

**NO. 141-307474-19****VICTOR MIGNOGNA**  
**Plaintiff,****V.****FUNIMATION PRODUCTIONS, LLC,**  
**JAMIE MARCHI, MONICA RIAL AND**  
**RONALD TOYE,**  
**Defendants.**§  
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§**IN THE DISTRICT COURT****141<sup>st</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT****TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS****DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO QUASH NOTICE TO TAKE THE ORAL AND**  
**VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF MONICA RIAL WITH SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM**  
**AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER****TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:**

**NOW COMES** Monica Rial ("Defendant" herein), and requests the Court to quash a notice of deposition and to issue a protective order in connection therewith, and shows the following in support thereof:

1. On or about May 3, 2019, Defendant was served with a Notice of Deposition to Take the Oral and Videotaped Deposition of Monica Rial with Subpoena Duces Tecum (attached herein and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A" and referred to in this Motion as the "Notice of Deposition") in this matter to occur on May 14, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the law offices of Plaintiff's attorneys located at 100 Independence Places, Suite 300, Tyler, Texas 75703.

2. Defendant requests that the Court quash the Notice of Deposition and issue a protective order for the reason set forth herein. This Motion is filed within three business days after service of the Notice of Deposition; therefore, the deposition is automatically stayed until this Motion can be determined per Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 199.4.

3. Defendant objects to the Notice of Deposition as follows:

a. The deposition was unilaterally noticed without confirmation of

Defendant's counsel, with less than a two-week notice, and without sufficient advance notice of the deposition.

- b. Defendant objects to the date and time of the proposed deposition.
- c. Defendant objects to the place of the taking of the proposed deposition.

4. Furthermore, pursuant to an email communication sent by Ty Beard to Defendant's attorney on May 5, 2019 at 11:04 a.m., Plaintiff has withdrawn the Subpoena Duces Tecum and his discovery requests included in his Notice of Deposition at this time.

5. A trial court has broad discretion to protect a party with a protective order. Defendant asks the Court to exercise its discretion and grant a protective order because it is necessary to protect Defendant from undue burden, unnecessary expense, harassment, annoyance, and/or invasion of personal, constitutional, or property rights.

6. Pursuant to Rule 191.2 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, efforts to resolve these matters without court intervention were attempted, as evidenced by the Certificate of Conference included herein.

### **PRAYER**

**WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED,** Defendant requests that the Court quash the above-described Notice of Deposition, that a protective order be entered, and for such other and further relief that may be awarded at law or in equity.

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**CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

I certify that on May 3, 2019, I contacted Plaintiff's counsel and requested he withdraw the Notices of Deposition served on Defendants. Plaintiff's counsel responded and stipulated that the Subpoena Duces Tecum and document requests therein were inadvertently included with the deposition notices but did not agree to withdraw the Notices of Deposition. As of the date of this motion, Plaintiff has not withdrawn the Notices of Deposition, and, therefore, this motion is presented to the Court for determination.

*Casey Erick*

Casey S. Erick

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on May 7, 2019 a true and correct copy of Defendant's Motion to Quash Notice of Intent to Take the Oral and Videotaped Depositions of Monica Rial with Subpoena Duces Tecum and Motion for Protective Order was served on Ty Beard electronically through the electronic filing manager.

*Casey Erick*

Casey S. Erick

## **OBJECTIONS TO REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

In addition to Defendant's request for a protective order, and without waiving same, Defendant objects to the requests for documents as follows.

1. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) referencing Plaintiff or Defendants from June 1, 2017 to the present. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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2. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) referencing Plaintiff between (a) the date you first met Plaintiff and (b) the present. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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5. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) supporting your claim that you have not committed defamation. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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6. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) supporting your claim that you have not committed tortious interference with existing contracts. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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7. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in

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8. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) supporting your claim that you have not committed and participated in a civil conspiracy against Plaintiff. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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9. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) relating to any investigation conducted by Funimation Productions, LLC into allegations that Plaintiff assaulted, harassed, sexually assaulted or sexually harassed any person or otherwise conducted himself inappropriately toward any person. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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14. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) that prove your allegations that Plaintiff “sexually assaulted” you. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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16. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) supporting any counter-claims you will assert. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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18. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) with the (a) local police/sheriff's department where your residence is located, (b) Department of Homeland Security and/or (c) the FBI since January 17, 2019. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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19. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) with any local, state or federal government agency that involve or mention Plaintiff. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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20. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) between yourself and Anime/Science Fiction/Dragonball convention organizers, employees, vendors and suppliers referencing Plaintiff. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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21. All documents and communications (including electronically stored information in its native format) between yourself and Kamehacon 2019 organizers, employees, staffers, vendors or suppliers referencing Plaintiff. Defendant objects to said Request as follows:

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<b>AND RONALD TOYE,</b>	§	
<b>Defendants</b>	§	<b>TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS</b>

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**PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO TAKE THE ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED  
DEPOSITION OF MONICA WITH SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM**

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**TO:** Defendant, MONICA RIAL, by and through her attorney of record Casey S. Erick, 2100 Ross Avenue, Suite 750, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Please take notice that at the time, date and place set forth below Plaintiff will take the oral deposition of the witness named below pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure before the named officer:

**NAME OF WITNESS:** Monica Rial

**TIME AND PLACE:** May 15, 2019, 9:00 a.m., BEARD • HARRIS • BULLOCK • HUGHES, 100 Independence Places, Suite 300, Tyler, Texas 75703

**DEPOSITION OFFICER:** Lexitas Court Reporting, Tyler, Texas 903-593-3213

**ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF CONDUCTING AND/OR RECORDING:**

Please take notice that the deposition will be recorded by stenographic recording and video and/or audio by Lexitas Court Reporting. This deposition will continue from day to day until completed.

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION**

Under Rule 199.2(b)(5), Monica Rial is requested to produce at the taking of this deposition, the documents listed in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

**EXHIBIT A**

Respectfully submitted,

BEARD • HARRIS • BULLOCK • HUGHES

By: /s/ Ty Beard

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document is being served upon all counsel of record via electronic filing in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2017.

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/s/ Ty Beard

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