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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (Western Division - Los Angeles)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:18-cv-05052-SJO-FFM

Stephanie Clifford v. Keith Davidson et al
Assigned to: Judge S. James Otero
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Frederick F. Mumm
Demand: \$100,000
Related Case: [2:18-cv-02217-SJO-FFM](#)
Cause: 28:1441 Notice of Removal - Property Damage

Date Filed: 06/07/2018
Date Terminated: 08/02/2018
Jury Demand: Defendant
Nature of Suit: 380 Personal Property: Other
Jurisdiction: Diversity

Plaintiff

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an individual
also known as
Stormy Daniels

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Defendant

DOES

1 through 10, inclusive

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Cross Defendant

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Cross Defendant

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Cross Defendant

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Cross Defendant

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1-10, inclusive

Cross Defendant

Michael D. Cohen

Cross Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/07/2018	<u>1</u>	NOTICE OF REMOVAL from Los Angeles, case number SC129384 Receipt No: 0973-21885105 - Fee: \$400, filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2) (Attorney Brent H Blakely added to party Michael Cohen(pty:dft))(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
06/07/2018	<u>2</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
06/07/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Interested Parties filed by Defendant Michael Cohen, (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
06/07/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Related Case(s) filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. Related Case(s): 2:18-CV-02217-SJO-FFM (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2)(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
06/07/2018	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Notice of Removal (Attorney Civil Case Opening), <u>1</u> <i>Answer to Complaint filed by Stephanie Clifford</i> filed by Pro Se Attorney Keith Davidson.(Attorney Keith M Davidson added to party Keith Davidson(pty:dft))(Davidson, Keith) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
06/07/2018	<u>6</u>	COUNTERCLAIM against Cross Defendants Avenatti Michael, Clifford Stephanie, Avenatti & Associates, PC, Eagan Avenatti, LLP; Yes, filed by Pro Se Attorney Keith Davidson.(Davidson, Keith) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
06/07/2018	<u>7</u>	CROSSCLAIM against Cross Defendant Michael Cohen; Yes, filed by Crossclaimant Keith Davidson.(Davidson, Keith) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
06/07/2018	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Interested Parties filed by Defendant, Counter Claimant, Cross Claimant Keith Davidson, (Davidson, Keith) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
06/08/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT to District Judge Ronald S. W. Lew and Magistrate Judge Alka Sagar. (jtil) (Entered: 06/08/2018)
06/08/2018	<u>10</u>	NOTICE TO PARTIES OF COURT-DIRECTED ADR PROGRAM filed. (jtil) (Entered: 06/08/2018)
06/15/2018	<u>11</u>	ORDER RE TRANSFER PURSUANT TO GENERAL ORDER 16-05-Related Case-filed. Related Case No: 2:18-cv-02217 SJO(FFMx). Case transferred from Judge Ronald S.W. Lew and Magistrate Judge Alka Sagar to Judge S. James Otero and Magistrate Judge Frederick F. Mumm for all further proceedings. The case number will now reflect the initials of the transferee Judge 2:18-cv-05052 SJO(FFMx). Signed by Judge S. James Otero (rn) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
06/15/2018	<u>12</u>	INITIAL STANDING ORDER upon filing of the complaint by Judge S. James Otero. (pso) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
06/18/2018	<u>13</u>	ORDER SETTING MANDATORY SCHEDULING CONFERENCE by Judge S. James Otero. Rule 26 Meeting Report due by 8/20/2018. Scheduling Conference set for 9/4/2018

