

IN THE ALABAMA COURT OF THE JUDICIARY

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COURT OF THE JUDICIARY  
Rebecca C. Oates  
Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF:

JOHN RANDALL "RANDY" JINKS  
PROBATE JUDGE  
TALLADEGA COUNTY

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CASE NO. 57

ORDER

Attorneys Stephen Arnold and Laura Gibson have entered notices of appearance on behalf of four witnesses: L.P., J.G., D.P., and T.D. Said attorneys have also filed motions on behalf of these witnesses.

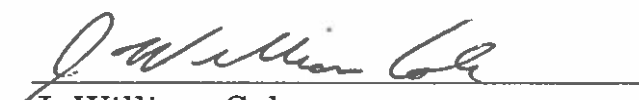
The first motion filed on behalf of L.P., J.G., D.P., and T.D. is a Motion for Appointment of Counsel. The Court has considered said motion as it relates to each witness. This motion, in relation to L.P., J.G., D.P., and T.D., is denied. Counsel will not be appointed to represent the witnesses.

An Objection to Subpoena and Motion to Quash or, in the Alternative for a Protective Order, has also been filed on behalf of each of the aforementioned witnesses. These motions point out that L.P., J.G., D.P., and T.D. were served with subpoenas on June 18<sup>th</sup> or June 19<sup>th</sup> to appear for a deposition and produce documents on June 22<sup>nd</sup> (today) and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Although the notice provided to these witnesses is short, the Court intends to set a trial date in this case so that depositions need to be taken as soon as possible. The time for production of documents is normally longer than the time provided in the subpoenas issued by Judge Jinks, but the Court can allow a shorter time to produce documents if appropriate under the circumstances. The Court will allow the depositions to proceed as scheduled. The Motion to Quash is DENIED.

The Court is aware that all four witnesses could have difficulty finding the requested documents in the limited amount of time they have been provided. Witnesses are to appear for the scheduled depositions and to produce all documents requested, to the best of their ability, by the time their deposition is scheduled to begin. If L.P., J.G. D.P., or T.D. are aware or become aware of additional documents that should be produced pursuant to the subpoenas issued by Judge Jinks, and are unable to obtain those documents by the time their deposition has been scheduled, said documents shall be provided to counsel by the witness within 15 days of today.

The request for a protective order is also denied.

ORDERED this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021.

  
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J. William Cole  
Chief Judge  
Alabama Court of the Judiciary