## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RICHARD SEAN PARNELL,

Plaintiff

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F.C. No. 17-90403-C

LAURIE A. PARNELL,

Defendant

## ORDER

AND NOW, October 6, 2021, the matters before the court are:

- The Plaintiff's Motion to Seal Record and for Special Relief and the Defendant's Response to the Motion,
- Trib Total Media, LLC's Petition for Leave to Intervene, Trib Total Media, LLC's Motion for Access to Pretrial Narrative Statements, and Trib Total Media, LLC's Response to Plaintiff's Motion,
- 3. The Philadelphia Inquirer's Motion to Intervene, and
- 4. Non-witness Paul Van Osdol's Motion for Protective Order.

Also, attorneys for Sean Parnell for U.S. Senate Campaign have filed a Praecipe for Entry of Appearance in both the custody and divorce cases.

The court conducted an evidentiary hearing on the Plaintiff's Motion to Seal Record and for Special Relief on October 5, 2021. Upon consideration of the Motion,

the Defendant's Response to the Motion, and the evidence and arguments presented at the hearing, it is ORDERED as follows:

- 1. This Order pertains only to the custody case at F.C. No. 17-90403-C and not to the divorce case at F.C. No. 17-90403-D, based on the representation by the Plaintiff's attorney that the reference in the caption of the Motion to both the divorce and custody docket numbers is a typographical error and that the Plaintiff is seeking relief only in the custody case at F.C. No. 17-90403-C. This Order does not pertain to the divorce case at F.C. No. 17-90403-D.
- 2. Without leave of this court, and during the pendency of this case, the Plaintiff and the Defendant and their attorneys shall not disclose to members of the news media, to anyone involved with or interested in political campaigns, and to any other individuals or entities, and they shall not communicate by social media or otherwise, any of the following information which they know about or which they will obtain:
  - Any information about the children's mental and physical health and about treatment that has been or will be provided to them,
  - b. Any information about evaluations and assessments of the children and the parties themselves which have been made and which will be made in connection with this case.
- The Plaintiff and the Defendant and their attorneys shall not direct or encourage third parties to speak publicly or communicate about the information described in paragraphs 2. a. and b.

- 4. The attorneys for the parties shall redact all references to information described in paragraphs 2. a. and b. from their pre-hearing statements, including exhibits, which have already been filed and then refile the redacted statements of record. The unredacted pre-hearing statements which have already been placed in a confidential file shall remain in the file and may be accessed only by the court.
- 5. The attorneys for the parties shall redact all references to information described in paragraphs 2. a. and b. from all future pleadings, motions and other written materials which are filed of record, and they shall file unredacted versions in a confidential file, which may be accessed only by the court.
- 6. The parties and their attorneys may disclose and communicate such information to individuals who will testify as witnesses if the individuals require the information to prepare for and present their testimony. However, the parties and attorneys shall assure that those individuals understand and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this Order.
- In all other respects, the Plaintiff's Motion to Seal Record and for Special Relief is denied.

It is further ORDERED that,

- Trib Total Media, LLC's Petition for Leave to Intervene and Trib Total Media, LLC's Motion for Access to Pretrial Narrative Statements are denied. Trib Total Media, LLC is not a party in this custody case.
- The Philadelphia Inquirer's Motion to Intervene is denied. The Philadelphia
  Inquirer is not a party in this custody case.

- Non-witness Paul Van Osdol's Motion for Protective Order is denied, without prejudice, and
- 4. The Praecipe for Entry of Appearance filed by attorneys for Sean Parnell for U.S. Senate Campaign is stricken and the Prothonotary shall remove it from the file, as they do not represent a party in this custody case.

BY THE COURT:

James G. Arner, S.J.