

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (Western Division - Los Angeles)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:18-cv-02217-SJO-FFM

Stephanie Clifford v. Donald J. Trump et al
Assigned to: Judge S. James Otero
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Frederick F. Mumm
Related Cases: [2:18-cv-05052-SJO-FFM](#)
[2:18-cv-06893-SJO-FFM](#)

Date Filed: 03/16/2018
Jury Demand: Plaintiff
Nature of Suit: 190 Contract: Other
Jurisdiction: Diversity

Case in other court: Superior Court of California Los Angeles
County, BC696568
Cause: 28:1441 Notice of Removal -- Other Contract

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/16/2018	<u>1</u>	NOTICE OF REMOVAL from Los Angeles Superior Court, case number BC696568 Receipt No: 0973-21427334 - Fee: \$400, filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3) (Attorney Brent H Blakely added to party Essential Consultants, LLC(pty:dft))(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 03/16/2018)
03/16/2018	<u>2</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 03/16/2018)
03/16/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Interested Parties filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC, (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 03/16/2018)

03/16/2018	4	CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC identifying None as Corporate Parent. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 03/16/2018)
03/16/2018	5	JOINDER filed by Defendant Donald J. Trump joining in Notice of Removal (Attorney Civil Case Opening), 1 . (Harder, Charles) (Entered: 03/16/2018)
03/16/2018	6	NOTICE of Interested Parties filed by Defendant Donald J. Trump, (Attorney Charles J Harder added to party Donald J. Trump(pty:dft))(Harder, Charles) (Entered: 03/16/2018)
03/16/2018		CONFORMED COPY OF COMPLAINT filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford in Los Angeles Superior Court on 3/6/2018, and attached to the Notice of Removal as Exhibit 1. (jtil) (Entered: 03/19/2018)
03/18/2018	7	NOTICE filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 03/18/2018)
03/19/2018	9	NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT to District Judge S. James Otero and Magistrate Judge Frederick F. Mumm. (jtil) (Entered: 03/19/2018)
03/19/2018	10	NOTICE TO PARTIES OF COURT-DIRECTED ADR PROGRAM filed. (jtil) (Entered: 03/19/2018)
03/19/2018	11	INITIAL STANDING ORDER upon filing of the complaint by Judge S. James Otero. (vcr) (Entered: 03/19/2018)
03/20/2018	12	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents RE:Essential Consultants Notice (Other) 7 . The following error(s) was/were found: Incorrect event selected. Correct event to be used is: Errata. Other error(s) with document(s): Note: To assist in a search for correct events, please use the "SEARCH" option for a "key word" to narrow the selection process. 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: 03/20/2018)
03/22/2018	13	RESPONSE BY THE COURT TO NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES IN ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOCUMENTS RE: Notice (Other) 7 by Judge S. James Otero. The document is accepted as filed. (lc) (Entered: 03/22/2018)
03/26/2018	14	FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT against Defendants All Defendants amending Complaint - (Discovery) JURY DEMAND, filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 03/26/2018)
03/26/2018	15	CERTIFICATE of Interested Parties filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford, (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 03/26/2018)
03/27/2018	16	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Expedite Jury Trial filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. Motion set for hearing on 4/30/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum, # 2 Declaration, # 3 Proposed Order) (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 03/28/2018)
03/29/2018	17	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) by Judge S. James Otero: ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED JURY TRIAL 16 . The Court DENIES without prejudice Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford's Motion for Expedited Jury Trial Pursuant to Section 4 of the Federal Arbitration Act, and for Limited Expedited Discovery. The Court further ORDERS Plaintiff to file the required proofs or certificates of service for the FAC within 14 days of the date of this Order. Defendants Essential Consultants, LLC and Donald J. Trump must file responsive pleadings within 14 days of the date service is

