

**SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Civil Division**

STEPHEN BEHNKE, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	2017 CA 005989 B
	)	Judge Hiram E. Puig-Lugo
	)	Next Event: Status Hearing: 5/8/19
DAVID D. HOFFMAN, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on (1) Defendant American Psychological Association's Contested Motion to Compel Arbitration, filed October 13, 2017, and Plaintiffs' Opposition to APA's First Motion to Compel Arbitration in Relation to the Original Complaint, filed March 7, 2019; (2) Defendant American Psychological Association's Contested Motion to Compel Arbitration of Claims in First Supplemental Complaint, filed February 21, 2019, Plaintiffs' Opposition to APA's Second Motion to Compel Arbitration in Relation to Count 11 of the Supplemental Complaint, filed March 7, 2019, and Defendant American Psychological Association's Reply in Further Support of its Contested Motion to Compel Arbitration of Claims in First Supplemental Complaint, filed March 14, 2019; (3) Defendants Sidley Austin LLP, Sidley Austin (DC) LLP, and David Hoffman's Contested Motion to Compel Arbitration, filed October 13, 2017, Plaintiffs' Opposition to Hoffman's and Sidley's Motion to Compel Arbitration, filed March 7, 2019, and Reply Brief in Support of Defendants Sidley Austin LLP, Sidley Austin (DC) LLP, and David Hoffman's Contested Motion to Compel Arbitration, filed March 14, 2019; and (4) Defendants Sidley Austin LLP, Sidley Austin (DC) LLP, and David Hoffman's Contested Motion to Compel Arbitration of Count 11 of the First Supplemental

Complaint, filed March 21, 2019. The Court has considered the pleadings, the relevant law, and the entire record. Accordingly, it is this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019, hereby:

**ORDERED** that Defendant American Psychological Association's Contested Motion to Compel Arbitration is **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Defendant American Psychological Association's Contested Motion to Compel Arbitration of Claims in First Supplemental Complaint is **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Defendants Sidley Austin LLP, Sidley Austin (DC) LLP, and David Hoffman's Contested Motion to Compel Arbitration is **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** Defendants Sidley Austin LLP, Sidley Austin (DC) LLP, and David Hoffman's Contested Motion to Compel Arbitration of Count 11 of the First Supplemental Complaint is **GRANTED**; and it is further

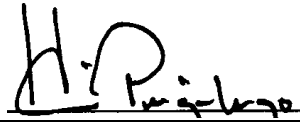
**ORDERED** that Plaintiffs Stephen Behnke and Russell Newman shall arbitrate the claims they have asserted against the American Psychological Association, David Hoffman, Sidley Austin LLP, and Sidley Austin (DC) LLP in the instant litigation in an arbitration proceeding to be held in Washington, D.C.; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Plaintiffs Stephen Behnke and Russell Newman shall confer with all Defendants to reach an agreement with regard to the selection of an arbitrator and rules to govern arbitration. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement within a period of twenty-one (21) days after the entry of this Order, Plaintiffs Stephen Behnke and Russell Newman are required to commence an arbitration action in the District of Columbia before the American Arbitration Association within thirty (30) days following the entry of this order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that during the pendency of the arbitration proceedings, this case will proceed; and it is further

**ORDERED** that at the May 8, 2019 Status Hearing, the Court will enter a briefing schedule to address any pending motions.

**SO ORDERED.**



**Honorable Hiram E. Puig-Lugo**  
**Associate Judge**  
*Signed in Chambers*

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