
23 you need to do.

24 So that's all I needed. I just wanted
25 to tell y'all in person, because I thought it was

1 rather serious with regards to -- and I don't know
2 what all is out there. That's just what I given. And
3 so there could be much more than that. I don't know.
4 But just watch your back.

5 MR. BULLOCK: Thank you, Judge.

6 MR. VOLNEY: Thank you.

7 THE COURT: All right. Y'all have a
8 good day.

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2 THE STATE OF TEXAS X

3 COUNTY OF TARRANT X

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21 preparation of this reporter's record of the
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