		accomplished, and Defendant Michael Cohen must file a responsive pleading within twenty-one (21) days of the date service is accomplished. (lc) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
03/29/2018	18	Request for Clerk to Issue Summons on Amended Complaint/Petition 14 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
03/30/2018	19	21 DAY Summons Issued re First Amended Complaint/Petition 14 as to defendant Michael Cohen. (lc) (Entered: 03/30/2018)
04/02/2018	20	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Compel Arbitration filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. Motion set for hearing on 4/30/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum, # 2 Declaration Brent H. Blakely, # 3 Exhibit B-F, # 4 Exhibit G-I, # 5 Declaration Michael D. Cohen) (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 04/02/2018)
04/02/2018	21	JOINDER in NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Compel Arbitration 20 filed by Defendant Donald J. Trump. (Harder, Charles) (Entered: 04/02/2018)
04/03/2018	22	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford, re Amended Complaint/Petition 14 served on March 26, 2018. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/03/2018)
04/03/2018	23	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents RE: Proof of Service (subsequent documents) 22 (of first amended complaint. The following error(s) was/were found: Incorrect event selected. Correct event to be used is: Correct event to be used is: and Service of summons and complaint returned executed 21 days. 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: 04/03/2018)
04/03/2018	24	RESPONSE BY THE COURT TO NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES IN ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOCUMENTS RE: Proof of Service (subsequent documents) 22 by Clerk of Court. The document is accepted as filed. (lc) (Entered: 04/03/2018)
04/05/2018	25	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford, upon Defendant Michael Cohen served on 3/30/2018, answer due 4/20/2018. Service of the Summons and Complaint were executed upon Attorney Brent Blakely in compliance with statute not specified by personal service.Original Summons NOT returned. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/05/2018)
04/05/2018	26	EX PARTE APPLICATION to Continue Deadline to File Response to First Amended Complaint from 4/9/2018 Re: Amended Complaint/Petition 14 filed by Defendants Essential Consultants, LLC, Donald J. Trump. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Brent H. Blakely, # 2 Proposed Order) (Attorney Brent H Blakely added to party Donald J. Trump(pty:dft)) (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 04/05/2018)
04/06/2018	27	OPPOSITION to EX PARTE APPLICATION to Continue Deadline to File Response to First Amended Complaint from 4/9/2018 Re: Amended Complaint/Petition 14 26 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/06/2018)
04/06/2018	28	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) by Judge S. James Otero: ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT 26 .As to the merits of the Application, as Defendants are not required to file a responsive pleading while a motion

		to compel arbitration is pending, the Court GRANTS Defendants' Application. (lc) (Entered: 04/06/2018)
04/08/2018	29	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Expedite Jury Trial filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. Motion set for hearing on 5/7/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum Points and Authorities in Support of Renewed Motion for Expedited Jury Trial, # 2 Declaration Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti) (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/08/2018)
04/09/2018	30	MEMORANDUM in Opposition to NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Compel Arbitration 20 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Stephanie Clifford, # 2 Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti, # 3 Declaration of Lawrence Solan)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/09/2018	31	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Amended Complaint/Petition 14 filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. Motion set for hearing on 5/7/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Brent H. Blakely, # 2 Declaration Michael D. Cohen) (Attorney Brent H Blakely added to party Michael Cohen(pty:dft)) (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/09/2018	32	OBJECTION re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Expedite Jury Trial 29 filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/10/2018	33	PLAINTIFF STEPHANIE CLIFFORD'S RESPONSE AND OPPOSITION TO OBJECTION (DKT NO. 32) TO re NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Expedite Jury Trial 29 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
04/10/2018	34	REPLY Re Objection to Plaintiff's Motion for Expedited Jury Trial filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1)(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
04/11/2018	35	MINUTE ORDER IN CHAMBERS by Judge S. James Otero: ORDER RESPONDING TO DEFENDANTS' OBJECTION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED JURY TRIAL 32 .To cure any prejudice to Defendants, and to ensure strict application of the rules, the Court ORDERS the parties to meet and confer on all of the substantive issues and procedural objections relating to the parties' various filings on or before April 13, 2018. As this is the second time in this one month old action a failure to meet and confer has been brought before the Court, every furthermotion presented to the Court must include either (1) a stipulation signed by both parties that confirms a meet and confer has occurred, or (2) a declaration from the moving party explaining the exhaustive efforts undertaken to conduct a meet and confer and the exact reasons why the parties have failed to do so. In addition, the Court consolidates and CONTINUES the hearings on (1) the Motion to Compel Arbitration, filed April 2, 2018, (2) the Motion to Expedite Jury Trial, filed April 8, 2018, and (3) the Motion to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, filed April 9, 2018, to May 14, 2018 at 2:00 PM 20 , 29 , 31 . All deadlines related to the motions shall remain the same, except that the defendants in the action may have two additional days to respond to the Motion to Expedite Jury Trial. (lc) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
04/12/2018	36	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Opposition and Reply Briefs in Connection with Motion to Compel Arbitration, Motion for Expedited Jury Trial, and Motion to Strike filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 04/12/2018)
04/12/2018	37	ORDER GRANTING STIPULATION OF ALL PARTIES RE: DEFENDANTS EX

