

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION**

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL and STATE OF
CONNECTICUT,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No: 8:14-cv-1825-T-30MAP

LITIGATION LAW, LLC, *et al.*,

Defendants.

ORDER

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court upon the Receiver's Motion for Entry of Order Directing R. Geoffrey Broderick and Vincent Jankowski [sic] to Show Cause Why They Should Not Be Held in Contempt of this Court (Dkt. #90). The Receiver asserts that Defendant R. Geoffrey Broderick and non-party Vincent Jankoski are in violation of this Court's Preliminary Injunction as to Defendants Litigation Law, LLC, The Resolution Law Group, P.C. and the Resolution Law Center, LLC (Dkt. #51). Upon review and consideration, it is the Court's conclusion that the Motion should be granted.

The Receiver asserts that Broderick and Jankoski refuse to relinquish control of The Resolution Law Group, P.C. ("TRLG") and refuse to provide the Receiver with necessary substantive information to conduct his receivership duties. TRLG and Broderick are defendants in a lawsuit styled *First Mariner Bank v. The Resolution Law Group, P.C. et*

al., U.S. District Court, District of Maryland Case No.: 1:12-cv-01133-MJG (the “First Mariner Lawsuit”). First Mariner Bank alleges false advertising, injurious falsehoods, defamation and unfair competition due to TRLG’s letters to consumers claiming that First Mariner Bank may have engaged in fraudulent lender activity.

The Receiver’s initial contact with Jankoski involved a bill for attorney’s fees owed by TRLG for legal representation in an unidentified matter. The Receiver was unaware of the First Mariner Lawsuit since Jankoski refused to provide information regarding the basis of his representation of TRLG. The Maryland district court entered an order of default against TRLG due to multiple discovery violations. The Receiver sent Jankoski privileged communications requesting additional information about the First Mariner Lawsuit, and directed Jankoski to keep the communications confidential. Jankoski did not respond to the communications, but instead filed copies of the communications in the First Mariner Lawsuit.

Jankoski also requested that the court in the First Mariner Lawsuit interpret the Preliminary Injunction to determine whether Jankoski was bound by it. Additionally, in response to First Mariner Bank’s filing of a copy of the Receiver’s Initial Report, Jankoski filed a pleading titled “Defendants R. Geoffrey Broderick and Resolution Law Group’s Reply to Plaintiff’s Filing of October 29, 2014” in which he raised several of the same claims about the Receiver that he raised in his letter to this Court on October 17, 2014. (Dkt. #63). The Receiver terminated Jankoski’s representation of TRLG, but Jankoski, by his own admission, refuses to recognize the Receiver’s authority regarding TRLG.

Jankoski insists that Broderick is the person from whom he takes direction regarding the First Mariner Lawsuit and performed the aforementioned actions at Broderick's direction.

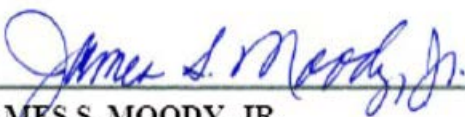
Based on the foregoing, the Receiver has established a sufficient basis for this Court to enter an Order to Show Cause why Broderick and Jankoski should not be held in contempt of this Court for violating the Preliminary Injunction. *See Reynolds v. Roberts*, 207 F.3d 1288, 1298 (11th Cir. 2000) (ordering defendant to show cause why he should not be held in civil contempt when plaintiff stated a cause of noncompliance).

It is therefore ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. Receiver's Motion for Entry of Order Directing R. Geoffrey Broderick and Vincent Jankowski [sic] to Show Cause Why They Should Not Be Held in Contempt of this Court (Dkt. #90) is GRANTED.

2. Defendant R. Geoffrey Broderick and Vincent Jankoski shall appear in person and show cause as to why this Court should not hold them in contempt at a hearing set for **Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Sam Gibbons U.S. Courthouse, 801 North Florida Avenue, Courtroom #17, Tampa, Florida 33602. Time reserved: **30 minutes.**

DONE and **ORDERED** in Tampa, Florida, this 17th day of December, 2014.



JAMES S. MOODY, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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