

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (Western Division - Los Angeles)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:18-cv-06893-SJO-FFM**

Stephanie Clifford v. Donald J. Trump
Assigned to: Judge S. James Otero
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Frederick F. Mumm
Related Case: [2:18-cv-02217-SJO-FFM](#)
Case in other court: 18-56351
New York Southern, 1:18-cv-03842
Cause: 28:1332 Diversity-Libel,Assault,Slander

Date Filed: 08/10/2018
Date Terminated: 10/15/2018
Jury Demand: Plaintiff
Nature of Suit: 320 Assault Libel & Slander
Jurisdiction: Diversity

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/30/2018	1	COMPLAINT against Donald J. Trump. (Filing Fee \$ 400.00, Receipt Number 0208-15005277)Document filed by Stephanie Clifford.(Keenan, Catherine) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 04/30/2018)
04/30/2018	2	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed. (Keenan, Catherine) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 04/30/2018)
04/30/2018	3	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to Donald J. Trump, re: 1 Complaint. Document filed by Stephanie Clifford. (Keenan, Catherine) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 04/30/2018)

04/30/2018	4	NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS by Catherine R. Keenan on behalf of Stephanie Clifford. New Address: Philip Russell, LLC, 66 FIELD POINT RD, GREENWICH, CT, 06830, (203) 661-4200. (Keenan, Catherine) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 04/30/2018)
05/01/2018		CASE OPENING INITIAL ASSIGNMENT NOTICE: The above-entitled action is assigned to Judge Jesse M. Furman. Please download and review the Individual Practices of the assigned District Judge, located at http://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/District . Attorneys are responsible for providing courtesy copies to judges where their Individual Practices require such. Please download and review the ECF Rules and Instructions, located at http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php . (pne) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 05/01/2018)
05/01/2018		Magistrate Judge Stewart D. Aaron is so designated. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(1) parties are notified that they may consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. Parties who wish to consent may access the necessary form at the following link: http://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms.php . (pne) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 05/01/2018)
05/01/2018		Case Designated ECF. (pne) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 05/01/2018)
05/01/2018		***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING PARTY MODIFICATION. Notice to attorney Catherine R. Keenan. The party information for the following parties has been modified: Stephanie Clifford, Donald J. Trump. The information for the parties has been modified for the following reason: party role was entered incorrectly. (pne) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 05/01/2018)
05/01/2018		***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING CIVIL CASE OPENING STATISTICAL ERROR CORRECTION: Notice to attorney Catherine R. Keenan. The following case opening statistical information was erroneously selected: County code New York. The following correction has been made to your case entry: the County code has been modified to XX Out of State. (pne) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 05/01/2018)
05/01/2018	5	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to Donald J. Trump. (pne) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 05/01/2018)
05/01/2018	6	NOTICE OF INITIAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE: It is hereby ORDERED that counsel for all parties appear for an initial pretrial conference with the Court on June 20, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom 1105 of the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse, 40 Centre Street, New York, New York, and as further set forth herein. (Initial Conference set for 6/20/2018 at 02:30 PM in Courtroom 1105, 40 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007 before Judge Jesse M. Furman.) (Signed by Judge Jesse M. Furman on 5/1/2018) (ras) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 05/01/2018)
05/29/2018	7	WAIVER OF SERVICE RETURNED EXECUTED. Donald J. Trump waiver sent on 5/22/2018, answer due 7/23/2018. Document filed by Stephanie Clifford. (Keenan, Catherine) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 05/29/2018)
06/13/2018	8	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Charles John Harder on behalf of Donald J. Trump. (Harder, Charles) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 06/13/2018)
06/13/2018	9	CONSENT LETTER MOTION to Continue <i>June 20, 2018 Initial Pretrial Conference and Related Deadlines</i> addressed to Judge Jesse M. Furman from Defendant Donald J. Trump dated June 13, 2018. Document filed by Donald J. Trump.(Harder, Charles) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 06/13/2018)

