UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS, Plaintiff, VS. ANITA KAY BRUNSTING, *et al*,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:12-CV-592

<u>ORDER</u>

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Before the Court is the plaintiff's, Candace Louise Curtis, motion for an order to show cause and application for contempt against the defendants, Anita Kay Brunsting and Amy Ruth Brunsting, trustee and co-trustee of the Brunsting Family Living Trust. In principle, the plaintiff seeks to examine and copy the "original" signatures on the Trust documents and to remove the defendants in their capacities as a result of their failure to comply with the plaintiff's discovery requests.

The Court is satisfied that the injunction entered in this case preserves the assets of the Trust Estate. The Court is further satisfied that copies of all documents requested by the plaintiff have been produced. However, the plaintiff has failed to inspect the original documents that the defendants have made available to the plaintiff.

Finally, the Court is of the view that the plaintiff's failure to employ counsel hinders the necessary discourse between the plaintiff and the defendants and further prevents the parties from fulfilling their responsibilities to the Court, *i.e.*, to manage and process all pretrial matters necessary to a resolution of this case. Therefore, the Court Directs that the plaintiff employ

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counsel within 60 days so that the case may proceed according to the rules of discovery and evidence. The plaintiff's motion is Denied without prejudice.

It is so Ordered.

SIGNED on this 3rd day of October, 2013.

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Kenneth M. Hoyt United States District Judge