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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
15<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT LEBANON

JOHN RIAN EASON,

Plaintiff,

v.

KAITLYN HANKS and  
WILLIAM SHOTACK,

Defendants.

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WILSON COUNTY, TN

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

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EX PARTE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

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This cause came before the Circuit Court for Wilson County, Tennessee *ex parte* on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021, on Plaintiff's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order. After a thorough review of the Verified Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief and exhibits attached thereto, the Affidavit of Attorney Andy Goldstein, and the record as a whole, the Court finds that the requirements of Rule 65.03(1)(A)-(B) have been met.

The Court finds that an Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order should be issued and makes the following findings of fact:

1. Based on the Verified Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief and exhibits attached thereto, the Affidavit of Attorney Andy Goldstein, and the record as a whole, Plaintiff will suffer irreparable harm if the temporary restraining order is not immediately granted;
2. The Court has balanced the harm Plaintiff is seeking to prevent and the injury that granting the temporary restraining order would inflict on Defendants and finds that there would be greater harm inflicted on Plaintiff, if the temporary restraining order is not granted;
3. There is a probability that Plaintiff will succeed on the merits of the Verified Complaint

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for Damages and Injunctive Relief; and

4. The public has an interest in having disputes such as this one to be resolved peacefully, without harassment or threats of violence, preventing derogatory events and communications that are false from being disseminated publicly, and without any other communications between the Defendants and the Plaintiff's family members, co-workers, employees, and business contacts. See Moody v. Hutchinson, 247 S.W.3d 187, 199-200 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2007). These factors are considerations, not a rigidly applied test.

It is, **THEREFORE, ORDERED** that Defendants and any person or entity acting in concert with Defendants shall immediately be restrained and enjoined from:

1. Publishing any defamatory statements regarding Plaintiff or any statements concerning Plaintiff's private affairs and concerns on the internet, orally, or through any other medium of communication; and
2. Publishing any libelous or slanderous statements regarding Plaintiff to any other individual(s) or entities.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendant Shotack, and any person or entity acting in concert with him, shall be immediately restrained and enjoined from contacting or otherwise communicating with Plaintiff, ~~Plaintiff's family members, Plaintiff's co-workers or employees, neighbors, known friends, or any other professional contacts Plaintiff has arising out of his employment, either directly or indirectly, by phone, email, text messages, mail, private messages on social media, or any other type of communication or contact.~~ CS

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendant Hanks, and any person or entity acting in concert with her, shall be ~~immediately restrained and enjoined from contacting or otherwise communicating with Plaintiff's family members (except Benjamin Rain Hanks), Plaintiff's co-~~

workers or employees, neighbors, known friends, or any other professional contacts Plaintiff has arising out of his employment, either directly or indirectly, by phone, email, text messages, mail, private messages on social media, or any other type of communication or contact. **CB**

It is FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing shall be held before this Honorable Court on the 30 day of November 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in the \_\_\_\_\_ Circuit Court for Wilson County, Tennessee, to show cause why this temporary restraining order should not be extended and/or should not become a temporary injunction. The parties may introduce oral testimony at said hearing.

ENTERED this 19 day of November, 2021 at 9:40 p.m.

Clara Byrd  
JUDGE

SUBMITTED FOR ENTRY:

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or any other professional contacts Plaintiff has arising out of his employment, either directly or indirectly, by phone, email, text messages, mail, private messages on social media, or any other type of communication or contact;

3. Restraining Defendant Hanks, Defendant Shotack, and any person or entity acting in concert with them from publishing any defamatory statements regarding Plaintiff or any statements concerning Plaintiff's private affairs and concerns on the internet, orally, or through any other medium of communication; and
4. Restraining Defendant Hanks, Defendant Shotack, and any person or entity acting in concert with them from publishing libelous or slanderous statements regarding Plaintiff to any other individual(s) or entities.
5. If Defendants are not restrained and enjoined from contacting or otherwise communicating with Plaintiff's family members, Plaintiff's co-workers or employees, neighbors, known friends, or any other professional contacts Plaintiff has arising out of his employment, either directly or indirectly, by phone, email, text messages, mail, private messages on social media, or any other type of communication or contact, Plaintiff will suffer immediate and irreparable injury.
6. If Defendants are not restrained and enjoined from publishing any defamatory statements regarding Plaintiff to any other individual(s) or entities, Plaintiff will suffer immediate and irreparable injury.
7. In support of this Motion, Plaintiff relies on the facts and exhibits contained in his Verified Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief, the contemporaneously submitted Affidavit of Attorney Andy Goldstein, and the entire record in this case.