		PARTE APPLICATION TO STAY ACTION AND EXTENSION OF ALL UPCOMING FILING DEADLINES 36 by Judge S. James Otero: Defendants Essential Consultants, LLC, Michael Cohen and Donald J. Trump shall have until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018 to file their Ex Parte Application to Stay this Action.Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford shall have until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018, to file her opposition to the Ex Parte Application.Defendants shall have until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, to file their reply in support of the Ex Parte Application.The due dates for all opposition and reply briefs in connection with ECs Motion to Compel Arbitration, Plaintiffs Motion for Expedited Jury Trial and for Limited Expedited Discovery, and Mr. Cohens Motion to Strike or, Alternatively, Dismiss Plaintiffs First Amended Complaint shall be extended for a period of 7 days. (lc) (Entered: 04/12/2018)
04/13/2018	38	Joint EX PARTE APPLICATION to Stay Case filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Brent H Blakely, # 2 Proposed Order) (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 04/13/2018)
04/16/2018	39	MEMORANDUM in Opposition to Joint EX PARTE APPLICATION to Stay Case 38 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti and Exhibits 1-6, # 2 Evidentiary Objections to the Declaration of Brent H. Blakely) (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/16/2018)
04/17/2018	40	REPLY Joint EX PARTE APPLICATION to Stay Case 38 filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Attachments: # 1 Request For Judicial Notice, # 2 Declaration Brent H. Blakely)(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 04/17/2018)
04/17/2018	41	OBJECTION to Supplemental Declaration of Brent Blakely re: Joint EX PARTE APPLICATION to Stay Case 38 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/17/2018)
04/18/2018	42	Objection to the Supplemental Declaration of Brent H. Blakely re: Joint EX PARTE APPLICATION to Stay Case 38 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/18/2018)
04/18/2018	43	<i>Notice of Withdrawal</i> re: Objection/Opposition (Motion related) 41 (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/18/2018)
04/18/2018	44	NOTICE TO FILER OF DEFICIENCIES in Electronically Filed Documents RE: Miscellaneous Document 43 . The following error(s) was/were found: Incorrect event selected. Correct event to be used is: Notice of Withdrawal (Document or Motion). Other error(s) with document(s): Note: To assist in a search for correct events, please use the "SEARCH" option for a "key word" to narrow the selection process. 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: 04/18/2018)
04/18/2018	45	MINUTE ORDER IN CHAMBERS by Judge S. James Otero:This matter is before the Court on Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC, and Donald J. Trump's (collectively, "Defendants") Ex Parte Application for a Stay of this Action ("Application"), filed April 13, 2018. After reviewing the Application and related filings, the Court finds that a hearing on the matter is warranted. Accordingly, the Court SETS a hearing for Friday, April 20, 2018 at 9:00 am 38 (lc) (Entered: 04/18/2018)
04/19/2018	46	Notice of Appearance or Withdrawal of Counsel: for attorney Michael J Avenatti counsel for Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. Adding Ahmed Ibrahim as counsel of record for Stephanie Clifford for the reason indicated in the G-123 Notice. Filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/19/2018)

