

VIRGIE ARTHUR,

*Plaintiff,*

vs.

HOWARD K. STERN, BONNIE STERN,  
LYNDAL HARRINGTON, ART HARRIS,  
NELDA TURNER, TERESA STEPHENS,  
HARVEY LEVIN and TMZ  
PRODUCTIONS, INC.,

*Defendants.*

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

80<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**ORDER ON DEFENDANT ART HARRIS'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER  
AND SUPPLEMENT THERETO AND  
PLAINTIFF VIRGIE ARTHUR'S MOTION TO COMPEL**

CAME ON TO BE HEARD Defendant Art Harris's Motion for Protective Order and Supplement Thereto and Plaintiff Virgie Arthur's Motion to Compel. The Court, having considered said Motions, the responses thereto, and the arguments of counsel, is of the opinion that both Motions should be granted in part, denied in part, and abated in part as stated below:

IT WAS AGREED in open court that Defendant Art Harris's Motion for Protective Order, Supplement to Defendant Harris's Motion for Protective Order and Plaintiff's Motion to Compel interrogatories 5-17 will be abated until such time as there is a final decision on the mandamus proceedings addressed in *In re Harris*, ---S.W.3d ---, 2010 WL 1612205 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] April 22, 2010), whether by further action of the First Court of Appeals or the Texas Supreme Court or as a matter of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, 30 days prior to trial, Defendant Art Harris will produce to counsel for Plaintiff a verified financial statement reflecting his current net worth, and that such information will be subject to a protective order to be submitted to the court in advance of such production.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Art Harris produce a redacted copy of his engagement letter with Jackson Walker L.L.P., within 30 days of the date of this Order. It is further Ordered that any privileged materials shall be redacted and any material not relevant to the party responsible for the payment of Jackson Walker, L.L.P.'s fees may be redacted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Art Harris, within 30 days, answer Interrogatory No. 18.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Art Harris, within 30 days, answer Interrogatory No. 22 regarding his relationship with CBS, related to the Virgie Arthur matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Art Harris, within 30 days, answer Interrogatory No. 21 regarding "amounts of money" he has been paid by CBS, TMZ, Harvey Levin, Howard K. Stern, Lin Wood, BryanCave/Powell Goldstein or Jackson Walker, or any representative, employee or agent of the listed persons and entities relating to the alleged defamation or conspiracy to defame Virgie Arthur and limited in time to February 8, 2007 to January 29, 2008.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Art Harris's objection that Plaintiff Virgie Arthur exceeded 25 interrogatories is overruled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any documents and written responses produced pursuant to this Order be produced only to parties represented by counsel and shall not be produced to any pro se party nor given to any pro se party by counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other relief sought in Plaintiff Virgie Arthur's Motion to Compel is DENIED.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

  
JUDGE LARRY WEIMAN