

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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v.

DONALD JOHN TRUMP,  
RUDOLPH WILLIAM LOUIS GIULIANI,  
JOHN CHARLES EASTMAN,  
MARK RANDALL MEADOWS,  
JEFFREY BOSSERT CLARK,  
RAY STALLINGS SMITH III,  
ROBERT DAVID CHEELEY,  
MICHAEL A. ROMAN,  
DAVID JAMES SHAFER,  
SHAWN MICAH TRESHER STILL,  
STEPHEN CLIFFGARD LEE,  
HARRISON WILLIAM PRESCOTT FLOYD,  
TREVIAN C. KUTTI,  
CATHLEEN ALSTON LATHAM, and  
MISTY HAMPTON.

Indictment No.  
23SC188947


**ORDER ON MOTION TO STAY**

The Court of Appeals has issued an order concerning the interlocutory appeal in this case currently docketed under case numbers A24A1595 through A24A1603. (Trump Doc. 182, filed 6/6/24). However, the order appears limited as it only lists the parties now before the appellate court. The undersigned therefore believes that the six Defendants not parties to the interlocutory appeal (Eastman, Smith, Still, Lee, Kutti, and Hampton) do not fall within the order's command. Any party that disagrees with this finding is welcome to seek clarity directly with the Court of Appeals. *See* Ga. Ct. App. Rule 40(b) ("Emergency Motions").

Although it does not seem that this Court is mandated to stay proceedings for every party, Defendant Hampton has filed a motion seeking a discretionary stay. (Hampton Doc. 81, 6/6/24). Generally, "[t]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to

control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.” *Bloomfield v. Liggett & Myers, Inc.*, 230 Ga. 484, 485 (1973) (citation omitted). Defendant Hampton argues that the eventual appellate ruling may disqualify the District Attorney and therefore the interests of judicial economy are best served by pausing the entire case. Absent complete dismissal, such an outcome will still leave a pending indictment with several statutory and constitutional challenges awaiting resolution — many of which are fully briefed, argued, and may also benefit from appellate review. At this time, the undersigned does not believe a complete stay is the most efficient course. The motion is denied. Defendant Hampton may renew her request once all pretrial motions are resolved.

**SO ORDERED**, this 10th day of June, 2024.

  
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Judge Scott McAfee  
Fulton Superior Court  
Atlanta Judicial Circuit