04/20/2018	49	MINUTES OF Motion Hearing held before Judge S. James Otero: RE: Joint EX PARTE APPLICATION to Stay Case filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. 38 .The Court Orders that counsel for Defendant Cohen shall file a declaration from Mr. Cohen stating whether he intends to assert his Fifth Amendment rights and when he realized that his Fifth Amendment rights would be implicated. This declaration shall be filed by Wednesday, April 25, 2018; Plaintiff shall file a response by Thursday, April 26, 2018. The Court is going to look at whether there's less drastic means or measures that could be imposed here other than a stay. Additionally, the Court is also going to consider whether the second count can be severed from the first amended complaint and whether the Court can go forward on that matter alone. The matter stands submitted. Court Reporter: none. (lc) (Entered: 04/25/2018)
04/25/2018	47	TRANSCRIPT for proceedings held on 4/20/18 9:01 a.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 5/16/2018. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 5/29/2018. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 7/24/2018. (Zurborg, Carol) (Entered: 04/25/2018)
04/25/2018	48	NOTICE OF FILING TRANSCRIPT filed for proceedings 4/20/18 9:01 a.m. re Transcript 47 THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (Zurborg, Carol) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 04/25/2018)
04/25/2018	50	DECLARATION of Michael D. Cohen in Support of Joint EX PARTE APPLICATION to Stay Case 38 filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 04/25/2018)
04/25/2018	51	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE re Joint EX PARTE APPLICATION to Stay Case 38 SUPPLEMENTAL filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 04/25/2018)
04/26/2018	52	REPLY Opposition Joint EX PARTE APPLICATION to Stay Case 38 <i>Response to Declaration of Michael D. Cohen</i> 50 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
04/27/2018	53	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) by Judge S. James Otero: ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' EX PARTE APPLICATION TO STAY CASE 38 .A status conference regarding the status of the stay is set for July 27, 2018 9:00 a.m. The parties shall file a joint report on the status of the criminal proceedings ten (10) days prior to the conference date. (lc) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
05/23/2018	54	Joint STIPULATION for Hearing re and Briefing on Plaintiffs Motion for Reconsideration filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order) (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 05/23/2018)
05/24/2018	55	ORDER GRANTING STIPULATION OF ALL PARTIES RE: BRIEFING SCHEDULE AND HEARING ON PLAINTIFFS MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION IN PART OF COURTS ORDER IMPOSING 90DAY STAY 54] by Judge S. James Otero: Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford (Plaintiff) shall have until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2018 to file her Motion for Reconsideration In Part of the Courts Order Imposing a 90 Day Stay of this Action. Defendants Essential Consultants, LLC (EC), Michael Cohen (Mr. Cohen) and Donald J. Trump (collectively, Defendants) shall have until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 1, 2018, to file their opposition to the Motion. Plaintiff shall have until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2018 to file her reply in support of the Motion. The hearing on the Motion shall be set for Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. The parties are advised that

		due to potential conflicts with the Courts calendar the hearing may be advanced to an earlier day that same week. (lc) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
05/24/2018	56	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Reconsideration re Order on Motion to Stay Case, 53 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. Motion set for hearing on 6/21/2018 at 01:30 PM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum of Points and Authorities, # 2 Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti, # 3 Proposed Order) (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
06/01/2018	57	OPPOSITION re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Reconsideration re Order on Motion to Stay Case, 53 56 filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Charles J. Harder, # 2 Exhibit 1-4, # 3 Declaration Brent H. Blakely, # 4 Exhibit A-J)(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 06/01/2018)
06/01/2018	58	EVIDENTIARY OBJECTIONS re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Reconsideration re Order on Motion to Stay Case, 53 56 filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 06/01/2018)
06/07/2018	59	REPLY In Support of NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION for Reconsideration re Order on Motion to Stay Case, 53 56 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Response to Defendant's Evidentiary Objections to Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti In Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
06/14/2018	60	EX PARTE APPLICATION for Order for Restraining Order Against Plaintiff's Counsel Michael Avenatti filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Brent H. Blakely, # 2 Exhibit, # 3 Proposed Order) (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 06/14/2018)
06/15/2018	61	MINUTE ORDER IN CHAMBERS by Judge S. James Otero: ORDER SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE ON DEFENDANT MICHAEL COHEN'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR RESTRAINING ORDER 60 . This matter is before the Court on Defendant Michael Cohen's Ex Parte Application for Restraining Order ("Application"), filed June 14, 2018. Defendant has not demonstrated in the Application that immediate, irreparable injury would occur in the absence of emergency ex parte relief. See Mission Power Eng'g Co. v. Cont'l Cas. Co., 883 F. Supp. 488, 492 (C.D. Cal. 1995) (to justify ex parte relief, "the evidence must show that the moving party's cause will be irreparably prejudiced if the underlying motion is heard according to regular noticed motion procedures").1 Accordingly, the Court sets the following briefing schedule: opposition due June 25, 2018, reply due July 2, 2018. (lc) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
06/18/2018	62	The Court finds the following motion suitable for disposition without oral argument and vacates the hearing on the MOTION for Reconsideration re Order on Motion to Stay Case, 53 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford [ECF #56], set for June 21, 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: 06/18/2018)
06/19/2018	63	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) by Judge S. James Otero: ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION 56 . (SEE DOCUMENT FOR SPECIFICS). (lc) (Entered: 06/19/2018)
06/20/2018	64	SCHEDULING NOTICE by Judge S. James Otero. For the convenience of the parties and the Court, the Court SETS the hearing on Defendant Michael Cohen's Ex Parte Application for Restraining Order ("Application") to be heard in conjunction with the status conference on July 27, 2018 at 9:00 am. The briefing schedule shall remain as set forth in the Court's 6/15/2018 Minute Order.THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (vcr) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 06/20/2018)

