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Superior Court of California, County of Alameda Rene C. Davidson Alameda County Courthouse

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Plaintiff/Petitioner(s)

VS.

The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New

Defendant/Respondent(s) (Abbreviated Title)

No. HG11558324

Order

Motion Denied

The Motion filed for The North Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Freemont California and The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., a Corporation was set for hearing on 11/08/2012 at 03:00 PM in Department 22 before the Honorable Robert McGuiness. The Tentative Ruling was published and was contested.

The matter was argued and submitted, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The Motion of Defendants Watchtower Bible And Tract Society of New York, Inc. and Fremont California Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, North Unit ("Defendants") to Substitute or Reduce Bond on Appeal is DENIED.

Defendants have failed to provide any authority to support that the court may substitute out of state real property as security in lieu of a bond. Although Code of Civil Procedure section 995.710 identifies other assets that a principal may deposit instead of giving a bond, it does not provide for real property to be used as security. Furthermore, it does not give the court discretion to consider other assets that are not identified in this section.



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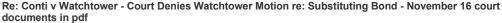
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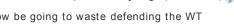


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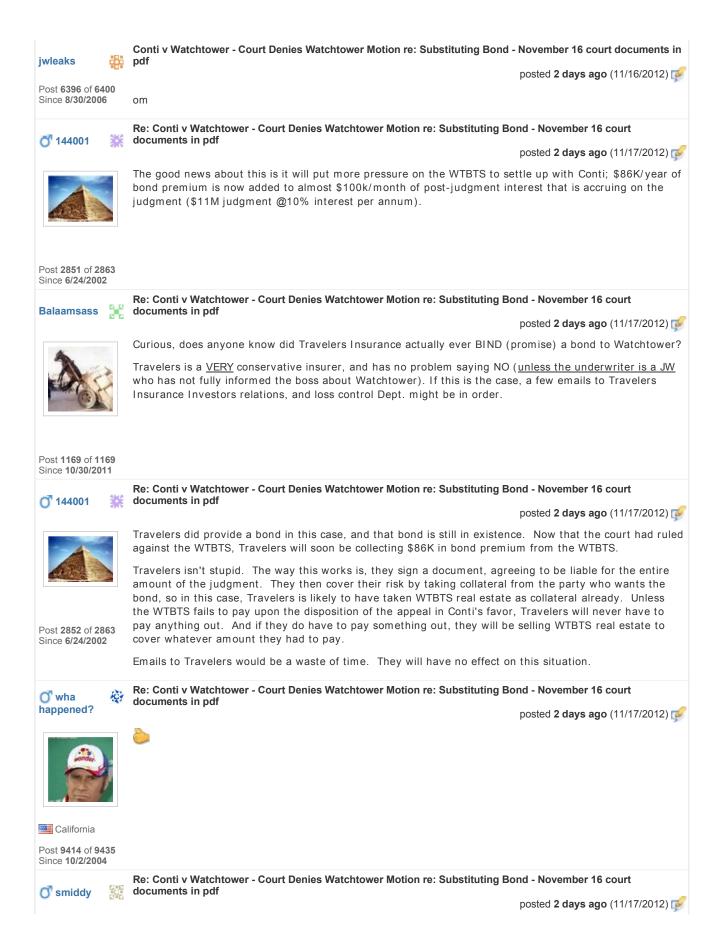


Oh man, just think of all those "dedicated funds" that will now be going to waste defending the WT against Jehovah's enemies!

So sad.



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I doubt traveler's will take colateral on properties outside of the U.S. Makes you wonder what buildings they may have put up for the bond. Traveler's aint gonna bond em for free...so the total property is going to have to be much more valuble than the the cash they are putting up. property doesn't pay bills (atleast not in this market)...cash pays bills.

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Interesting info, 144.001.

The Alameda Co Court House website shows that a \$17 Mil bond was posted on Sept 20 by WTBTS, with an annual premium of \$86k (due in December). So whatever arrangement WT made with Travelers is water under the bridge now (although it seems likely they didn't use Patterson for security with Travelers, as they stated in their motion that it was unencumbered at the time of filing, so free of any liens when they sought to use it for substitution in the denied motion).

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144k said-

The good news about this is it will put more pressure on the WTBTS to settle up with Conti; \$86K/ year of bond premium is now added to almost \$100k/ month of post-judgment interest that is accruing on the judgment (\$11M judgment @10% interest per annum).

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The bad news is she likely doesn't have the deep pockets of WTBTS, so if the appeal fails, she's going to owe a WHOLE lot more \$\$\$ for those annual premium costs. It's a bold move to deny, unless she's just planning to file BK anyway if she loses the appeal.

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The bond is basically an IOU from Traveler's saying they will pay Conti IF and ONLY IF WTBTS fails to pay the judgment if the appeal fails. The issue of WT securing with Travelers is a separate deal, ie whether they posted cash or property as collateral.

