

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

CLERK'S MINUTES

CASE NO. 8:19-cv-886-VMC-SPF	DATE: August 7, 2026
HONORABLE VIRGINIA M. HERNANDEZ COVINGTON	COURTROOM: 14B
BURTON W. WIAND, Receiver, v. MICHAEL J. DACORTA, Defendant.	RECEIVER'S COUNSEL Jared Perez Maya Lockwood DEFENSE COUNSEL Pro Se
COURT REPORTER: Sharon Miller	DEPUTY CLERK: Gretchen O'Brien
TIME: 10:03 a.m.–12:05 p.m. 1:03 p.m.–2:47 p.m.	TOTAL: 3 hours, 46 minutes

PROCEEDINGS: SHOW CAUSE HEARING

- Alan Simpson appears for Commodity Futures Trading Commission (plaintiff), and Tiffany Fields (AUSA) appears for the United States (movant)
- Receiver's opening statement
- Receiver calls Tim Devine for direct examination.
- Defendant's cross examination of Tim Devine
- Receiver's redirect examination of Tim Devine
- Receiver calls Melissa Davis for direct examination.

- Receiver calls Burton Wiand for direct examination.
- Defendant's cross examination of Burton Wiand
- Receiver's redirect examination of Burton Wiand
- Receiver calls Michael DaCorta for direct examination.
- Defendant does not have anything that he wishes to present.
- Respondent's motion to dismiss Receiver's verified motion for an order to show cause without further hearing or argument (Doc. 970) is DENIED.
- No later than August 24, 2026, the parties can file their written closing arguments.
- Hearing concluded