

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HAMPTON

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Michael "Tony" Satterfield and Brian Harriott,
Plaintiffs,

C/A No. 2021-CP-25-00298

Priority Matter
Under Rule 40(h), SCRPC

vs.

Richard Alexander "Alex" Murdaugh, Chad
Westendorf, Palmetto State Bank, Corey
Fleming, and Moss, Kuhn & Fleming, P.A.,
Defendants.

**DEFENDANT MURDAUGH'S
MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENAS**

TO: RONALD L. RICHTER, JR., ESQ., ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Rule 45(c)(3)(A) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant Richard Alexander Murdaugh, by and through his undersigned counsel, will move on the tenth day after notice of the within motion, or at a date and time thereafter set by the Court, for an order dismissing quashing the subpoenas duces tecum served by Plaintiffs on Richard A. Harpootlian and James M. Griffin, counsel for Defendant Murdaugh, on June 7, 2023 (attached as **Exhibit A**). The grounds for this motion are that (1) the subpoenas constitute an undue burden under Rule 45(c)(3)(A)(iv) because Plaintiffs have no authority to engage in post-judgment discovery regarding Mr. Murdaugh, and (2) the subpoenas seek production of Mr. Murdaugh's communications with his attorneys about this litigation, which is protected by the attorney-client privilege and therefore requires quashal under Rule 45(c)(3)(A)(iii).

Respectfully submitted,

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June 13, 2023
Columbia, South Carolina.

EXHIBIT A

(Subpoenas duces tecum served by Plaintiff on
Richard A. Harpootlian and James M. Griffin)



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VIA EMAIL:

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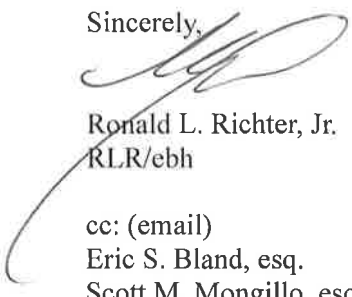
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I CERTIFY THAT THE SUBPOENA IS ISSUED IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 45(c)(1), AND THAT NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY RULE 45(b)(1) HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ALL PARTIES.

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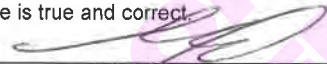
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Rule 45, South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedures, Parts (c) and (d):

(c) Protection of Persons Subject to Subpoenas.

(1) A party or an attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoena shall take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena. The court on behalf of which the subpoena was issued shall enforce this duty and impose upon the party or attorney in breach of this duty an appropriate sanction, which may include, but is not limited to, lost earnings and a reasonable attorney's fee.

(2)(A) A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated electronically stored information, books, papers, documents or tangible things, or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing or trial. A party or an attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoena for production of books, papers and documents without a deposition shall provide to another party copies of documents so produced upon written request. The party requesting copies shall pay the reasonable costs of reproduction.

(B) Subject to paragraph (d)(2) of this rule, a person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within 14 days after service of the subpoena or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than 14 days after service, serve upon the party or attorney designated in the subpoena written objection to inspection or copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. If objection is made, the party serving the subpoena shall not be entitled to inspect and copy the materials or inspect the premises except pursuant to an order of the court by which the subpoena was issued. If objection has been made, the party serving the subpoena may, upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time in the court that issued the subpoena for an order to compel the production. Such an order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded.

(3)(A) On timely motion, the court by which a subpoena was issued, or regarding a subpoena commanding appearance at a deposition, or production or inspection directed to a non-party, the court in the county where the non-party resides, is employed or regularly transacts business in person, shall quash or modify the subpoena if it:

- (i) fails to allow reasonable time for compliance; or
- (ii) requires a person who is not a party nor an officer, director or managing agent of a party, nor a general partner of a partnership that is a party, to travel more than 50 miles from the county where that person resides, is employed or regularly transacts business in person, except that, subject to the provisions of clause (c)(3)(B)(iii) of this rule, such a person may in order to attend trial be commanded to travel from any such place within the state in which the trial is held; or
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or otherwise protected matter and no exception or waiver applies; or

(iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) If a subpoena:

(i) requires disclosure of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information, or

(ii) requires disclosure of an unretained expert's opinion or information not describing specific events or occurrences in dispute and resulting from the expert's study made not at the request of any party, or

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(D) A person responding to a subpoena need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or to quash, the person from whom discovery is sought must show that the information sought is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(6)(B). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2)(A) When information subject to a subpoena is withheld on a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation materials, the claim shall be made expressly and shall be supported by a description of the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced that is sufficient to enable the demanding party to contest the claim.

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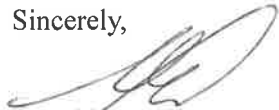
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