06/25/2018	65	MEMORANDUM in Opposition to EX PARTE APPLICATION for Order for Restraining Order Against Plaintiff's Counsel Michael Avenatti 60 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti, # 2 Exhibit 1-10, # 3 Exhibit 11-24)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 06/25/2018)
07/02/2018	66	REPLY BRIEF re EX PARTE APPLICATION for Order for Restraining Order Against Plaintiff's Counsel Michael Avenatti 60 filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Brent H. Blakely)(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/17/2018	67	JOINT STATUS REPORT of CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS REGARDING DEFENDANT MICHAEL COHEN filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/25/2018	68	NOTICE of Filing of Motion by Defendant Donald J. Trump to Transfer Related Action Pending in the Southern District of New York, Entitled Clifford v. Trump (Case No. 18-CV-03842-JMF), to the Central District of California, or, in the Alternative, to Dismiss or Stay the Case filed by Defendant Donald J. Trump. (Harder, Charles) (Entered: 07/25/2018)
07/26/2018	69	Notice of Appearance or Withdrawal of Counsel: for attorney Jessica C Covington counsel for Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. Adding Jessica C. Covington as counsel of record for Essential Consultants, LLC and Michael Cohen for the reason indicated in the G-123 Notice. Filed by Defendants Essential Consultants, LLC and Michael Cohen. (Attorney Jessica C Covington added to party Michael Cohen(pty:dft), Attorney Jessica C Covington added to party Essential Consultants, LLC(pty:dft))(Covington, Jessica) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/27/2018	70	MINUTES OF HEARING RE: EX PARTE APPLICATION for Order for Restraining Order Against Plaintiff's Counsel Michael Avenatti filed by Defendant Michael Cohen 60 and Defendants request to extend the stay for another ninety (90) days held before Judge S. James Otero: Court and counsel confer. The Court takes the matters under submission. Court Reporter: Carol Zurborg. (lc) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
07/27/2018	71	TRANSCRIPT ORDER as to Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC for Court Reporter. Court will contact Monica Lawal at mlawal@blakelylawgroup.com with further instructions regarding this order. Transcript preparation will not begin until payment has been satisfied with the court reporter. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
07/27/2018	72	TRANSCRIPT for proceedings held on 07/27/18 9:02 a.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 8/17/2018. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 8/27/2018. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 10/25/2018. (Zurborg, Carol) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
07/27/2018	73	NOTICE OF FILING TRANSCRIPT filed for proceedings 07/27/18 9:02 a.m. re Transcript 72 THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (Zurborg, Carol) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 07/27/2018)
07/31/2018	74	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) DENYING DEFENDANT MICHAEL COHEN'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR A RESTRAINING ORDER [Docket No. 60] by Judge S. James Otero: For the foregoing reasons, the Court DENIES Defendant's Ex Parte Application for Restraining Order and CONTINUES the stay for forty-five (45) days. A scheduling conference will be held on September 10, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m. The parties shall file a joint 26(f) report fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduling conference. IT IS SO ORDERED. (yl) (Entered: 07/31/2018)

