

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.8 (rev. 1.8.3)
Eastern Division**

Raymond E. Butler II

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:25-cv-04443

Honorable Georgia N. Alexakis

Eli Jackfinn Eddi, et al.

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Wednesday, August 27, 2025:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Georgia N. Alexakis: Hearing held on plaintiff's emergency motion to vacate stay, vacate protective order, freeze trust assets, and appoint a neutral fiduciary to preserve trust res [167]. For the reasons stated on the record, the Court denies plaintiff's motion [167]. The protective order barring plaintiff from communicating with certain defendants and witnesses remains in effect. [101]; [113]; [163]. For the reasons stated on the record, the Court grants CIBC Bank USA's motion to enforce the protective order [179]. Plaintiff's motion to strike CIBC Bank USA's motion to enforce the protective order [186], which the Court also construes as a substantive response to CIBC Bank USA's motion [179], is denied. The Court denies CIBC Bank USA's request for fees associated with its motion to enforce the protective order [179] without prejudice to renewal at a later time. Although the stay remains in place at this juncture, the parties are directed to meet and confer amongst themselves and, by 9/10/25, file a proposed plan for how Rule 12(b)(6) briefing will proceed if the Court lifts the stay only for that limited purpose. (If the parties cannot come to an agreement, they may submit competing proposals.) For the reasons stated on the record, the Court vacates the previous court's entry of default against defendant Katz at [48], sets aside its earlier denial (without prejudice to renewal) of defendant Katz's motion to set aside default at [163], and now grants defendant Katz's motion to set aside default [68]. For the reasons stated on the record, the Court grants defendant Ginsparg's oral motion to vacate the entry of default against him and vacates the previous court's entry of default at [38]. Plaintiff's motions for default judgment [189]; [193]; [194] are denied as premature. As discussed during the hearing, by the end of the day, counsel for plaintiff, Ms. London, is instructed to email the Courtroom Deputy the details of her reports to law enforcement regarding the alleged security threat outside her home. The parties are reminded that if the Court directs that any future hearings be conducted in-person, counsel must plan to be present in-person. (ca,)

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