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O 144001,

Your legal opinion even without accompanying references has been something of a keen interest. I know there is a legal document from the court such as posted above but still, our desire for a legal opinion often is something of interest. My question now is, can you please opinionate about any possible legal routes or Watchtower options available now that the Court has denied the Watchtower request? In light of this very positive ruling, what do you think is going to happen with respect to the Watchower legal strategy? And what Conti attorney might be thinking or planning to do? I think, they could be waiting to see what the Wathtower is going to do next. How long will this happen before we see an action on the part of the of the Watchtower? Is there any deadline?

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This ruling over bond substitution is simply a procedural matter which has absolutely NOTHING to do with the merits of the case itself. Consider it housekeeping before the appeal can begin.

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Oh- I guess I should have read through more thoroughly.

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Scott.

I appreciate your confidence, however misplaced it might be! 🞼



The WT legal strategy is to continue with the appeal. The impact of today's ruling is that the WT will be forced to spend another \$86K/annum to pay the bond premiums. The appeal is likely to take about two years, so they will spend \$172K on bond premium for this appeal.

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This increases the pressure on the WT to settle the case (i.e., offer her something less than the judgment, but a large enough amount to satisfy her and Mr. Simons), as they will have to pay \$172K in bond premiums that, if the WTBTS is successful, they will be unlikely to be able to collect from Conti. She could file bankruptcy and I believe that this sort of debt would likely be subject to being discharged in bankruptcy.

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As for this ruling against the WTBTS, the WTBTS is pretty much without any realistic options to reverse it. They are not entitled to appeal the ruling, as it is not an appealable order. They can file for relief via something called a "writ of mandamus," which is similar to an appeal as it is decided by a higher court, but even if the facts and the law were on their side, they'd have less than a 10% chance of success with a writ. I give them zero chance, because the law was not at all on their side in this motion. Also, seeking writ relief is incredibly expensive; especially given the big law firm representing the WTBTS.

There are deadlines for seeking the relief, but I don't know that it matters. The real deadline was the bond premium deadline, which I think will become due and payable in the next couple of weeks, based on my recollection of what I read in the moving papers. I would have to do research to determine the deadlines, but it wouldn't be worth my time. I'm confident that the WTBTS will not be seeking a writ on

As I said above, I think the WTBTS will be trying to settle with Conti. The only question is how much are they willing to offer to make this go away? If they do settle, they will insist on confidentiality provisions that will prevent Conti or her lawyers from disclosing any details of the deal.

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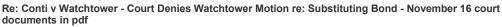




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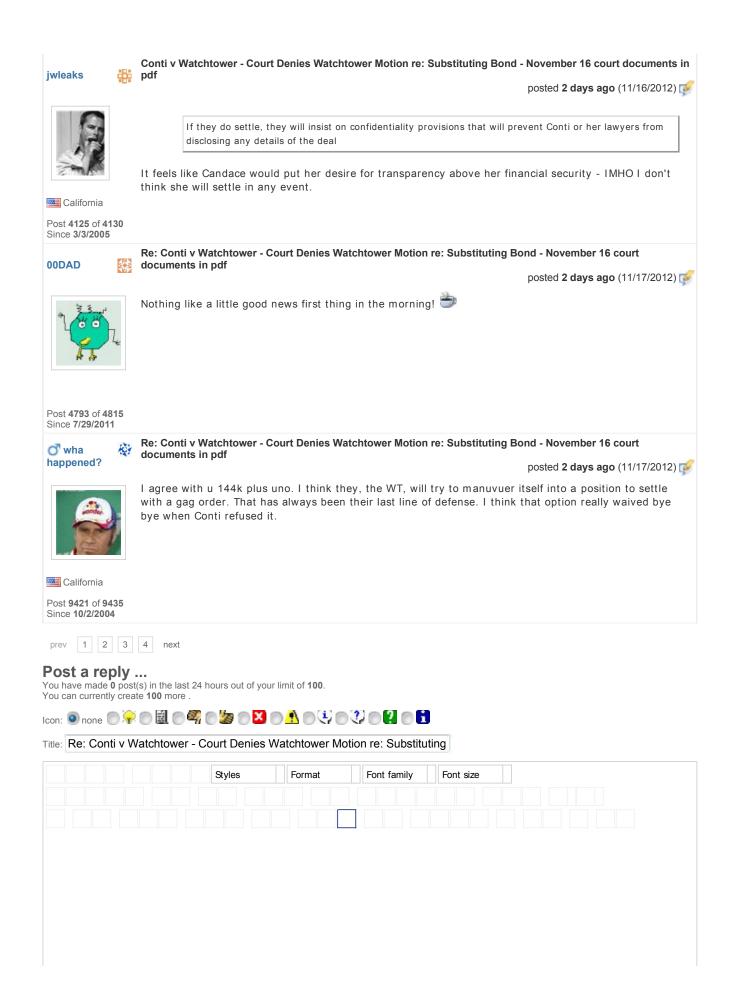
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