

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
MACON DIVISION



MINUTE SHEET
OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

Date: 5/12/2021 – 5/13/2021 Type of Hearing: Motion Hearing
Judge: Marc T. Treadwell Court Reporter: Darlene Fuller
Courtroom Deputy: Kim A. Tavalero Law Clerk: Will McDavid
Courtroom: A

Case Number: 5:20-cv-453 (MTT)

Ashley Diamond Counsel: A. Chinyere Ezie
Beth Littrell
Maya Gyan Rajaratnam
Scott McCoy

v.

Timothy Ward, et al. Counsel: Robert Shapiro
Roger Chalmers

Arneika Smith Counsel: Annarita McGovern

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TOTAL Court time (for both days) for JS10/MJSTAR: 14 hours/ 11 minutes

DAY 1 - Court time for JS10/MJSTAR: 6 hours / 57 minutes

9:54 am Called to order. Identification of parties. Preliminary remarks by the Court.
9:59 am Opening Statement by Ms. Littrell.
10:03 am Opening Statement by Mr. Chalmers.
10:07 am Examination of Ashley Diamond by Ms. Littrell.
10:55 am Rule invoked.

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11:55 am Examination of Ashley Diamond by the Court.
12:01 pm Examination of Ashley Diamond by Ms. Littrell.
12:32 pm Recessed.
1:46 pm Reconvened. Examination of Ashley Diamond by Ms. Littrell.
1:53 pm Examination of Ashley Diamond by Mr. Chalmers.
2:52 pm Examination of Ashley Diamond by the Court.
3:02 pm Examination of Ashley Diamond by Ms. Littrell.
3:13 pm Recessed.
3:30 pm Reconvened. Discussion regarding witnesses.
3:33 pm Examination of John Doe by Mr. McCoy.
4:04 pm Examination of John Doe by Mr. Shapiro.
4:14 pm Examination of John Doe by the Court.
4:34 pm Examination of John Doe by Mr. McCoy.
4:40 pm Examination of Courtney Brown by Mr. Shapiro.
4:52 pm Examination of Courtney Brown by Mr. McCoy.
5:21 pm Examination of Courtney Brown by Mr. Shapiro.
5:23 pm Examination of Courtney Brown by the Court.
5:28 pm The Court addressed the parties.
5:31 pm Examination of Blake Duckworth by Ms. Rajaratnam.
6:15 pm Examination of Blake Duckworth by Mr. Shapiro.
6:22 pm Adjourned.

DAY 2 - Court time for JS10/MJSTAR: 7 hours / 14 minutes

9:00 am Called to order. Court addressed the parties. Ms. Littrell announced the plaintiff rests – no additional witnesses.
9:02 am Examination of Carl Betterson by Mr. Chalmers.
9:26 am Examination of Carl Betterson by Ms. Ezie.
9:53 am Examination of Carl Betterson by Mr. Chalmers.
9:53 am Examination of Carl Betterson by the Court.
10:24 am Examination of Carl Betterson by Mr. Chalmers.
10:32 am Examination of Carl Betterson by the Court.
10:32 am Examination of Carl Betterson by Ms. Ezie.
10:45 am Recessed.
10:58 am Reconvened. Examination of Khaliah Reeves by Mr. Shapiro.
11:13 am Examination of Khaliah Reeves by Mr. McCoy.
11:29 am Examination of Khaliah Reeves by Mr. Shapiro.
11:31 am Examination of Khaliah Reeves by the Court.
11:31 am Examination of Khaliah Reeves by Mr. McCoy.
11:36 am Examination of Brooks Benton by Mr. Chalmers.
12:05 pm Examination of Brooks Benton by Ms. Ezie.
12:48 pm Examination of Brooks Benton by Mr. Chalmers.
12:53 pm Examination of Brooks Benton by Ms. Ezie.

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12:57 pm Examination of Brooks Benton by the Court.
1:05 pm Examination of Brooks Benton by Ms. Ezie.
1:09 pm Examination of Brooks Benton by the Court.
1:11 pm Examination of Brooks Benton by Mr. Chalmers.
1:13 pm Recessed.
2:22 pm Reconvened. Examination of Samuel Miller by Mr. Shapiro.
2:36 pm Examination of Samuel Miller by Mr. McCoy.
2:53 pm Examination of Samuel Miller by Mr. Shapiro.
2:54 pm Examination of Samuel Miller by Mr. McCoy.
2:55 pm Mr. Chalmers addressed the Court.
2:59 pm Examination of Grace Atchison by Mr. Chalmers.
3:33 pm Examination of Grace Atchison by the Court.
3:35 pm Examination of Grace Atchison by Ms. Ezie.
4:21 pm Examination of Grace Atchison by the Court.
4:25 pm Examination of Grace Atchison by Mr. Chalmers.
4:26 pm Examination of Grace Atchison by Ms. Ezie.
4:27 pm Examination of Ahmed Holt by Mr. Chalmers.
4:45 pm Examination of Ahmed Holt by Ms. Ezie.
4:58 pm Examination of Ahmed Holt by Mr. Chalmers.
5:01 pm Examination of Ahmed Holt by the Court.
5:02 pm Discussion regarding entering depositions into the record.
5:04 pm The Court addressed the parties.
5:05 pm Recessed.
5:36 pm Reconvened. Discussion regarding depositions. Discussion regarding exhibits. Discussion regarding the parties' proposed discovery schedule. If briefing is necessary, the plaintiff shall file her brief within 30 days of the filing of the transcript. The defendants shall have 30 days to respond, and the plaintiff shall have 14 days to reply. Discussion regarding next steps of litigation.
6:07 pm Adjourned.