06/13/2018	10	ORDER granting 9 Letter Motion to Continue. The initial pretrial conference previously scheduled for June 20, 2018, is hereby ADJOURNED to August 15, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. (HEREBY ORDERED by Judge Jesse M. Furman)(Text Only Order) (Furman, Jesse) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 06/13/2018)
07/23/2018	11	FILING ERROR - DEFICIENT DOCKET ENTRY - MOTION to Transfer Case Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) or, in the Alternative, to Dismiss or Stay Pursuant to the "First-Filed" Rule. Document filed by Donald J. Trump. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion, # 2 Declaration of Charles J. Harder in Support of Motion, # 3 Exhibits A - C to Declaration of Charles J. Harder, # 4 Exhibits D - F to Declaration of Charles J. Harder, # 5 Exhibits G - K to Declaration of Charles J. Harder, # 6 Exhibits L - S to Declaration of Charles J. Harder, # 7 Exhibits T - AA to Declaration of Charles J. Harder, # 8 Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Motion)(Harder, Charles) Modified on 8/7/2018 (db). [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 07/23/2018)
07/26/2018	12	ORDER: On July 23, 2018, Defendant filed a motion to transfer this case, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a), or, in the alternative, to dismiss or stay this case, pursuant to the "first-filed" rule. (Docket No. 11). The following schedule shall apply to Defendant's motion: Plaintiff shall file any opposition by August 6, 2018. Defendant's reply, if any, shall be due by August 13, 2018. At the time any reply is served, the moving party shall supply the Court with one courtesy hard copy of all motion papers by mailing or by delivering them to the United States Courthouse, 40 Centre Street, New York, New York. Finally, the Court concludes that it would be premature to hold a Rule 16 initial pretrial conference before Defendant's motion is resolved. Accordingly, the initial pretrial conference currently scheduled for August 15, 2018, is adjourned sine die. SO ORDERED. Set Deadlines/Hearing as to 11 MOTION to Transfer Case Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) or, in the Alternative, to Dismiss or Stay Pursuant to the "First-Filed" Rule. :(Responses due by 8/6/2018, Replies due by 8/13/2018.) (Signed by Judge Jesse M. Furman on 7/26/2018) (ne) Modified on 7/26/2018 (ne). [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 07/26/2018)
08/06/2018	13	RESPONSE in Opposition to Motion re: 11 MOTION to Transfer Case Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) or, in the Alternative, to Dismiss or Stay Pursuant to the "First-Filed" Rule. . Document filed by Stephanie Clifford. (Keenan, Catherine) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/06/2018	14	DECLARATION of Michael J. Avenatti in Opposition re: 11 MOTION to Transfer Case Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) or, in the Alternative, to Dismiss or Stay Pursuant to the "First-Filed" Rule.. Document filed by Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibits 1-9, # 2 Exhibits 10-15)(Keenan, Catherine) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/06/2018	15	Objection to Declarations of Charles J. Harder in Support of Defendant Donald J. Trump's Motion to Transfer Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sec 1404(a) or, in the Alternative, to Dismiss or Stay Pursuant to the "First-Filed" Rule. Document filed by Stephanie Clifford. (Keenan, Catherine) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 08/06/2018)
08/07/2018	16	NOTICE of Errata re: 13 Response in Opposition to Motion., Document filed by Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford's Opposition to Defendant Donald J. Trump's Motion to Transfer Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sec 1404(a) or, in the Alternative, to Dismiss or Stay Pursuant to the "First-Filed" Rule)(Keenan, Catherine) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 08/07/2018)
08/08/2018	17	PROPOSED STIPULATION AND ORDER. Document filed by Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order re: Stipulation to Transfer Action to the United States

