

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## 6TH CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION - CONCORD

IN THE MATTER OF, ) Family Division Case No.  
JENNIFER EBER, ) 644-2020-DM-00107  
Petitioner, ) Concord, New Hampshire  
vs. ) March 6, 2024  
GORDAN MACDONALD, ) 2:29 p.m.  
Respondent. )

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TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVID BURNS  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION

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1 (Proceedings commence at 2:29 p.m.)

2 THE COURT: Good afternoon. We are on the record in  
3 the Concord Family Division. This is case number 644-2020-DM-  
4 00107. It is the matter of Jennifer Eber and Gordon  
5 MacDonald.

6 And may I ask if Attorney Reis is on the line,  
7 please?

8 MS. REIS: Yes. Good afternoon, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Thank you. Good afternoon.

10 And Attorney Tenn, please?

11 MR. TENN: Hi, Judge. Good afternoon.

12 THE COURT: Good afternoon. Is there anyone else on  
13 the line that has not been identified?

14 All right. Good afternoon to you both. My name is  
15 David Burns. I'm presiding the Concord Family Division this  
16 afternoon. We are scheduled for a telephonic status  
17 conference in this matter. So I'm going to turn things over  
18 to you both to let me know what's happening.

19 MS. REIS: Attorney Tenn?

20 MR. TENN: So Judge, thank you.

21 Attorney Reis and I spoke yesterday to make sure we  
22 were on the same page. Things are going well. We had hoped  
23 to have this resolved a little bit ago, but it looks like  
24 we're going to need, I think, about 45 more days, I hope.

25 The parties are communicating well together.



1 They're exchanging drafts of settlement documents, and so we  
2 just need to do some updating of our discovery. And I think  
3 we'll be in a position to have this resolved, hopefully,  
4 within 45 days.

5 From our perspective, not really anything we would  
6 need from the Court at this point. And the parties continue  
7 to cooperate in this matter. So that's essentially where we  
8 are at this point.

9 THE COURT: Attorney Reis?

10 MS. REIS: I agree 100 percent. I think it's just  
11 getting over the final documents to review and make sure  
12 they're all finalized.

13 The one thing I did want to clarify from the Court,  
14 we had talked last time about a motion to seal the parenting  
15 plan. And just looking for direction on whether or not it's  
16 okay if we file that contemporaneous with all of the  
17 documents, or if the Court would prefer that prior to  
18 receiving the completed packet.

19 THE COURT: I think sending that in  
20 contemporaneously would be fine. Because there is, at this  
21 point, and correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't believe  
22 there's a parenting plan in place, like a temporary plan,  
23 right?

24 MS. REIS: There is not.

25 THE COURT: Okay. So no, I think you can submit the

1 motion. From my standpoint, I think it's fine if you submit  
2 the motion contemporaneously with the settlement  
3 documentation. That's fine.

4 MS. REIS: Thank you, Judge. That will make it  
5 easier to be able to file everything at one time.

6 THE COURT: Sure. Sure. Okay. All right. Yeah.  
7 I was just going to say, for purposes of a further hearing or  
8 status conference, I mean, I can do it either of -- a couple  
9 of ways. I can set up a further one of these telephonic  
10 statuses, if that works for you all.

11 In the alternative, I could say, settlement  
12 documents to be submitted within 45 days or 60 days or  
13 whatever. And if for any reason they're not submitted, then  
14 that might trigger a status conference. But I'll leave that  
15 up to you.

16 MS. REIS: I think the second would be fine.

17 What do you think, Attorney Tenn?

18 MR. TENN: Yep. I might just try to -- if today's  
19 March 5th -- or March 6th. So April 6th -- May 6th. How  
20 about if you -- if we said by May 15th, that will give counsel  
21 just a little extra time in case we need it.

22 And if settlement aren't documents aren't filed  
23 before then, Judge, we could always notify the Court of the  
24 next event. Or you could say -- whatever you prefer, further  
25 status, telephonic status -- would be scheduled. Totally up

1 to you, but it sounds like a great plan.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Attorney Reis?

3 MS. REIS: I agree, Judge.

4 THE COURT: Okay. All right. I think that sounds  
5 like a good plan. I think we, meaning we human beings, tend  
6 to operate better with with deadlines in mind. So hopefully  
7 that will give everybody a target to shoot for. And if for  
8 any reason it doesn't happen we can regroup with a further  
9 status.

10 But I'm really glad to hear that things are moving  
11 in the right direction. And it sounds as though you're  
12 getting ever closer.

13 So all right. Is there anything else that we need  
14 to tackle this afternoon?

15 MR. TENN: Not for me, Judge.

16 MS. REIS: No, I don't think so.

17 MR. TENN: Thank you very much. Yeah.

18 THE COURT: All right. Very good. Thank you both  
19 for calling in. I will get a short order out, and we will  
20 look forward to getting the settlement documentation when --  
21 whenever you're able to finalize it.

22 MR. TENN: Great. Thank you very much.

23 THE COURT: Great. Thank you both.

24 MS. REIS: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 Thank you, Attorney Tenn.



1 MR. TENN: Okay. Thank you, Attorney Reis.

2 (Proceedings concluded at 2:34 p.m.)

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