24th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR JEFFERSON PARISH

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DOCKET NO. 877-585 **DIVISION: L**

ALLISON EDWARDS

VERSUS

CANDICE MATTHEWS

FILED: _____ _____

DEPUTY CLERK

SPECIAL MOTION TO STRIKE PURSUANT TO LA. C.C.P. ART. 971 IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes Defendant, Dr. Candice Matthews, who respectfully submits this Special Motion to Strike Pursuant to La. C.C.P. Art. 971 in Opposition to Petitioner's Request for Protective Order, and the attached Memorandum in Support thereof. As will be more fully detailed, *infra*, the Petition arises from acts of Dr. Candice Matthews in furtherance of her constitutional rights of petition and free speech in connection with a public issue, namely, a complaint to a public school board concerning the public online conduct of a public school teacher, and Petitioner cannot establish a probability of success on her claim. The Petition should therefore be stricken and dismissed with prejudice, and Defendant should be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to La. C.C.P. art. 971(B). Further, pursuant to La. C.C.P. art. 971(D), all discovery in this action is stayed upon the filing of notice of this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

Considering the foregoing Special Motion to Strike Pursuant to La. C.C.P. Art. 971, the memorandum and exhibits in support thereof, the law, and the Court finding that the Petition for Protection from Stalking filed by Petitioner, ALLISON EDWARDS, arises from acts of Defendant, DR. CANDICE MATTHEWS, in furtherance of her right of petition and free speech in connection with a public issue, and that Petitioner has failed to establish a probability of success on her claim;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Special Motion to Strike Pursuant to La. C.C.P. Art. 971 filed by Defendant, DR. CANDICE MATTHEWS, is GRANTED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Petition for Protection from Stalking filed by Petitioner, ALLISON EDWARDS, is STRICKEN and DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, pursuant to La. C.C.P. art. 971(B), Defendant is awarded her reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in connection with the Special Motion to Strike, in an amount to be fixed at a hearing on the 10th day of December ,2026 , at 09:30 AM ; Defendant shall submit an affidavit of fees with supporting billing records on or before _____;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Petitioner is cast with all costs of these proceedings.

Gretna, Louisiana, this06 day of November 2026

JUDGE DONALD A. ROWAN JR.

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RULE TO SHOW CAUSE ORDER

Considering the foregoing Special Motion to Strike Pursuant to La. C.C.P. Art. 971;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner, **ALLISON EDWARDS**, show cause on the 10th day of December, 2026 at 09:30 AM a.m., why the Special Motion to Strike filed by Defendant, **DR. CANDICE MATTHEWS**, should not be granted, why the Petition for Protection from Stalking should not be stricken and dismissed with prejudice, and why Defendant should not be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to La. C.C.P. art. 971(B);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all discovery in this action be stayed pending the Court's ruling, pursuant to La. C.C.P. art. 971(D).

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Defendant will serve pursuant to La. C.C.P. art. 1313.

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