		District Court for the Central District of California) (Keenan, Catherine) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 08/08/2018)
08/08/2018	18	ORDER RE: STIPULATION TO TRANSFER ACTION TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA: Upon consideration of Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford and Defendant Donald J. Trump's Stipulation to Transfer Action to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Court's records and files of the case, and for good cause shown, the Court hereby orders as follows: 1. The Stipulation is GRANTED; 2. This action shall be transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California. 3. Nothing in this Order, the parties' Stipulation, or the fact of the parties' consent to transfer, shall be construed as a waiver of any legal or factual argument or position relating to this case. The Clerk of Court is directed to transfer this case forthwith, to terminate Docket No. 11 as moot, and to close the case in this Court. (Signed by Judge Jesse M. Furman on 8/8/2018) (mro) Modified on 8/8/2018 (mro). [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 08/08/2018)
08/08/2018		CASE TRANSFERRED OUT ELECTRONICALLY from the U.S.D.C. Southern District of New York to the United States District Court - District of Central District of California (mro) [Transferred from New York Southern on 8/13/2018.] (Entered: 08/08/2018)
08/13/2018	19	ORIGINAL file, certified copy of transfer order and docket sheet received from New York Southern (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/13/2018	20	NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF CASE TRANSFERRED IN: Formerly Case Number: 1:18-cv-03842-JMF, from Southern District of New York (Foley Square). The above-referenced case has been transferred to this district and assigned the above civil case number 2:18-cv-6893-DDP-(MAAx). (ghap) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/13/2018	21	NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT to District Judge Dean D. Pregerson and Magistrate Judge Maria A. Audero. (ghap) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/13/2018	22	NOTICE TO PARTIES OF COURT-DIRECTED ADR PROGRAM filed. (ghap) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/13/2018	23	NOTICE of Related Case(s) filed by Defendant Donald J Trump. Related Case(s): 18-CV-02217-SJO-FFM (Harder, Charles) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/13/2018	24	NOTICE OF PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION DUE for Non-Resident Attorney Catherine R Keenan. A document recently filed in this case lists you as an out-of-state attorney of record. However, the Court has not been able to locate any record that you are admitted to the Bar of this Court, and you have not filed an application to appear Pro Hac Vice in this case. Accordingly, within 5 business days of the date of this notice, you must either (1) have your local counsel file an application to appear Pro Hac Vice (Form G-64) and pay the applicable fee, or (2) complete the next section of this form and return it to the court at cacd_attyadm@cacd.uscourts.gov. (ghap) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/14/2018	25	Notice of Appearance or Withdrawal of Counsel: for attorney Michael J Avenatti counsel for Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. Adding Michael J. Avenatti as counsel of record for Stephanie Clifford for the reason indicated in the G-123 Notice. Filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attorney Michael J Avenatti added to party Stephanie Clifford(pty:pla))(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 08/14/2018)
08/21/2018	26	ORDER RE TRANSFER PURSUANT TO GENERAL ORDER 16-05-Related Case- filed. Related Case No: 2:18-cv-02217 SJO(FFMx). Case transferred from Magistrate Judge Maria A. Audero and Judge Dean D. Pregerson 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-06893 SJO(FFMx). Signed by Judge S. James Otero (rn) (Entered: 08/21/2018)
08/24/2018	27	RESPONSE filed by Pro Hac Vice attorney Catherine R Keenan on behalf of Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. RE: Notice of Filing Fee Due. PHV fee N/A. Attorney will not be appearing as attorney of record on this case and will be removed pursuant to G109 Notice. (lt) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
08/27/2018	28	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike /Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to Anti-SLAPP Statute or, Alternatively, to Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to FRCP 12(b)(6) filed by Defendant Donald J Trump. Motion set for hearing on 9/24/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Charles J. Harder in Support of Motion, # 2 Exhibits A-F to Declaration of Charles J. Harder, # 3 Exhibits G-N to Declaration of Charles J. Harder, # 4 Exhibits O-S to Declaration of Charles J. Harder) (Harder, Charles) (Entered: 08/27/2018)
08/29/2018	29	INITIAL STANDING ORDER upon filing of the complaint by Judge S. James Otero. (vcr) (Entered: 08/29/2018)
09/03/2018	30	MEMORANDUM in Opposition to NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike /Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to Anti-SLAPP Statute or, Alternatively, to Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to FRCP 12(b)(6) 28 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Stephanie Clifford, # 2 Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti, # 3 Evidentiary Objections to Declaration of Charles J. Harder)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 09/03/2018)
09/04/2018	31	SCHEDULING NOTICE OF CHANGE OF HEARING TIME by Judge S. James Otero re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike /Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to Anti-SLAPP Statute or, Alternatively, to Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to FRCP 12(b)(6) 28 . The Court changes the time of the hearing of said Motion set for hearing on 9/24/2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 02:00 PM before Judge S. James Otero. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (vcr) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 09/04/2018)
09/10/2018	32	REPLY in Support of NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike /Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to Anti-SLAPP Statute or, Alternatively, to Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to FRCP 12(b)(6) 28 filed by Defendant Donald J Trump. (Attachments: # 1 Objections to Declarations of Stephanie Clifford and Michael J. Avenatti)(Harder, Charles) (Entered: 09/10/2018)
09/24/2018	33	MINUTES OF Motion Hearing held before Judge S. James Otero: RE MOTION to Strike /Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to Anti-SLAPP Statute or, Alternatively, to Dismiss Complaint Pursuant to FRCP 12(b)(6) filed by Defendant Donald J Trump 28 . The Court and counsel confer. The Court concludes that defendants motion was timely filed for the reasons stated on the record. Counsel present argument. The matter stands submitted. Court Reporter: Carol Zurborg. (lc) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
10/02/2018	34	TRANSCRIPT for proceedings held on 9/24/18 1:57 p.m. Court Reporter: Carol Jean Zurborg, phone number (213) 894-3539. Transcript may be viewed at the court public terminal or purchased through the Court Reporter before the deadline for Release of Transcript Restriction. After that date it may be obtained through PACER. Notice of Intent to Redact due within 7 days of this date. Redaction Request due 10/23/2018. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 11/2/2018. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 12/31/2018. (Zurborg, Carol) (Entered: 10/02/2018)
10/02/2018	35	NOTICE OF FILING TRANSCRIPT filed for proceedings 9/24/18 1:57 p.m. re Transcript 34 THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (Zurborg, Carol) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 10/02/2018)

