

IN THE STATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

VERONICA UBALLE,
INDIVIDUALLY; and VERONICA
UBALLE AS MOTHER, GUARDIAN,
and NEXT FRIEND OF VALERIE
UBALLE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEBRA BLAKE,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.: 14EV000917Y

ORDER

Defendant has filed a motion seeking to have the trial "bifurcated/trifurcated." The Court has considered the briefs of both parties, and heard oral argument on the issue on October 6, 2015. Defendant's motion is **DENIED**. The trial shall be bifurcated into the traditional two phases: (1) compensatory issues and liability for punitive damages, and (2) amount of punitive damages. *Webster v. Boyett*, 269 Ga. 191, 196 (1998).

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2015.



Fred C. Eady, Judge
State Court Of Fulton County

ORDER PROPOSED BY:

BUTLER TOBIN LLC

By: /s/ James E. Butler III

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