

ENDORSEMENT

Natalie Butler
Plaintiff/Responding Party

S. Vassalli
Counsel

v.

SEBWJB Financial, et. al.
Defendants/Moving Parties

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Date:

February 27,
2026

Decision re Costs:


The plaintiff/responding party claims against her former employer, ex-husband, and former mother-in-law for wrongful dismissal. The statement of claim seeks to pierce the corporate veil to hold the moving parties/defendants, Sharon Butler and William Butler, personally liable for the corporate employer.

The moving parties were successful on a rule 21 motion to strike the pleadings against them as disclosing no reasonable cause of action.

Having reviewed the written submissions filed, I see no reason to depart from the general rule that costs ought to follow the event. I cannot accede to the responding party's request to determine costs in the cause; the effect of my endorsement was to release Sharon Butler and William Butler from these proceedings. They are entitled to their costs.

That said, the moving parties first listed this motion to be argued on July 15, 2025. The responding party obtained an adjournment and costs of that motion were reserved to the judge on the motion. Accordingly, the total costs claimed must be reduced (11.5 hours). I also take into account the delay by the moving parties in bringing the rule 21 motion more than a year after first stating their intention to do so.

Taking into account the result, offer to settle, reasonable expectation of the responding party, complexity of the motion, and the importance of the issues, costs are fixed in the amount of \$15,000 inclusive of HST payable to Sharon Butler and William Butler forthwith.


A. J. Ohler, J.