10/15/2018	36	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) by Judge S. James Otero: ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT DONALD J. TRUMP'S SPECIAL MOTION TO DISMISS/STRIKE COMPLAINT [Docket No. 28]; ORDER DENYING AS MOOT DEFENDANT DONALD J. TRUMP'S ALTERNATIVE MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT [Docket No. 28]. The Court GRANTS Defendant's Special Motion To Strike/Dismiss. Defendant is entitled to attorney's fees under the Texas Citizen Participation Act. Should Defendants move for attorneys' fees, the motion must be filed within fourteen (14) days from the date of this order. The Court DENIES AS MOOT Defendant's Motion To Dismiss.(Made JS-6. Case Terminated.) (lc) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
10/15/2018	37	NOTICE OF APPEAL to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. Appeal of Order on Motion to Strike,, 36 . (Appeal Fee - \$505 Fee Paid, Receipt No. 0973-22580268.) (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
10/16/2018	38	NOTIFICATION from Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals of case number assigned and briefing schedule. Appeal Docket No. 18-56351 assigned to Notice of Appeal to 9th Circuit Court of Appeals 37 as to plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (lc) (Entered: 10/17/2018)
10/29/2018	39	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Attorney Fees <i>and Monetary Sanctions</i> filed by Defendant Donald J Trump. Motion set for hearing on 11/26/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Charles J. Harder in Support of Motion, # 2 Exhibits A-E to Declaration of Charles J. Harder, # 3 Exhibits F-P to Declaration of Charles J. Harder) (Harder, Charles) (Entered: 10/29/2018)
11/05/2018	40	MEMORANDUM in Opposition to NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Attorney Fees <i>and Monetary Sanctions</i> 39 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti, # 2 Exhibit 1-5)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 11/05/2018)
11/12/2018	41	REPLY in Support of NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Attorney Fees <i>and Monetary Sanctions</i> 39 filed by Defendant Donald J Trump. (Attachments: # 1 Supplemental Declaration of Charles J. Harder, # 2 Evidentiary Objections to Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti)(Harder, Charles) (Entered: 11/12/2018)
11/16/2018	42	SCHEDULING NOTICE by Judge S. James Otero re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Attorney Fees <i>and Monetary Sanctions</i> 39 . The Court continues the Motion for Attorney Fee set for hearing on 11/26/18 to Monday, 12/3/2018 at 02:00 PM before Judge S. James Otero. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (vcr) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 11/16/2018)
12/03/2018	43	DECLARATION of Charles J. Harder in Support of NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Attorney Fees <i>and Monetary Sanctions</i> 39 (<i>Second Supplemental Declaration</i>) filed by Defendant Donald J Trump. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibits A-C)(Harder, Charles) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/03/2018	44	NOTICE OF LODGING filed re NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Attorney Fees <i>and Monetary Sanctions</i> 39 (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Judgment)(Harder, Charles) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/03/2018	45	MINUTES OF MOTION for Attorney Fees and Monetary Sanctions filed by Defendant Donald J Trump 39 Hearing held before Judge S. James Otero. The Court reviews the procedural history. Counsel present argument. The matter stands submitted. Court Reporter: Carol Zurborg. (lom) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/11/2018	46	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) by Judge S. James Otero: ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES 39 .Plaintiff topay Defendant \$293,052.33 in attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions. This case shall close. (lc) (Entered: 12/11/2018)

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NOTICE OF LODGING filed re Order on Motion for Attorney Fees, [46](#) (Attachments: # [1](#) [Proposed] Judgment)(Harder, Charles) (Entered: 12/12/2018)

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