

BRANDON COURTNEY - February 08, 2022

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Kimberly R. Sweidy,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	Case No.
v.	)	CV-21-08013-PCT-SPL
	)	
Spring Ridge Academy, an	)	
Arizona corporation, Jean	)	
Courtney, Suzanne Courtney,	)	
Brandon Courtney, Erin Smith,	)	
Leslie Filsinger, Justin Zych,	)	
Kate Deily, Veronica Borges,	)	
and Does 1 through 20,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF BRANDON COURTNEY

February 8, 2022

8:52 a.m.

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1 police escorts to the school?

2 A. Possibly. Not when -- not when I was on campus,
3 I don't believe. I can't -- yeah, may have.

4 Q. How many times have parents brought police
5 escorts to remove their children from SRA, that you know
6 of?

7 MR. CASAZZA: Form.

8 THE WITNESS: It's pretty -- it's extremely
9 rare. I mean, parents can take their kids. There's
10 really no need for a police escort.

11 BY MS. ALLARD:

12 Q. Other than Ms. Sweidy, how many times?

13 A. Maybe the incident you're referring to, that
14 Molly's referring to. I think -- I don't know if I'm
15 confusing Ms. Sweidy with -- with another person. We have
16 had a parent who had no custody rights, so she was -- she
17 didn't --

18 THE WITNESS: Can I...

19 MR. GRUSE: No, yeah, no, I don't think you
20 should.

21 THE WITNESS: Okay.

22 BY MS. ALLARD:

23 Q. Does Spring Ridge Academy rely on an attorney
24 for interpretation of child custody orders routinely?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. How long has Spring Ridge Academy been using an
2 attorney to interpret child custody orders?

3 A. Really, since the -- since I've been in charge.

4 Q. And how long have you been in charge?

5 A. Going on three years.

6 Q. And who is that attorney?

7 A. We've used various ones but, generally, it's --
8 names are killing me today. I know his name. Can you --

9 Q. Would it be McNamara?

10 A. Yes, Michael McNamara. Thank you. God.

11 Q. How do you know Michael McNamara?

12 A. He was our attorney for the -- when we purchased
13 Spring Ridge Academy, and he has been a legal consult for
14 a number of years.

15 Q. Since your mother started the school?

16 A. No. My relationship with Michael McNamara only
17 goes back to when we acquired the school.

18 Q. When you say "we," who are you speaking of?

19 A. My -- myself and Suzanne Courtney.

20 Q. And when did you and your wife acquire the
21 school?

22 A. In May of 2017.

23 Q. And who did you buy it from?

24 A. Jeannie Courtney.

25 Q. Your mother?

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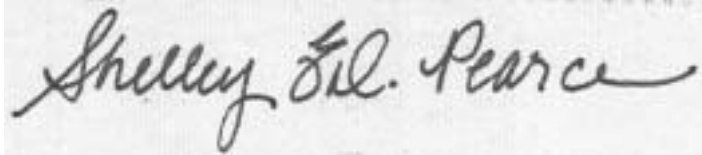
I, SHELLEY E.D. PEARCE, RPR, a Certified Reporter within and for the State of Arizona, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing deposition was taken before me; that an oath or affirmation was duly administered to BRANDON COURTNEY, pursuant to A.R.S. 41-324(B); that the questions propounded to the witness and the answers of the witness thereto were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter reduced to typewriting; that the transcript is a full, true, and accurate record of the proceedings, all done to the best of my skill and ability; and that the preparation, production, and distribution of the transcript and copies of the transcript comply with the Arizona Revised Statutes and ACJA 7-206(J)(1)(g)(1) and (2).

The witness has requested transcript review and signature.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not related to any of the parties, nor am I in any way interested in the outcome hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of February, 2022.



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