08/27/2018	75	JOINT REPORT Rule 26(f) Discovery Plan ; estimated length of trial 5 days, filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford.. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A-B)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 08/27/2018)
08/31/2018	76	SCHEDULING NOTICE OF CHANGE OF HEARING TIME by Judge S. James Otero. The Court changes the hearing time of the Scheduling Conference set for 9/10/2018 from 8:30 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: 08/31/2018)
09/04/2018	77	SCHEDULING NOTICE by Judge S. James Otero. The Court continues the Scheduling Conference set for 9/10/18 to Monday, 9/24/2018 at 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)
09/07/2018	78	SUPPLEMENT to Joint Report Rule 26(f) Discovery Plan 75 filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/07/2018	79	SUPPLEMENT to Joint Report Rule 26(f) Discovery Plan 75 filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. (Covington, Jessica) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/08/2018	80	SUPPLEMENT to Joint Report Rule 26(f) Discovery Plan 75 filed by Defendant Donald J. Trump. (Stonerock, Ryan) (Entered: 09/08/2018)
09/10/2018	81	SUPPLEMENT to Joint Report Rule 26(f) Discovery Plan 75 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 09/10/2018)
09/14/2018	82	RESPONSE filed by Defendant Donald J. Trump to Supplement 81 <i>Statement of Plaintiff Regarding Joint Rule 26(f) Report</i> (Harder, Charles) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
09/24/2018	83	MINUTES OF Scheduling Conference held before Judge S. James Otero. The Court indicates that issue before this court is whether there is a case in controversy that remains. The Court sets the following schedule: Defendants shall file a motion to dismiss for lack of subject jurisdiction by 10/8/2018; Opposition shall be due by Friday, 10/26/18; Reply shall be due by Wednesday, 11/07/18. Hearing shall be set for Monday, December 3, 2018 10:00 a.m. In re the Motion to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Amended Complaint filed by Defendant Michael Cohen 31 the parties shall follow the same briefing schedule and hearing will be set for Monday, December 3, 2018 10:00 a.m. Court Reporter: Carol Zurborg. (lc) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/25/2018	84	TRANSCRIPT ORDER as to Defendant Donald J. Trump for Court Reporter. Court will contact Marcie Moreno at mmoreno@harderllp.com with further instructions regarding this order. Transcript preparation will not begin until payment has been satisfied with the court reporter. (Harder, Charles) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
10/02/2018	85	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	86	NOTICE OF FILING TRANSCRIPT filed for proceedings 9/24/18 1:57 p.m. re Transcript 85 THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (Zurborg, Carol) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 10/02/2018)
10/08/2018	87	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss Plaintiff's Declaratory Relief Cause of Action for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction filed by Defendant Donald J. Trump. Motion set for hearing on 12/3/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero.

		(Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Charles J. Harder in Support of Motion, # 2 Exhibits A-D to Declaration of Charles J. Harder, # 3 Exhibits E-J to Declaration of Charles J. Harder) (Harder, Charles) (Entered: 10/08/2018)
10/08/2018	88	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. Motion set for hearing on 12/3/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Brent H. Blakely) (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 10/08/2018)
10/26/2018	89	MEMORANDUM in Opposition to NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction 88 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti, # 2 Exhibit A-P, # 3 Exhibit Q-V)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/26/2018	90	OPPOSITION to NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Amended Complaint/Petition 14 31 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
11/05/2018	91	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to AMEND Amended Complaint/Petition 14 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. Motion set for hearing on 12/3/2018 at 10:00 AM before Judge S. James Otero. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum, # 2 Appendix, # 3 Declaration of Ahmed Ibrahim, # 4 Proposed Order) (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 11/05/2018)
11/05/2018	92	OBJECTION re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to AMEND Amended Complaint/Petition 14 91 filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 11/05/2018)
11/06/2018	93	PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' OBJECTION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT [DKT 92] re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to AMEND Amended Complaint/Petition 14 91 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 11/06/2018)
11/07/2018	94	REPLY in Support of NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss Plaintiff's Declaratory Relief Cause of Action for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction 87 filed by Defendant Donald J. Trump. (Attachments: # 1 Evidentiary Objections to Declaration of Michael J. Avenatti)(Harder, Charles) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/07/2018	95	REPLY BRIEF RE PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Amended Complaint/Petition 14 31 filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/07/2018	96	DECLARATION of Brent H. Blakely In Support of NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Amended Complaint/Petition 14 31 filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/07/2018	97	REPLY BRIEF RE NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction 88 filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. (Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/13/2018	98	OPPOSITION re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to AMEND Amended Complaint/Petition 14 91 filed by Defendants Michael Cohen, Essential Consultants, LLC. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Brent H. Blakely, # 2 Exhibit)(Blakely, Brent) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/16/2018	99	SCHEDULING NOTICE CHANGE OF TIME OF HEARING by Judge S. James Otero re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss Plaintiff's Declaratory Relief Cause of Action for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction 87 , NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Amended

