

**Miscellaneous Docket Sheet**

Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

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In Re: Nomination Petition of Jason  
Dawkins as a Candidate for the  
Democratic Nomination for  
Representative in the General  
Assembly from the One Hundred  
Seventy Ninth (179th) District

Petition of: James Clay, Jr.

**CASE INFORMATION**

Initiating Document: Objection to Nominating Petition

Case Status: Closed

Case Processing Status: March 3, 2016 Completed

Journal Number:

Case Category: Election Case Type(s): Objection to Nomination Papers

**CONSOLIDATED CASES****RELATED CASES****COUNSEL INFORMATION****Petitioner** Clay, James, Jr.

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Court Below:

County:

Order Appealed From:

Documents Received: February 23, 2016

Order Type:

OTN(s):

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Lower Ct Judge(s):

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**ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT**

Original Record Item	Filed Date	Content Description
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**Date of Remand of Record:****BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

None

None

**DOCKET ENTRY**

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Filer	Representing	Participant Type	Exit Date
<b>February 23, 2016</b>	Objection to Nominating Petition Clay, James, Jr.		Petitioner	
<b>February 24, 2016</b>	Order Filed Per Curiam			02/24/2016

Document Name: Scheduling and Case Management Order

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## DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Filer	Representing	Participant Type	Exit Date
	<p>Comment: NOW, February 24, 2016, upon consideration of the petition to set aside nomination petition:</p> <p>1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:</p> <p>A. Hearing on the petition to set aside nomination petition is scheduled for March 16, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., in Courtroom Number 1, Widener Building, Philadelphia. Objector is directed to secure the services of a court stenographer for the hearing. Failure of Objector to secure the services of a court stenographer may result in the dismissal of this matter.</p> <p>B. If signature lines are challenged, Objector shall secure, by request or subpoena, the presence of a Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE) system operator at the hearing.</p> <p>C. A pre-trial conference may be scheduled at any time after March 7, 2016.</p> <p>D. No later than 5:00 p.m. on March 4, 2016, Objector shall personally serve a copy of this order, a copy of the petition to set aside nomination petitions (if the petition to set aside has not previously been served) and, if signature line challenges are at issue, one digital media device (CD or USB Flash Drive) containing the objections in spreadsheet format and a key to the codes used in the spreadsheet, on Jason Dawkins, Candidate, or an adult member of Candidate's family. Objector shall file a proof of service with the Chief Clerk promptly thereafter.</p> <p>E. Objector shall personally or by registered mail serve a copy of this order on the Secretary of the Commonwealth and promptly thereafter file a proof of service with the Chief Clerk.</p> <p>F. At the time of hearing, Objector shall offer proof of timely service of the petition to set aside on the Secretary of the Commonwealth.</p> <p>G. All counsel are under a continuing obligation and are hereby ordered to serve a copy of this order upon all unrepresented parties, if any, and upon all counsel entering an appearance subsequent to the entry of this order.</p> <p>2. It is FURTHER ORDERED:</p> <p>A. Objector shall file a list of all witnesses to be called at the hearing and the curriculum vitae and expert reports of all expert witnesses. Any witness not identified shall be precluded from testifying except for good cause shown.</p> <p>B. Candidate shall file a list of all witnesses to be called at the hearing and the curriculum vitae and expert reports of all expert witnesses. Any witness not identified shall be precluded from testifying except for good cause shown.</p> <p>3. If signature line challenges are at issue, it is FURTHER ORDERED:</p> <p>A. Objector shall immediately arrange to meet with Candidate or Candidate's representative and, if appropriate, with a SURE system operator, to review before the hearing each and every challenged signature line.</p> <p>B. Objector and Candidate shall file a stipulation of the parties that identifies:</p> <p>(a) the total number of completed signature lines submitted;</p> <p>(b) the total number of uncontested signature lines submitted;</p> <p>(c) the total number of signature lines challenged;</p> <p>(d) each and every signature line to which there is an objection, identified by page number and line number, and the basis for the objection;</p> <p>(e) each and every signature line to be stricken as invalid or for which an objection is to be withdrawn, identified by page number and line number, if the parties can reach such a stipulation.</p> <p>C. Candidate shall file a list of all signature lines, identified by page number and line number, that are facially defective and that Candidate intends to rehabilitate. Candidate shall also state the manner in which Candidate intends to rehabilitate the signature lines.</p> <p>4. Objector and Candidate may each file a memorandum of law in support of their respective positions by the time and date specified in paragraph 5 of this order. No further memoranda will be permitted unless ordered by the Court.</p>			

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	<p>5. Unless otherwise ordered, all filings required or permitted by paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this order shall be filed no later than 12:00 o'clock noon on March 14, 2016 with the Chief Clerk at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center, Suite 2100, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, P.O. Box 69185, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9185. Parties may file via PACFile (the Pennsylvania appellate court electronic filing system) but may NOT file by facsimile or e-mail without express prior permission from the Court.</p> <p>6. Failure to comply with any provision of this order may preclude the noncompliant party from entering any evidence, and may result in the imposition of monetary sanctions.</p>			
March 3, 2016	Praecepte for Discontinuance Cianfrani, Deborah D.	Clay, James, Jr.	Petitioner	
March 3, 2016	Discontinued Per Curiam			03/03/2016
	<p>Document Name: Objector filed a praecipe to discontinue, the hearing set for 3-16-16 is cancelled. The chief clerk            Comment: shall mark this matter closed and discontinued.</p>			

## DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Final Disposition: Yes

Related Journal No:

Category: Disposed Before Decision

Disposition: Discontinued

Disposition Comment: shall mark this matter closed and discontinued.

Dispositional Filing:

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Disposition Author: Per Curiam

Disposition Date: March 3, 2016

Filing Author: