Case 2:18-ap-01066-RK Doc 55 Filed 02/26/19 Entered 02/26/19 18:13:53 Desc Main Document Page 1 of 5 Philip H. Stillman, Esq. SBN# 152861 1 STILLMAN & ASSOCIATES 3015 North Bay Road, Suite B 2 Miami Beach, Florida 33140 3 Tel. and Fax: (888) 235-4279 pstillman@stillmanassociates.com 4 Attorneys for plaintiff KONSTANTIN KHIONIDI, as Trustee of the 5 COBBS TRUST 6 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE 7 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA** 8 Case No. 2:17-bk-24993-RK In re: 9 MARY CUMMINS-COBB, Chapter 7 10 Debtor Adv. Proc. No. 2:18-ap-01066-RK 11 KONSTANTIN KHIONIDI, as Trustee of the PLAINTIFF'S FURTHER REPLY IN SUPPORT 12 COBBS TRUST, OF HIS MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON THE FOURTH CAUSE OF 13 Plaintiff, **ACTION** VS. 14 Date: March 12, 2019 MARY CUMMINS-COBB, Time: 2:30 p.m. 15 Defendant. Judge: Honorable Robert N. Kwan 16 Courtroom: 1675 Edward R. Roybal Federal Building 17 255 E. Temple Street, Suite 1682 Los Angeles, CA 90012 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Plaintiff KONSTANTIN KHIONIDI, as Trustee of the COBBS TRUST submits the following

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Action of the Adversary Complaint to determine the non-dischargeability of Plaintiff's judgment against the debtor and defendant Mary Katherine Cummins-Cobb pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(6), as permitted by this Court's January 3, 2019 Order continuing the hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. As set forth below, despite being given more than a month to put together any disputed facts (if there were any) in opposition to the Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, and despite being warned specifically that she was required to present facts to legitimately dispute Plaintiff's proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Cummins has failed to present anything more than unsupported and irrelevant argument in response. Accordingly, the facts underlying the Motion – which are specifically supported by court records – must be deemed to be undisputed and the Motion for Partial Summary Judgment should be granted.

**ARGUMENT** 

I.

## CUMMINS HAS SUBMITTED NO EVIDENCE TO RAISE ANY GENUINE ISSUE OF MATERIAL **FACT**

Although Cummins is in pro per, Cummins is obligated to know and follow the Rules of Civil Procedure, the Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Bankruptcy Rules, LBR 9011-2(d). LBR 7056-1(c), which governs responses to a motion for summary judgment requires that a non-moving party do three things. See January 3, 2019 Order [ECF 41]. First, she must identify each material fact and cite specific admissible evidence in support of her factual dispute. Second, Cummins must present admissible evidence in support of her Separate Statement. Third, Cummins must identify any additional facts, supported by admissible evidence, if any, that create a genuine issue of material fact. Cummins has done none of those things, despite this Court's gracious extension of 6 weeks to do so.

Α. Cummins Failed To Controvert Any Of The Statement of Undisputed Facts.

The January 3, 2019 Order could not have more clearly explained Cummins' specific

obligations regarding any dispute as to Plaintiff's uncontroverted facts. First, Cummins was required to "serve, file, and lodge a separate concise statement of genuine issues with the response" that "identify each material fact that is disputed and *cite the particular portions of any pleading, affidavit, deposition, interrogatory answer, admission, or other document relied upon to establish the dispute and the existence of a genuine issue precluding summary judgment or adjudication.*" LBR 7056-1(c)(2)(B).

Although Cummins prepared what she apparently contends was a statement of genuine issues in dispute, in disputing such uncontroverted facts as the findings of the Texas trial court or the Texas Court of Appeals, she presented *no* evidence whatsoever, and only presented pure argument that she disagreed with the findings of the trial court and the Court of Appeals. That falls far short of the specific instructions by this Court that she must support each claim that a fact is disputed with admissible evidence, that if believed, would create a *genuine* factual dispute. She has not only failed to present any *admissible* evidence that would controvert the uncontrovertible, but she has instead merely re-argued her irrelevant beliefs that the judgments were unfair, were unsupported by evidence, etc. That does not create an issue of fact.

B. <u>Cummins Failed To Submit Any Admissible Evidence That Controverted A Single Fact</u>

<u>Germane To The Motion.</u>

This Court's January 3, 2019 Order again could not have been clearer in spelling out Cummins' obligations in disputing any facts relied upon by Plaintiff:

if defendant opposes plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, it is up to defendant to show to the court that the specific facts alleged by plaintiff to be uncontroverted are indeed controverted by defendant with admissible evidence, and thus, the rules require that defendant as the responding party show in the statement of genuine issues under Local Bankruptcy Rule 7056-1(c) with respect to each and every fact asserted by plaintiff to be uncontroverted that either the fact is uncontroverted or the fact is controverted with admissible evidence.

In response to 31 separate uncontroverted facts, Cummins did not present a single piece of evidence to create a genuine issue of fact – only unsupported and irrelevant arguments about the unfairness of the Texas judgment. In fact, despite this Court's admonition that if Cummins did not submit admissible evidence, the Court would deem each fact as uncontroverted, Cummins has not submitted any evidence at all, whether admissible or not, in support of her Separate

Statement. Accordingly, pursuant to LBR 7056-1(f), "the court may assume that the material facts as claimed and adequately supported by the movant are admitted to exist without controversy. . . ." It is now high time to put the hammer down on this vexatious defendant and formally rule that the Texas Judgment and the California Judgment based thereon are non-dischargeable, based on Cummins' clear lack of any evidence or even valid argument unsupported by evidence that the debt is dischargeable.

## CONCLUSION

Since Cummins has not submitted any evidence at all to oppose the entry of partial summary judgment on the Fourth Cause of Action, the narrow issue before this Court is whether the evidence submitted by Plaintiff establishes a prima facie case that the Texas judgment is nondischargeable pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(6). Because the Texas Judgment attached to the Stillman Decl. as <a href="Exhibit 2">Exhibit 2</a> is entitled to collateral estoppel effect and establishes that is a "willful and malicious injury" under § 523(a)(6), there is no genuine issue of material fact and Plaintiff is entitled to judgment on the Fourth Cause of Action. For the foregoing reasons, plaintiff Konstantin Kionidhi, as Trustee of the Cobbs Trust, requests that this Court enter Partial Summary Judgment on the Fourth Cause of Action in the Adversary Complaint, determining that the Defamation Judgment and the Sister State Judgment based thereon, are non-dischargeable pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(6).

Respectfully Submitted,

STILLMAN & ASSOCIATES

Dated: February 26, 2019

By: Philip H. Stillman, Esq.

Attorneys for KONSTANTIN KHIONIDI, as Trustee of

the COBBS TRUST

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## REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON THE FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

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