

Docket Number: 4198

**SOVEREIGN SPORTSMAN SOLUTIONS, LLC, d/b/a S3**

Jayson R. Wolfgang, Esquire  
Darwin A. Hindman, Esquire (Pro Hac Vice)

VS.

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION**

Bradley C. Bechtel, Chief Counsel

and

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION**

~~Laurie E. Shepler, Chief Counsel~~  
Wayne Melnick, Chief Counsel  
Robert T. Caccese, Assistant Counsel

**February 14, 2019**

Plaintiff filed Statement of Claim, proof of mailing and filing fee. Amount of Claim: unspecified.

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**February 15, 2019**

Board issued Acknowledgment letter requesting response from Defendant and forwarding a copy of the Statement of Claim to Attorney General.

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**March 4, 2019**

Plaintiff transmitted via facsimile a letter advising of its correct address.

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**March 5, 2019**

Plaintiff filed via U.S. mail a letter advising of its correct address.

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**March 11, 2019**

Attorney General filed Acknowledgment of claim form. Receipt of same acknowledged February 26, 2019.

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**March 15, 2019**

Defendants filed preliminary objections, brief in support and proposed order.

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**March 18, 2019**

Board forwarded letter to Plaintiff requesting response to preliminary objections.

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**April 3, 2019**

Plaintiff filed Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Darwin A. Hindman and Proposed Order.

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**April 4, 2019**

Board forwarded letter to Defendant requesting response to Plaintiff's Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice.

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**April 15, 2019**

Plaintiff filed Response to Preliminary Objections with New Matter and Brief in Opposition.

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**April 17, 2019**

Board forwarded letter to parties requesting a response from Defendants to Plaintiff's new matter.

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**April 22, 2019**

Board rendered an Order. Order as follows: "**AND NOW**, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019, upon consideration of the Plaintiff's Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice to admit Darwin A. Hindman, Esquire in this matter, made without objection by the Defendant, and finding the motion appears to meet all requirements of Pa.R.C.P. 1012.1, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Darwin A. Hindman, Esquire is admitted pro hac vice for the limited purpose of serving as co-counsel on behalf of Claimant in this matter before the Board of Claims. Darwin A. Hindman, Esquire shall abide by all the rules of, and applicable to, practice before this Board, including all attorney disciplinary rules, and shall immediately notify this Board of any matter affecting their standing at the bar of any other court or jurisdiction where they may be admitted to practice. All correspondence with this Board shall continue to be accomplished through the Pennsylvania attorney of record." Copy forwarded to Plaintiff and Defendants.

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**April 25, 2019**

Defendants filed Application for Leave to Submit a Reply Brief to Plaintiff's Response to Preliminary Objections and Proposed Order.

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**April 25, 2019**

Board forwarded letter to parties in response to Defendants application for leave to submit a reply brief.

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**April 29, 2019**

Fish & Boat Commission filed acceptance of service of Order dated April 22, 2019. Receipt of same acknowledged April 23, 2019.

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**April 29, 2019**

Game Commission filed acceptance of service of Order dated April 22, 2019. Receipt of same acknowledged April 24, 2019.

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**May 1, 2019**

Plaintiff filed acceptance of service of Order dated April 22, 2019. Receipt of same acknowledged May 1, 2019.

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**May 3, 2019**

Defendants filed reply to Plaintiff's response to preliminary objections and brief.

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**May 9, 2019**

Plaintiff filed application to submit sur-reply in response to the reply brief and proposed order.

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**May 10, 2019**

Board forwarded letter to Plaintiff, with copy to Defendants, accepting Plaintiff's sur-reply as filed.

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**May 28, 2019**

Board rendered an Opinion and Order. Order as follows: **"AND NOW,** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019, upon consideration of the preliminary objections to Sovereign Sportsman Solutions' (S3's) Statement of Claim filed by Defendants Pennsylvania Game Commission and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commissions); S3's response thereto; the Commissions' response to S3's response to the preliminary objections, and S3's reply to the Commissions' response, as well as the briefs filed by the parties, it is **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the Commissions' Preliminary Objections I and III are **SUSTAINED**. S3's Statement of Claim is **DISMISSED** for lack of Board jurisdiction." Copy forwarded to Plaintiff and Defendant.

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**May 31, 2019**

Plaintiff filed acceptance of service of Opinion and Order dated May 28, 2019. Receipt of same acknowledged May 30, 2019.

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**June 6, 2019**

Defendant (PGC) filed acceptance of service of Opinion and Order dated May 28, 2019. Receipt of same acknowledged June 3, 2019.

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**June 13, 2019**

Defendant (PF&BC) filed acceptance of service of Opinion and Order dated May 28, 2019. Receipt of same acknowledged May 31, 2019.

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**June 14, 2019**

Plaintiff filed Petition for Review as filed in Commonwealth Court.

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**June 17, 2019**

Plaintiff filed Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Darwin A. Hindman, III, and Proposed Order as filed in Commonwealth Court.

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**June 26, 2019**

Commonwealth Court filed Notice of Filing Petition for Review - 720 CD 2019.

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**July 24, 2019**

Board filed original file and description of all documents comprising the record from the Board of Claims to Commonwealth Court. Copy forwarded to Plaintiff and Defendant.

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**November 25, 2019**

Commonwealth Court filed Stipulation and Order. Order as follows: "NOW, this 22, day of November, 2019, based on the Stipulation and Order of settlement filed on behalf of the parties in this case, it is hereby ORDERED that the Stipulation is approved, this matter shall remain stayed pending Petitioner filing a praecipe to discontinue, and counsel for the parties shall submit a joint status report to the Court's mediation program by December 31, 2019, if the case has not been discontinued by that date."

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**January 2, 2020**

Commonwealth Court issued Order. Order as follows: "NOW, December 30, 2019, it appearing that a Praecipe to Discontinue was filed in the above action, the Prothonotary is directed to mark this matter closed."

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**January 3, 2020**

Commonwealth Court returned file.

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