		Complaint/Petition 14 31 , NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to AMEND Amended Complaint/Petition 14 91 , NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction 88 . As to all said motions, the Court changes the time of the hearings from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (vcr) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 11/16/2018)
11/16/2018	100	REPLY IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to AMEND Amended Complaint/Petition 14 91 filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 11/16/2018)
11/21/2018	101	SCHEDULING NOTICE by Judge S. James Otero re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss Plaintiff's Declaratory Relief Cause of Action for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction 87 , NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Amended Complaint/Petition 14 31 , NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to AMEND Amended Complaint/Petition 14 91 , NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction 88 . The hearing on the Motion To Dismiss the Declaratory Relief Cause of Action (ECF Nos. 87 and 88), the Motion To Strike Plaintiff's FAC (ECF No. 31) and the Motion To Amend the Complaint (ECF No. 91) in Clifford v. Trump et al. No. 18-02217, are continued for hearing on December 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The hearing on the Motion For Attorney's Fees in Clifford v. Trump, No. 18-06893, will remain on December 3, 2018 at 2:00 PM. Motion set for hearing on 12/17/2018 at 02:00 PM before Judge S. James Otero. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (vcr) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 11/21/2018)
11/27/2018	102	SCHEDULING NOTICE by Judge S. James Otero re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss Plaintiff's Declaratory Relief Cause of Action for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction 87 , NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Amended Complaint/Petition 14 31 , NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to AMEND Amended Complaint/Petition 14 91 , NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction 88 . The hearing on the Motion To Dismiss the Declaratory Relief Cause of Action (ECF Nos. 87 and 88), the Motion To Strike Plaintiff's FAC (ECF No. 31) and the Motion To Amend the Complaint (ECF No. 91) in Clifford v. Trump et al. No. 18-02217, are continued to Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 2:00 PM. The hearing on the Motion For Attorney's Fees in Clifford v. Trump, No. 18-06893, will remain on December 3, 2018 at 2:00 PM. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (vcr) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 11/27/2018)
12/17/2018	103	DECLARATION of Michael J. Avenatti IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF STEPHANIE CLIFFORD'S COMBINED OPPOSITION TO NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction 88 <i>SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION</i> filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Exh X-Y)(Avenatti, Michael) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
12/18/2018	104	SCHEDULING NOTICE by Judge S. James Otero re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint Amended Complaint/Petition 14 31 , NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to AMEND Amended Complaint/Petition 14 91 . The hearing on Defendant Michael Cohen's Motion To Strike Plaintiff's FAC (ECF No. 31) and Plaintiff's Motion To Amend the FAC (ECF No. 91) is continued to Monday, February 4, 2019 at 2:00 PM. The hearing on Defendants' Motions To Dismiss the Declaratory Relief Cause of Action (ECF Nos. 87 and 88) will remain on January 22, 2019 at 2:00 PM. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (vcr) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 12/18/2018)
01/22/2019	105	MINUTES OF Motion Hearing held before Judge S. James Otero: RE MOTION to Dismiss Plaintiff's Declaratory Relief Cause of Action for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction filed by Defendant Donald J. Trump. [87' MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of

		Jurisdiction filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. 88 . Court and counsel confer. Counsel present argument. The matters stand submitted. Court Reporter: Terri A. Hourigan. (lc) (Entered: 01/24/2019)
01/29/2019	106	SCHEDULING NOTICE by Judge S. James Otero. The Court finds the following motions suitable for disposition without oral argument and vacates the hearing on the MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction filed by Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC. [ECF #31] and the MOTION to AMEND Complaint filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. [ECF #91], set for hearing on February 4, 2019. 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: 01/29/2019)
01/29/2019	107	CORRECTED SCHEDULING NOTICE by Judge S. James Otero. The Court finds the following motions suitable for disposition without oral argument and vacates the hearing on the MOTION to Strike Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint filed by Defendant Michael Cohen. [ECF #31] and the MOTION to AMEND Complaint filed by Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford. [ECF #91], set for hearing on February 4, 2019. 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: 01/29/2019)
02/04/2019	108	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT 91 and ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT ESSENTIAL CONSULTANT'S MOTION TO STRIKE FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AS MOOT 31 by Judge S. James Otero. The Court GRANTS Plaintiff's Motion, and DISMISSES WITH PREJUDICE Plaintiff's defamation cause of action against Defendants. The Court DENIES AS MOOT Defendant's Motion To Strike Plaintiff's FAC. See document for details. (smo) (Entered: 02/05/2019)

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