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PROBATE COURT 4

NO. 412,249-401

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NELVA E. BRUNSTING,	§ § §	NUMBER FOUR (4) OF
DECEASED	9 §	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
CARL HENRY BRUNSTING, Individually and as independent executor of the estates of Elmer H. Brunsting and Nelva E. Brunsting v. ANITA KAY BRUNSTING f/k/a ANITA KAY RILEY, individually, as attorney-in-fact for Nelva E. Brunsting, and as Successor Trustee of the Brunsting Family Living Trust, the Elmer H. Brunsting Decedent's Trust, the Nelva E. Brunsting Survivor's Trust, the Carl Henry Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, and the Anita Kay Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, AMY RUTH BRUNSTING f/k/a AMY RUTH TSCHIRHART, individually and as Successor Trustee of the Brunsting Family Living Trust, the Elmer H. Brunsting Decedent's Trust, the Nelva E. Brunsting Survivor's Trust the Carl Henry Brunsting Personal Asset Trust, and the Amy Ruth Tschirhart Personal Asset Trust; CAROLE ANN BRUNSTING, individually and as Trustee of the Carole Ann Brunsting Personal Asset Trust; and as a nominal Defendant only, CANDACE LOUISE CURTIS	<i>\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$</i>	NUMBER FOUR (4) OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
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OBJECTION TO CARL BRUNSTING'S MOTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF TRUST FUNDS

COMES NOW, Carole Ann Brunsting ("Carole Brunsting"), daughter of Nelva E. Brunsting, Deceased; a beneficiary of the Estate of Nelva E. Brunsting, Deceased; and a beneficiary of The Brunsting Family Living Trust ("Trust"), and files this Objection to Carl Brunsting's Motion for Distribution of Trust Funds filed by Plaintiff, Candace Louise Curtis ("Plaintiff").

I. BACKGROUND

- 1. On or about April 9, 2013, Plaintiff, Carl Henry Brunsting ("Plaintiff"), filed his Petition for Declaratory Judgment for an Accounting, for Damages, for Imposition of a Constructive Trust, and for Injunctive Relief ("Petition") against his sisters, Amy Brunsting, Anita Brunsting, and Carole Brunsting, in various capacities. Plaintiff's lawsuit against Carole Brunsting was filed in bad faith, without just cause, and frivolously.
- 2. On or about November 7, 2014, Plaintiff filed his own Motion for Distribution of Trust Funds ("Motion") to pay his attorney's out of the Trust. Plaintiff's Motion, like his Petition, is wholly without merit, filed in bad faith, and is detrimental and unfairly prejudicial to Carole Brunsting, who is defending against the various lawsuits in this cause out of her own pocket. Plaintiff should not be able to use the Trust to bankroll the lawsuit he is pursuing in bad faith.

II. OBJECTIONS

3. Carole Brunsting objects to Plaintiff's Motion because (1) the Trust is currently the subject of this litigation; (2) Plaintiff's suit and Motion have been brought in bad faith and without just cause; (3) and Plaintiff has proffered no evidence that the attorney's fees and expenses allegedly incurred by him and subject of his Motion are reasonable and necessary. In

fact, Plaintiff has failed to produce a single invoice or proof of payment for attorney's fees and costs allegedly incurred by him. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion should be denied.

- 4. This case involves, in large part, questions regarding the administration and distribution of the Trust. Until the litigation pertaining to the Trust is resolved, distributions from the Trust should only be made for necessaries, such as paying taxes on Trust assets. Plaintiff should not be allowed to fund his lawsuit pending against other Trust beneficiaries with Trust funds.
- 5. Second, Plaintiff's Petition was brought in bad faith, without just cause, and frivolously. Unless and until Plaintiff is found to have brought his lawsuit in good faith and with just cause, he is not entitled to the payment of his attorney's fees and expenses out of the Trust funds. To allow Plaintiff access to Trust funds to subsidize his lawsuit would substantially prejudice Carole Brunsting, who is defending against the lawsuits in this cause out of her own funds.
- 6. Finally, Plaintiff has not provided one document or invoice to support his Motion. Plaintiff seeks a distribution to pay his attorney's fees and expenses allegedly incurred in this proceeding in an unspecified amount of, but there is no backup to support a single penny sought by Plaintiff. Carole Brunsting demands that the backup, including invoices and any payments thereon, be produced by Plaintiff before the hearing on Plaintiff's Motion.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Carole Brunsting prays that the Court deny Carl Brunsting's Motion for Distribution of Trust Funds and for all other relief to which she may show herself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER DENYING CARL BRUNSTING'S MOTION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF TRUST FUNDS

On this day the Court considered Carl Brunsting's Motion for Distribution of Trust Funds and the Court, having considered the Motion, any response thereto, and the arguments of counsel, finds and is of the opinion that the Motion should be DENIED. It is therefore,

ORDERED	, that Car	Brunsting's	Motion for	Distribution	of Trust	Funds is DE	ENIED.
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SIGNED on this ______, 2014.

JUDGE PRESIDING

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