

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

DR. RACHEL TUDOR,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. CIV-15-324-C
	)	
SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA	)	
STATE UNIVERSITY and	)	
THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY	)	
SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**ORDER**

Following entry of judgment in favor of Plaintiff, her past and present counsel have filed Motions for Attorneys' Fees. These Motions reveal a significant dispute as to how any award of attorneys' fees should be distributed. Indeed, Defendants have recently filed a request for a 60-day extension in responding to the various Motions, noting a need to conduct discovery in an attempt to understand the competing requests. After consideration of Defendants' Motion and the various Motions seeking fees, the Court is persuaded the appropriate action is to stay resolution of the issue pending completion of the appellate process. Given the complexity of the issue, it is a waste of judicial resources and the parties' resources to parse out who is entitled to what when there is a possibility that an appellate court will render the entire issue moot. Additionally, the Court encourages the parties to use the additional time to consider their positions, seek agreement where possible, and narrow the issues so that once the appellate process has completed any needed resolution of the attorneys' fees issue can be streamlined.

For the reasons set forth herein, the Motion of Law Office of Jillian T. Weiss' for Attorneys' Fees (Dkt. No. 301) and the accompanying Declaration (Dkt. No. 302); Plaintiff Dr. Rachel Tudor's Motion for Recovery of Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Other Reasonable Expenses (Dkt. No. 303), and the Application to Join in Plaintiff's Fee Request by Former Counsel, Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund (Dkt. No. 306) are STAYED pending resolution of the appellate process. Plaintiff's Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Motions for Attorney Fees Filed by Law Office of Jillian T. Weiss and Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund (Dkt. No. 317) and Defendants' Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Motions for Attorney Fees, Costs and Expenses (Dkt. No. 342) are STRICKEN without prejudice to refile once the stay entered herein is lifted. The parties are to notify the Court within 10 days of the completion of the appellate process that the stay entered herein should be lifted.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 1st day of October, 2018.

  
ROBIN J. CAUTHRON  
United States District Judge