

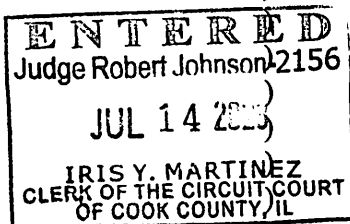
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF )

PETER MATT,  
Petitioner,

and

MEGAN MATT,  
Respondent.



Case No. 2016 D 9534  
Cal. 23

**ORDER**

This cause coming before the Court for an in-person hearing on Peter Matt's Second Motion for Section 508(b) Attorney's Fees filed on June 4, 2022; Ruling on the amount of attorney's fees Megan Matt shall pay to Peter Matt pursuant to the Rule 137 sanctions per the Court's August 3, 2022 Order; Peter Matt's Petition for Rule to Show Cause filed on March 3, 2023; Peter Matt's Motion for Attorney's Fees Pursuant to 60/214(b)(13) filed on May 2, 2023; Megan Matt's Motion for Allocation of GAL Fees, Extraordinary Healthcare Costs, 604B Investigation Costs, and Attorney Fees for Megan Mason; Megan Matt's Section 2-401 Petition for Relief from Judgment in August 21, 2020 Ruling of Contempt of Court; Megan Matt's Motion to Vacate Plenary Order of Protection Entered in this Court Against Megan Mason on March 8, 2023, and the GAL's Petition for Rule to Show Cause, Peter Matt appearing in person with Counsel, Megan Matt appearing in person on her own behalf, the GAL being present via Zoom, and the Court being advised:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Peter Matt's Second Motion for Section 508(b) Attorney's Fees filed on June 4, 2022 is granted. Megan Matt shall pay to Peter Matt the amount of \$5,407.50 as and for her obligation to pay Peter Matt's attorney's fees and costs following the finding of contempt on April 4, 2022. The obligation under this paragraph constitutes the kind of debt that is not dischargeable in bankruptcy pursuant to 11 U.S.C.A §523(a)(15). Megan Matt is therefore barred as to any defenses to the non-dischargeability of the payments required by this paragraph which she would otherwise be entitled to present in case of her voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, including, but not limited to, discharge under Chapter 13, or any other chapter of the United States Bankruptcy Code.
2. Following the Court's ruling the amount of attorney's fees Megan Matt shall pay to Peter Matt pursuant to the Rule 137 sanctions per the Court's August 3, 2022 Order, Megan Matt shall pay to Peter Matt the amount of \$12,320.00 as and for Rule 137 sanctions. The obligation under this paragraph constitutes the kind of debt that is not dischargeable in bankruptcy pursuant to 11 U.S.C.A §523(a)(15). Megan Matt is therefore barred as to any defenses to the non-dischargeability of the payments required by this paragraph which she would otherwise be entitled to present in case of her voluntary or involuntary

bankruptcy, including, but not limited to, discharge under Chapter 13, or any other chapter of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

3. Peter Matt's Petition for Rule to Show Cause filed on March 3, 2023 is granted. Megan Matt is found to be indirect civil contempt of court following the issuance of a Rule and her failure to comply with Article V, Paragraph F(2)(ii) of the Marital Settlement Agreement incorporated into the Judgment after failing to provide a legal sufficient reason for said failure. Megan Matt's testimony that she wrote the identified letters in the petition, as well as her testimony that she called the FBI twice, send two emails, and submitted other letters to seek Peter Matt's deportation is in part the basis that her failure is willful and contumacious. The Court's issuance of a purge is continued to the next court date.
4. Peter Matt's Motion for Attorney's Fees Pursuant to 60/214(b)(13) filed on May 2, 2023 is granted. Megan Matt shall pay to Peter Matt the amount of \$9,100.00 as and for 750 ILCS 60/214(b)(13). The obligation under this paragraph constitutes the kind of debt that is not dischargeable in bankruptcy pursuant to 11 U.S.C.A §523(a)(15). Megan Matt is therefore barred as to any defenses to the non-dischargeability of the payments required by this paragraph which she would otherwise be entitled to present in case of her voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, including, but not limited to, discharge under Chapter 13, or any other chapter of the United States Bankruptcy Code.
5. Megan Matt's Motion for Allocation of GAL Fees, Extraordinary Healthcare Costs, 604B Investigation Costs, and Attorney Fees for Megan Mason is granted in part and denied in part.
  - a. Megan Matt is not awarded attorney's fees and that part of the motion is denied.
  - b. The allocation of healthcare costs as identified in the May 16, 2023 order shall stand, and that part of the motion is denied.
  - c. The re-allocation of GAL fees is granted and Megan Matt shall pay 60% and Peter Matt 40% of the GAL fees since the appointment of the GAL, and those going forward. The parties shall prepare calculations as to the amounts paid and owed by the next court date for the entry of an order identifying the amount of reimbursement owed from Megan Matt to Peter Matt.
  - d. The re-allocation of Section 604.10(b) fees is granted and Megan Matt shall pay 60% and Peter Matt 40% of the Section 604.10(b) fees since the appointment of both Section 604.10(b) experts and those going forward. The parties shall prepare calculations as to the amounts paid and owed by the next court date for the entry of an order identifying the amount of reimbursement owed from Megan Matt to Peter Matt.
6. Megan Matt's Section 2-401 Petition for Relief from Judgment in August 21, 2020 Ruling of Contempt of Court is denied.
7. Megan Matt's Motion to Vacate Plenary Order of Protection Entered in this Court Against Megan Mason on March 8, 2023 is denied.

8. The GAL has 28 days to amend his Petition for Rule to Show Cause and to file a fee petition consistent with the rulings herein.
9. This matter is set for status, order of purge, calculations as to GAL and Section 604.10(b) fees, payments from Megan Matt to Peter Matt and structure for same, and presentment of GAL motions on September 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.
10. Copies of this order to be tendered to
  - a. Counsel for Petitioner: [pleadings@kgwlaw.com](mailto:pleadings@kgwlaw.com)
  - b. Respondent: [REDACTED]
  - c. GAL: [mbender@caesarbenderlaw.com](mailto:mbender@caesarbenderlaw.com)

ENTERED:



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JUDGE

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