

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

LARRY KLAYMAN,

Case No. 2020-CA-011868

Plaintiff,

v.

POLITICO LLC and
JOSH GERSTEIN

Defendants.

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER TO
STAY DISCOVERY, DENYING PLAINTIFF'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO COMPEL
AND FOR SANCTIONS, AND SETTING A SPECIAL SET HEARING FOR
DEFENDANTS' DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS**

THIS MATTER came before the court on February 11, 2021, upon Defendants' Motion for a Protective Order to Stay Discovery Pending Resolution of Their Dispositive Personal Jurisdiction and Anti-SLAPP Motions filed on December 30, 2020, and Plaintiff's Emergency Motion to Compel and For Sanctions filed on January 5, 2021. The court having reviewed the Motions and the file, and after having held a properly noticed hearing on February 11, 2021, it is hereby **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:**

1. Plaintiff's Emergency Motion to Compel and For Sanctions is **DENIED**.
2. Defendants' Motion for a Protective Order to Stay Discovery Pending Resolution of their Dispositive Personal Jurisdiction and Anti-SLAPP Motions is **GRANTED**, except that to the extent Defendant Gerstein challenges personal jurisdiction in this court, Plaintiff is entitled to take limited discovery **ONLY** of Defendant Gerstein and **ONLY** as to that issue. This discovery shall consist of:
 - A. One (1) deposition of Defendant Gerstein that shall be limited to one (1) hour of direct examination. Should counsel for Defendant Gerstein elect to conduct a

cross-examination, an equal amount of time shall be added for a re-direct examination by Plaintiff. This deposition shall occur no later than Friday, April 30, 2021; and

- B. Written discovery consisting of twenty (20) interrogatories, inclusive of any subparts; and fifteen (15) requests for production.

It is further **ORDERED** that a two-hour Special Set Hearing shall be set for this Court's May 31, 2021 to August 6, 2021 docket for consideration of Defendant Politico LLC's Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment Pursuant to Florida's Anti-SLAPP Statute (Section 768.295, Florida Statutes) and Defendant Josh Gerstein's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction and Motion to Dismiss, or in the Alternative, Motion for Summary Judgment Pursuant to Florida's Anti-SLAPP Statute (Section 768.295, Florida Statutes) at a date and time to be determined at this Court's Calendar Call on May 21, 2021. The court shall provide instructions to the parties prior to May 21, 2021 regarding their appearance at that Calendar Call.

DONE and ORDERED in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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Donald Hafele, Circuit Judge
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURT

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