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J.S. and S.S. o/b/o J.S.,

Plaintiffs

v.

MELANIE PIERCE,

Defendant

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION - CAMDEN COUNTY  
DOCKET NO.: CAM-L-001289-24

Civil Action

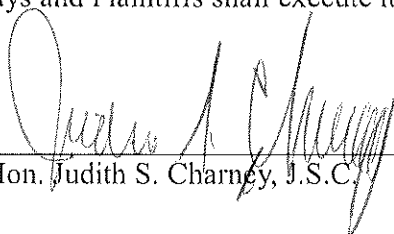
**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** being brought before the Court from the stayed proceeding at the Office of Administrative Law on Plaintiffs 4/25/24 Order to Show Cause to compel Defendant's testimony after she refused to testify after her patient-therapist privilege objection was overruled, with Jamie Epstein, Esq. appearing for Plaintiffs, and Carol S. Harding, Esq, appearing for Defendant, and the Court having considered the parties' submissions and their 5/31/24 hearing oral argument;

IT IS on this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of June :

1. DECLARED: the patient-therapist privilege is waived, it's been waived, it was waived continuously, the privilege is the patient's and the patient has clearly waived it;
2. ORDERED; Defendant shall testify at the next hearing, if she does not testify at the next hearing and there continues to be this logjam, attorney's fees shall be accessed;
3. ORDERED, the administrative hearing shall be rescheduled;
4. ORDERED; if Defendant feels, pursuant to her license, she needs an additional HIPAA form, she shall send the form to Plaintiffs within 3 days and Plaintiffs shall execute it and return it to Defendant by June 7;

The within proposed order was:

  
Hon. Judith S. Charny, J.S.C.

           OPPOSED  
           UNOPPOSED

