

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
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TREVOR ADAMSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

SARAH E. GROVE,
DEBORAH ANN SANGETTI, and
KARL S. BOLTON,

Defendants.

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Case Nos.: 83CC1-2020-CV-616
83CC1-2020-CV-818
83CC1-2020-CV-906

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FINAL ORDER

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This matter came before the Court upon the Defendants' *Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment and Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-104(a) Petition to Dismiss the Plaintiff's Complaint with Prejudice Pursuant to the Tennessee Public Participation Act*. Upon consideration of the Defendants' Motion and Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-104(a) Petition, the Plaintiffs' Responses thereto, the arguments presented during the Parties' October 5, 2020 hearing, the Defendants' Replies to the Plaintiff's Responses, and the entire record, the Court **FINDS** and **ORDERS** as follows:

1. The Defendants have filed a timely *Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment and Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-104(a) Petition to Dismiss the Plaintiff's Complaint with Prejudice Pursuant to the Tennessee Public Participation Act*, which was heard on October 5, 2020.

2. The Plaintiff filed two Responses to the Defendants' Tennessee Public Participation Act (TPPA) Petition. The Plaintiff's first Response was filed on September 29, 2020. The Plaintiff's second Response was filed on November 2, 2020 after the Court



afforded the Plaintiff—who indicated his intention to proceed *pro se*—an additional 30 days to file another Response and to retain new counsel if the Plaintiff wished to do so.

3. Neither of the Plaintiff's Responses introduced admissible evidence that establishes a *prima facie* case for each essential element of the speech-based tort claims in the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

4. Neither of the Plaintiff's Responses introduced admissible evidence sufficient to overcome the valid defenses that the Defendants established to the speech-based tort claims in the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

5. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the Defendants' Motion and TPPA Petition and the Defendants' October 1, 2020 and November 5, 2020 *Replies*, which are incorporated herein by reference, the Court **FINDS** and **ORDERS** that the Defendants' Motion and TPPA Petition are well taken and should be **GRANTED**; that the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, and all causes of action asserted within it, should be and are hereby **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-105(b), Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-105(c), and Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-105(e); and that a judgment shall **ISSUE** awarding the Defendants their actual, reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the amount of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-107(a)(1) and assessing sanctions against the Plaintiff in the amount of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-107(a)(2) to deter repetition of the conduct by the party who brought the legal action or by others similarly situated.

6. This Order renders moot all matters asserted by the Defendants in Case No. 83CC1-2020-CV-818, in which the Defendants are the Petitioners. Accordingly, Case No. 83CC1-2020-CV-818 shall be and is hereby **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** as **MOOT**.

7. The Plaintiff's request for 30 days to file a Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-104(a) Petition in response to the Defendants' Tenn. Code Ann. § 20-17-104(a) Petition is meritless and therefore **DENIED**.

8. A final judgment shall be **ENTERED** in Case Nos. 83CC1-2020-CV-616, 83CC1-2020-CV-818, and 83CC1-2020-CV-906 pursuant to Tenn. R. Civ. P. 58. Defendants shall file receipts for recoverable costs incurred, if any, upon the expiration of any time to appeal.

9. Court costs shall be taxed to the Plaintiff, Trevor Adamson, for which execution may issue if necessary.

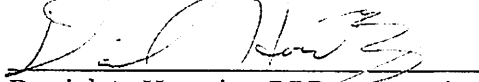
IT IS SO ORDERED.

Entered this the 17th day November, 2020.



Honorable Joe H. Thompson
Circuit Court Judge

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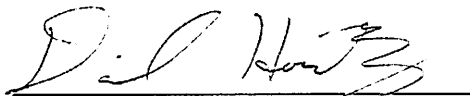
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of November, 2020, a copy of the foregoing was served via USPS mail, postage prepaid, and/or e-mailed to the following parties:

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