

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT OF TEXAS

In re Heather J. Taylor and Mad Hat Maven, LLC

No. 01-26-00338-CV · No. 01-26-00338-CV · Decided April 9, 2026

OPINION

In Re Heather J. Taylor and Mad Hat Maven, LLC v. the State of Texas

PER CURIAM.

Opinion issued April 9, 2026 In The Court of Appeals For The First District of Texas

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IN RE HEATHER J. TAYLOR AND MAD HAT MAVEN, LLC, Relators Original Proceeding on
Petition for Writ of Mandamus

MEMORANDUM OPINION

At 10:33pm on April 8, 2026, Relators Hether J. Taylor and Mad Hat Maven, LLC—non-parties in the underlying defamation action—filed a petition for writ of mandamus challenging (1) the March 3, 2026 Order Granting Substituted Service signed by the Honorable Rabeea Sultan Collier, Presiding Judge of the 113th Judicial District Court of Harris County, authorizing substituted service of subpoenas on Relators, and (2) the March 31, 2026 Enforcement Order signed by the Honorable Fredericka Phillips, Visting Judge of the 113th Judicial District Court of Harris County, compelling Relators to appear for depositions within ten days (i.e., by April 9, 2026) and produce all documents responsive to the document request at least three days prior to the deposition. 1 In conjunction with the petition, Relators filed a motion requesting an emergency stay of (1) the Enforcement Order, (2) the deposition of Taylor scheduled for April 9, 2026 at 9:00am, and (3) the deposition of Mad Hat Mave’s corporate representative scheduled for April 9, 2026 at 1:30pm. We deny the mandamus petition and the related stay motion.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Justices Gunn, Caughey, and Morgan. 1 The underlying case is Jay K. Sears v. Women’s Justice Network, USA and J. Doe, cause number 2025-78000, pending in the 113th District Court of Harris County, Texas, the Honorable Rabeea Sultan Collier presiding. The Honorable Fredericka Phillips sitting as visiting judge. 2