

EXHIBIT 72-C

to the

**CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION
OF GREGG D. THOMAS
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' OBJECTIONS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

TERRY GENE BOLLEA, professionally
known as HULK HOGAN,

Plaintiff,

No. 12-012447-CI-011

vs.

HEATHER CLEM; GAWKER MEDIA, LLC,
aka GAWKER MEDIA, et al.,

Defendants.

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HEARING BEFORE THE HONORABLE PAMELA CAMPBELL

DATE: April 22, 2015

TIME: 1:30 p.m. to 4:03 p.m.

PLACE: Pinellas Count Courthouse
545 First Avenue North
Courtroom C
St. Petersburg, Florida

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1 record, Seth?

2 MR. BERLIN: I don't object to that,
3 Your Honor.

4 MR. HARDER: Your Honor, October 20, 2014,
5 Judge Case issued a report and recommendation.
6 There was no -- there were no exceptions that were
7 filed. I think my office was anticipating that
8 they would file exceptions, so we didn't prepare
9 an order for Your Honor to sign to have that
10 become an order. So we've prepared an order, and
11 I've discussed it with Seth and he has a few
12 issues. We were trying to resolve them, but I
13 would like to give you these two documents. One
14 is the report and recommendation. One is the
15 proposed order. Then I would like to explain what
16 this issue is about.

17 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

18 MR. HARDER: Your Honor, the reason we're on
19 the confidential record here and the reason why
20 this issue -- if you would like, I can let you
21 have a few minutes to review that.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 MR. HARDER: Shortly after Gawker posted the
24 minute and 41 second sex video, approximately ten
25 days later, Mr. Houston, who is Terry Bollea's

1 attorney of many years, received a call from a
2 lawyer representing what we deem is an
3 extortionist saying we have sex videos and we want
4 to "sell them to you." I'm putting that in
5 quotes. And then several months later, there was
6 an FBI sting operation where arrests were made of
7 that attorney and the person who had accompanied
8 that attorney.

9 One of the issues in that what I call an
10 extortion attempt was there were allegations being
11 made by the extortionist and the attorney that
12 there was an issue of race that was allegedly
13 stated in the private bedroom during or
14 surrounding the sexual encounter between
15 Mr. Bollea and Ms. Clem. This allegation of a
16 sexual -- a racial statement has never -- first,
17 it's irrelevant to the case. Second, it's never
18 been substantiated. Allegedly, according to the
19 extortionist, there is a tape that contains this.
20 No one in this room or any of the parties has ever
21 seen this tape, has ever received this tape, knows
22 anything about this tape other than, A, an
23 extortionist said it occurred and I think that
24 there was a news report from many years ago, about
25 six months before the Gawker sex tape was posted,

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF FLORIDA :
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH :

I, Susan C. Riesdorph, RPR, CRR certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing proceedings and that the transcript is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

I further certify that I am not a relative, employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the outcome of the foregoing action.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2015, IN THE CITY OF TAMPA, COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH, STATE OF FLORIDA.

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