		at 08:30 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (vcr) (Entered: 06/18/2018)
06/18/2018	14	NOTICE Notice of Scheduling Conference filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 06/18/2018)
06/22/2018	15	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Remand Case to Los Angeles Superior Court filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. Motion set for hearing on 7/23/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum, # 2 Declaration, # 3 Proposed Order) (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 06/22/2018)
07/02/2018	16	MINUTE ORDER IN CHAMBERS by Judge S. James Otero: Plaintiff is hereby ordered to show cause in writing by not later then July 9, 2018 why this action should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution as to defendant Michael Cohen. The court will consider the filing of the following as an appropriate response to this Order to Show Cause, on or before the above date: Answer by the Defendant(s) or Plaintiff's request for entry of default. No argument of this matter will be heard unless ordered by the court. The Order will stand submitted upon the filing of the response to the Order to Show Cause. Failure to respond to the court's Order may result in the dismissal of the action. (lc) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/02/2018	17	ANSWER to Counterclaim 6 filed by Counter-Defendants Michael Avenatti, Avenatti and Associates, A Professional Corporation, Stephanie Clifford, Eagan Avenatti, LLP.(Attorney Michael J Avenatti added to party Michael Avenatti(pty:crd), Attorney Michael J Avenatti added to party Avenatti and Associates, A Professional Corporation(pty:crd), Attorney Michael J Avenatti added to party Stephanie Clifford(pty:crd), Attorney Michael J Avenatti added to party Eagan Avenatti, LLP(pty:crd))(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/02/2018	18	OPPOSITION re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Remand Case to Los Angeles Superior Court 15 filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Attachments: # 1 Request For Judicial Notice)(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/02/2018	19	ANSWER to Notice of Removal (Attorney Civil Case Opening), 1 <i>Answer to Complaint filed by Stephanie Clifford</i> filed by Defendant Michael Cohen.(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/02/2018	20	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents RE: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Remand Case to Los Angeles Superior Court 15 . The following error(s) was/were found: Case number is incorrect or missing. Other error(s) with document(s): Incorrect Judge initials as RSWL. Case reassigned 6/15/18: Case number to read correctly as 2:18-cv-05052 SJO-FFM. Clerk notes hearing was set correctly before Judge Otero. In response to this notice, the Court may: (1) order an amended or correct document to be filed; (2) order the document stricken; or (3) take other action as the Court deems appropriate. You need not take any action in response to this notice unless and until the Court directs you to do so. (lc) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/02/2018	21	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents RE: Stephanie Clifford., Michael Avenatti, Avenatti & Associates, a Professional Corporation, and Eagan Avenatti, LLP Answer to Counterclaim., 17 . The following error(s) was/were found: Case number is incorrect or missing. Local Rule 7.1-1 No Notice of Interested Parties and/or no copies. Other error(s) with document(s): Wrong Judge initials. Case reassigned 6/15/18. Case number to read correctly as: 2:18-cv-05052 SJO-FFM. In response to this notice, the Court may: (1) order an amended or correct document to be filed; (2) order the document stricken; or (3) take other action as the Court deems appropriate. You need not take any action in response to this notice unless and until the Court directs you to do so. (lc) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/02/2018	22	NOTICE of Interested Parties filed by Defendant Michael Cohen, (Blakely, Brent)

		(Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/02/2018	23	NOTICE of Interested Parties filed by Cross-Defendants Michael Avenatti, Avenatti and Associates, A Professional Corporation, Stephanie Clifford, Eagan Avenatti, LLP, (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/03/2018	24	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. Motion set for hearing on 8/6/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Jessica C. Covington, # 2 Proposed Order) (Attorney Jessica C Covington added to party Michael Cohen(pty:dft)) (Covington, Jessica) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/09/2018	25	REPLY In Support of Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford's Motion to Remand NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Remand Case to Los Angeles Superior Court 15 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Ahmed Ibrahim, # 2 Exhibit 1-2)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
07/09/2018	26	MEMORANDUM in Support of <i>Special Motion to Strike</i> filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum, # 2 Declaration, # 3 Proposed Order)(Blakely, Brent) Modified on 7/26/2018 (lc). (STRICKEN PER 7/26/18 COURT'S G112B RESPONSE) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
07/09/2018	27	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
07/09/2018	28	MEMORANDUM in Support of <i>Motion to Stay</i> filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Brent H. Blakely, # 2 Proposed Order)(Blakely, Brent) Modified on 7/26/2018 (lc).(STRICKEN PER 7/26/18 COURT'S G112B RESPONSE) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
07/09/2018	29	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
07/11/2018	30	SCHEDULING NOTICE by Judge S. James Otero. The Court finds the following motion suitable for disposition without oral argument and vacates the hearing on the MOTION to Remand Case to Los Angeles Superior Court filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford [ECF #15], set for July 23, 2018. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 78(b). No appearance is required. The briefing schedule remains as set by Local Rule. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (vcr) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/16/2018	31	MEMORANDUM of Points and Authorities in Opposition filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. <i>TO DEFENDANT MICHAEL COHEN'S MOTION FOR STAY OF THIS ACTION</i> Re: Memorandum in Support of Motion 28 (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti, # 2 Exhibit)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/16/2018	32	MEMORANDUM in Opposition to NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction 24 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti, # 2 Exhibit 1)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/16/2018	33	MEMORANDUM of Points and Authorities in Opposition filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. <i>to Defendant Michael Cohen's Motion to Strike</i> Re: Memorandum in Support of Motion 26 (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Stephanie Clifford, # 2 Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti, # 3 Exhibit 1-2)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/23/2018	34	REPLY In Support of NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction 24 filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Covington, Jessica) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
07/23/2018	35	REPLY BRIEF RE SPECIAL MOTION TO STRIKE filed by Defendant Michael Cohen.

