

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

FC 2023-052771

10/25/2023

HONORABLE JOHN R. DOODY

CLERK OF THE COURT  
T. Sachse  
Deputy

IN RE THE MATTER OF  
LAURA OWENS

JOSHUA A LOPEZ

AND

CLAYTON RAY ECHARD

CLAYTON RAY ECHARD  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

COMM. DOODY

MINUTE ENTRY

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Prior to the commencement of today's proceedings, Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 through 18 and Defendant's Exhibits 19 through 51 are marked for identification.

Courtroom 101-NER

8:32 a.m. This is the time set for Hearing on Order of Protection issued on October 6, 2023. Plaintiff, Laura Owens, is present with the above-named counsel. Defendant, Clayton Ray Echard, is present on his own behalf.

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

Laura Owens and Clayton Ray Echard are sworn.

The Court addresses previous motions filed by Plaintiff.

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**IT IS ORDERED** denying Plaintiff's Motion Requesting That the Hearing be Closed From the Public or That This Hearing Be Closed From Watching Online, filed October 25, 2023 and denying Plaintiff's Motion Requesting Laura Owens Attend Virtually or Telephonically for Hearing Scheduled October 25, 2023, filed on October 25, 2023.

Counsel for Plaintiff presents opening statements.

Laura Owens testifies.

Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 and 11 are received into evidence and Exhibit 52 is marked for identification and received into evidence.

Clayton Ray Echard testifies.

Defendant's Exhibits 34, 35, and 51 are received into evidence and Exhibit 53 is marked for identification and received into evidence.

Discussion is held.

Based on the testimony and matters presented,

**THE COURT FINDS** by a preponderance of the evidence that there is reasonable cause to believe that Defendant has committed an act of domestic violence within the last year.

**THE COURT FURTHER FINDS** that good cause exists to continue the Order of Protection in this case.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Order of Protection issued at Superior Court on October 6, 2023 shall remain in full force and effect.

**LET THE RECORD FURTHER REFLECT** that the parties receive a copy of the aforementioned document in open court.

**LET THE RECORD FURTHER REFLECT** that Plaintiff's Exhibits 2 through 10, 12 through 18 and Defendant's Exhibits 19 through 33, and 36 through 50 are disposed.

Counsel for Plaintiff makes an Oral Motion to withdraw from these proceedings.

**IT IS ORDERED** granting Counsel's Motion to withdraw.

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10:13 a.m. Hearing concludes.

**FILED:** Hearing Order

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**LET THE RECORD REFLECT** that the Court did not invoke the Brady Order due to the fact that it is still undetermined if Plaintiff is pregnant with Defendant's child.

All parties representing themselves must keep the Court updated with address changes. A form may be downloaded at:

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