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## CAUSE NO. 2022-67980

| BELLUM CIVILE, LLC     | § | IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF |
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| PLAINTIFF,             | § |                          |
|                        | § |                          |
| V.                     | § | HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS     |
|                        | § |                          |
| BLACK STONE INVESTMENT | § |                          |
| GROUP, LLC             | § |                          |
| <b>DEFENDANT.</b>      | § | 281st JUDICIAL DISTRICT  |

## **ORDER**

On July 11, 2023, this Court considered **Plaintiff's Motion for Sanctions** and after considering the motion and any responses, the Court hereby –

FINDS that Defendant Black Stone Investment Group, LLC has failed to comply with the following discovery orders:

On May 2, 2023, this Court signed an order compelling Defendant Black Stone Investment Group, LLC to provide without objection, complete, verified answers to all of Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories by May 23, 2023;

On May 2, 2023, this Court also signed an order compelling Defendant Black Stone Investment Group, LLC to respond and produce responsive documents to each request in Plaintiff's Second Request for Production of Documents by May 23, 2023; and

On May 16, 2023, this Court signed an order compelling Defendant Black Stone Investment Group, LLC to respond and produce responsive documents to each request in Plaintiff's Third Request for Production of Documents by June 6, 2023.

FINDS that Defendant Black Stone Investment Group, LLC has no justification, excuse, or reason for failing to comply with the above referenced discovery orders because, among other things, it has not filed any response to Plaintiff's Motion for Sanctions.

Thus, this Court GRANTS Plaintiff's Motion for Sanctions and hereby again ORDERS Defendant Black Stone Investment Group, LLC to (1) provide without objection, complete, verified answers to all of Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories; (2) respond and produce responsive documents to each request in Plaintiff's Second Request for Production of Documents; and (3) respond and produce responsive documents to each request in Plaintiff's Third Request for Production of Documents within **45 days** of the date of this Order.

The Court further ORDERS that Defendant Black Stone Investment Group, LLC reimburse and pay Plaintiff's Counsel, Cynthia Castanon, \$750.00 in reasonable and necessary attorney fees incurred in the drafting and presentation of the Motion for Sanctions within fifteen (15) days of this Order. The payment shall be hand-delivered to Mrs. Castanon's office at 5300 Memorial Drive, Suite 270, Houston, Texas 77007 by Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 5pm.

The Court will consider further sanctions against Defendant Black Stone Investment Group, LLC, including but not limited to striking its pleadings if it fails to full comply with this Order.

| Date: | Signed:<br>7/13/2023 | Ohrsterskyertter |
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Judge Presiding

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