

Judy Huth v. William H. Cosby

Last time we were here in court there was a partial stay on discovery because the criminal case was pending.

It was not clear that the criminal case would proceed because of certain challenges to that case and appeals and attempts to dismiss it, but now it is clear that it is set for trial for June 5, 2017.

Since we last appeared before this court we have engaged in discovery. We have taken the deposition of a Pittsburg woman, Renita Hill, who alleges she was a victim of sexual misconduct of Mr. Cosby. We have also deposed a woman who was with Ms. Huth at the Playboy Mansion at the time of the incident alleged by Ms. Huth. We have also deposed Hugh Hefner and yesterday we inspected the premises of the Playboy Mansion where all of the events that gave rise to Ms. Huth's claims took place.

We had also noticed the deposition for this Friday of Margie Shapiro, who is also our client. However on September 6 we learned that she was listed in a motion filed by the prosecution in the criminal case of the People v. Cosby now pending in Pennsylvania as one of 13 potential witnesses under Pennsylvania's Prior Bad Acts Doctrine. We then withdrew our subpoena and notified opposing counsel that we would not proceed with Ms. Shapiro's deposition on Friday, but that we would take her deposition and would be willing to produce her after she is no longer a potential witness or after she testifies as a witness in the criminal case.

Mr. Cosby's attorneys had also subpoenaed Ms. Shapiro for her deposition this Friday in Los Angeles and are now insisting that they should be able to proceed to take her deposition on Friday. We think that they are attempting to use civil discovery to get around the limits on criminal discovery in the criminal case.

We are also concerned that if they can take Margie Shapiro's deposition that they can also take the deposition of all of the other 12 potential witnesses listed by the prosecution.

Even though we are very anxious to have our civil case tried we believe that the criminal case should take precedence and that there should be a stay on all

discovery on Ms. Huth's civil lawsuit. In that way Mr. Cosby's rights are protected and Ms. Huth's rights are also preserved. Ms. Huth has waited a long time for justice, but we believe that justice will only be served if we await the outcome of the criminal case before proceeding with this civil lawsuit.

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Note: Update

Mr. Cosby's attorneys agreed that they will not take Ms. Shapiro's deposition this Friday. However, they oppose a stay on all discovery in this case and still want to take Ms. Shapiro's deposition prior to the criminal trial. The court will hear arguments on our motion for a stay on discovery on November 4, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. PST in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.