		(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
07/23/2018	36	<i>EVIDENTIARY OBJECTIONS TO THE DECLARATION OF MICHAEL AVENATTI FILED IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT MICHAEL COHENS SPECIAL MOTION TO STRIKE</i> (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
07/23/2018	37	REPLY IN SUPPORT OF A STAY OF THIS ACTION filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Michael Cohen)(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
07/24/2018	38	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents RE: Defendant Michael Cohen Memorandum in Support of Motion 26 . The following error(s) was/were found: Incorrect event selected. Correct event to be used is: Motion : Strike. Other error(s) with document(s): Correct event to be used is: Motion : Strike. Other error(s) with document(s): Clerk inadvertently did not find the error until this date. No motion was set on Judge's Motion Calendar for August 6 2018, 10:00 AM. However other parties have been responding to the filing. In response to this notice, the Court may: (1) order an amended or correct document to be filed; (2) order the document stricken; or (3) take other action as the Court deems appropriate. You need not take any action in response to this notice unless and until the Court directs you to do so. (lc) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/25/2018	39	SCHEDULING NOTICE by Judge S. James Otero. The Court finds the following motion suitable for disposition without oral argument and vacates the hearing on the MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. [ECF #24], set for August 6, 2018. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 78(b). No appearance is required. The briefing schedule remains as set by Local Rule. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (vcr) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 07/25/2018)
07/26/2018	40	<i>Request for Approval of Substitution of Counsel</i> (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Berra, Paul) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/26/2018	41	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents RE: Michael Cohen Memorandum in Support of Motion 28 . The following error(s) was/were found: Hearing information is missing, incorrect, or not timely. Incorrect event selected. Correct event to be used is: Motion: Stay Case. Other error(s) with document(s): Clerk inadvertently did not find the error until this date. No motion was set on Judge's Motion Calendar for August 6 2018, 10:00 AM. However other parties have been responding to the filing.. In response to this notice, the Court may: (1) order an amended or correct document to be filed; (2) order the document stricken; or (3) take other action as the Court deems appropriate. You need not take any action in response to this notice unless and until the Court directs you to do so. (lc) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/26/2018	42	INITIAL STANDING ORDER upon filing of the complaint by Judge S. James Otero. (vcr) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/26/2018	43	RESPONSE BY THE COURT TO NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES IN ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOCUMENTS RE: Memorandum in Support of Motion 26 28 by Clerk of Court. The document is stricken and counsel is ordered to file an amended or corrected document by 7/30/18. (lc) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/27/2018	44	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents RE: Miscellaneous Document 40 . The following error(s) was/were found: Incorrect event selected. Correct event to be used is: Request: Substitute Attorney (G-01). Other error(s) with document(s): filer failed to link to party (entry only shows attorney); To assist in a search for correct events, please use the "SEARCH" option for a "key word. In response to this notice, the Court may: (1) order an amended or correct document to be filed; (2) order the document stricken; or (3) take other action as the Court deems appropriate. You need

		not take any action in response to this notice unless and until the Court directs you to do so. (lc) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
07/27/2018	45	Corrected NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO DISMISS (FRCP 12(b)(6)) PLAINTIFFS AIDING AND ABETTING CLAIM AGAINST COHEN filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. Motion set for hearing on 8/27/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum Points & Authorities, # 2 Declaration Brent H. Blakely, # 3 Proposed Order) (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
07/27/2018	46	Corrected NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Stay Case filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. Motion set for hearing on 8/27/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Brent H. Blakely, # 2 Proposed Order) (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
07/27/2018	47	ORDER ON REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTION of Attorney Paul S Berra in place and instead of defendant and cross claimant Keith M Davidson in pro per by Judge S. James Otero (lc) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
08/02/2018	49	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO REMAND [Docket No. 15] by Judge S. James Otero: For the foregoing reasons, the Court GRANTS Plaintiff's Motion to Remand. IT IS SO ORDERED. (See minute for further details) 15 MOTION to Remand Case to State Court Case Remanded to SC129384. MD JS-6. Case Terminated. (yl) (Entered: 08/03/2018)
08/03/2018	50	TRANSMITTAL of documents to Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles. A certified copy of the order of remand and a copy of the docket sheet from this court was sent to Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles. (yl) (Entered: 08/03/2018)

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