

1 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 BILLY & LACY HURSH,)

5 Plaintiffs,)

6 vs.)

CASE NO. CJ-2025-2626

7 STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY)
8 COMPANY; MARK D. WELTY; and)
9 MARK D. WELTY INSURANCE AGENCY,)
10 INC.,)

11 Defendants.)

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13 TRANSCRIPT OF COURT'S CONTINUATION AND RENDERING OF FINAL
14 ORDER RE: PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO ENFORCE AND STATE FARM'S
15 MOTION TO EXTEND SCHEDULING ORDER DEADLINES PROCEEDINGS

16 HAD ON THE 4TH DAY

17 OF AUGUST, 2026, BEFORE

18 THE HONORABLE AMY PALUMBO

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1 each made that perhaps that may have been borne out
2 of frustration, I don't know, because I certainly
3 have not seen the rest of that transcript. It is
4 clear that State Farm is requesting that they be
5 allowed to file some items under seal and/or have
6 the Court review them in camera, and here's what I'm
7 going to do instead. I will be attending Nicole
8 Manduca's deposition.

9 She is welcome to do it here in my courtroom or
10 in my jury deliberation room, or I will be attending
11 it by Zoom. And all parties will learn very quickly
12 that I do not appreciate wasting the Court's time.
13 Period. Now that decision is going to affect State
14 Farm's pending motion to extend deadlines. I gave
15 you a trial date. The reason I gave you a trial
16 date is because this case deserves a trial date.

17 You each have told me that a trial date may be
18 helpful in resolving this case. This Court chose
19 our first available trial date in December as the
20 jury trial for State Farm in the Hursh case, and as
21 it stands now I'm not changing that. We had a
22 fruitful discussion in chambers, before we last came
23 out on the bench, to address how we may, in
24 anticipation, be able to keep that trial date while
25 working together to ensure that everyone has

1 adequate time to prepare their case, prepare their
2 motions, and have this Court hear them so that we
3 can have a resolution and the Hursh family can have
4 a resolution in whatever capacity that is no later
5 than Christmas of this year. That's what I'm
6 holding you to.

7 Now, I saw that Whitten & Burrage has turned
8 over a pretrial or a pre, what do we want to call
9 it, like, a peremptory, possible list of witnesses
10 that totals in the number of roughly 36. This is
11 what I want to see: State Farm, nobody can
12 adequately prepare for depositions because you have
13 not complied with discovery.

14 In my mind, there are three main topics to
15 discuss here today; the document dump, the *Nida*
16 missing discovery, and Nicole Manduca. Those are
17 the three issues that this Court is going to focus
18 on. Everything else is going to step in line after
19 we address those.

20 As it pertains to the document dump, I have
21 learned that there are five lawyers here local who
22 have their names on State Farm signature blocks.
23 Additionally, there are 15 lawyers, unknown,
24 unidentified, nationwide, who are allegedly a second
25 review team who cannot let the discovery that's been

1 continue.

2 State Farm has had every opportunity to come in
3 and march in a live witness to tell me and explain
4 why they cannot comply, and they don't. State Farm
5 instead sends the same lawyers in here to twist in
6 the wind and, essentially, say, they're doing their
7 best, it's just so overbroad, it's just so
8 cumbersome and so burdensome, and I should be swayed
9 by the fact that they have chosen a corporation or a
10 company or an entity that they have to spend a
11 million dollars to review their records, and then 15
12 other lawyers have to review them again. And what
13 the result of that is, is insufficient, and a
14 document dump.

15 I don't know how many millions of dollars
16 State Farm makes just from Oklahoma City, just from
17 Oklahoma County, and just from the state of
18 Oklahoma, but I'd be willing to posit a guess that
19 if this was important to them, they would have made
20 sure that they had hired a team and put a plan in
21 place that would have been able to comply with the
22 orders of this Court, because I ordered the
23 following:

24 On February 5th, and this is all in answer to
25 what I originally orally ordered November 14th of