

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

GULF COAST ORTHOPEDIC CENTER –
ALFRED O. BONATI, P.A., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Case No.: 12-CA-009002

Division H

vs.

LASER SPINE INSTITUTE, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

**ORDER ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
REQUIRE ASSIGNEE TO TURN OVER CLIENT FILES¹**

THIS CASE came on for hearing on April 29, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. upon the Defendants' Motion to Require Assignee to Turn Over Client Files (the "**Motion**") filed by Dr. James St. Louis and Dr. Michael Perry ("**St. Louis and Perry**") and the Assignee's Objection to Defendant's Motion to Require Assignee to Turn Over Client Files (the "**Objection**"). The Court having considered the Motion and the Objection as well as the issues raised by (i) the Assignee's Motion to Determine Procedures for Requests for Legal Files in Assignee's Possession and (ii) the Assignee's Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing and Directing Holland & Knight to Turn Over Assignor Client Files (the "**Companion Motions**") filed in the Assignment Cases. The Motion, the Objections, and the Companion Motions are being heard at the same hearing pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation of Counsel filed in the Assignment Cases (as defined in the Objection). The Court, having considered the agreement of the parties

¹The Motion filed in this *Gulf Coast Orthopedic Center – Alfred O. Bonati, P.A. v. Laser Spine Institute, LLC, et al.*, and is being heard by this Court pursuant to the Stipulation of Counsel.

and the Companion Motions, finds that the Motion should be granted under the terms set forth herein. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED as follows:

1. The Motion is granted in part and denied in part.
2. The Objection is overruled as moot.
3. Soneet Kapila, in his capacity as Assignee in the Assignment Cases, shall provide counsel for St. Louis and Perry access to a Sharefile suite that contains copies of the electronic files that resided on the Laser Spine servers related to the Bonati Litigation (the “**Bonati Litigation Files**”). On their access to the Sharefile suite, counsel for St. Louis and Perry will be able to freely download Bonati Litigation Files. Such access will be provided within 15 days from the date of this Order. Such access and download will be without cost to St. Louis and Perry.
4. To the extent that St. Louis and Perry seek copies of paper records in the Bonati Litigation in the Assignee’s possession, St. Louis and Perry shall comply with the provisions set forth in the Order on Assignee’s Motion to Determine Procedures for Requests for Legal Files in Assignee’s Proceedings.

DONE AND ORDERED in Hillsborough County, Florida this _____ day May, 2020.

Electronically Conformed 5/22/2020

Steven Scott Stephens
Steven Scott Stephens
Circuit Court Judge

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