

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

SEANPAUL REYES,

Case No.: 05-2025-CA-053072-XXCA-BC

Plaintiff,

v.

PAUL SIDNEY ALFREY,

Defendant.

**ORDER ON DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DETERMINE STANDING AND GRANTING
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT**

THIS CAUSE, having come before the Court on March 24, 2026, and continued on June 16, 2026, on Defendant's Motion to Determine Standing filed December 01, 2025 (Docket Entry 10) and Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Amended Complaint filed March 14, 2026 (Docket Entry 16) and the Court having reviewed the file and considered argument of counsel, and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, it is accordingly:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. This action involves a lengthy social media post originating from a Social Media Account presenting itself as "Melbourne Mayor Paul Alfrey."
2. This Court has heard and is focused on addressing whether under the allegations in the Amended Complaint, testimony heard, evidence submitted to the Court, and argument of counsel as to the application of Florida Law on the matter, that it is appropriate for the individual to bring the cause of action.
3. SeanPaul Reyes is an individual who owns and operates a business called Long Island Audit, Inc., which is a Social Media company focused on investigative

journalism and “First Amendment Auditing.”

4. SeanPaul Reyes is a citizen of New York.
5. Long Island Audit, Inc. is incorporated in the state of New York as shown in Defendant’s Exhibit #3, with its principal place of business located at 66 South Village Drive, Bellport, New York, United States 11713.
6. SeanPaul Reyes was present in Melbourne, Florida on or about September 24, 2025, for purposes of filming and conducting business as Long Island Audit, Inc, for which a video was later posted several times on this exact matter. See Defendant’s Composite Exhibit #2 and Composite Exhibit #7 respectively.
7. Defendant on each and every time submitting a request to speak form with the City of Melbourne during the City of Melbourne Meetings put down the name “Long Island Audit” or “Long Island Audit, Inc.” as shown in Defendant’s Composite Exhibit #2.
8. Each and every time SeanPaul Reyes made a video involving Defendant, Paul Alfrey, the name “Long Island Audit” was used to introduce Plaintiff to the audience, as well as close out the video to the audience. SeanPaul Reyes also always wore Long Island Audit logoed clothing, i.e. shirts, hats, etc., and never wore or showed anything to distinguish SeanPaul Reyes from Long Island Audit. See Defendant’s Composite Exhibit #7.
9. Plaintiff further has multiple Social Media Accounts for which all show the name “Long Island Audit” and make no mention of SeanPaul Reyes personally. See Defendant’s Exhibits #4 and #5.
10. The “followers” mentioned in the alleged defamatory statement is the followers of

Long Island Audit, and not SeanPaul Reyes.

- 11.** Plaintiff's own testimony reflects that his purpose in attending City Council meetings, creating videos, and engaging in related activities was "to do a job." The Court finds this admission supports the conclusion that SeanPaul Reyes was acting in his professional capacity as Long Island Audit during all such meetings. Accordingly, for purposes of the alleged defamatory statement, any remarks were directed at Long Island Audit, the entity on whose behalf SeanPaul Reyes was present and acting, rather than at him in an individual capacity.
- 12.** In the social media post presented to the Court, and mentioned in the Amended Complaint, Defendant refers to the "person/entity" as a "YouTuber from New York" which based on the evidence presented and testimony heard was a generalized statement, that even taken as true in the Amended Complaint, would be referring to the YouTube channel Long Island Audit.
- 13.** Plaintiff, SeanPaul Reyes failed to present to the Court at the Hearing, and attach to the Amended Complaint, enough facts or evidence to disregard the corporate entity that is Long Island Audit for which SeanPaul Reyes was doing business as.
- 14.** Corporations are designed to give protections to individuals for liabilities that occurred when acting under the scope and authority of the Corporation. The Court reviewed this matter as if the Parties were reversed as if SeanPaul Reyes had been sued by Paul Sidney Alfrey for Defamation, or any other Tort claim, then SeanPaul Reyes could rely on protections of liability associated with Long Island Audit, rather than SeanPaul Reyes Individually.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 15.** SeanPaul Reyes claims that the name “Long Island Audit” is a moniker for which he goes by, however, this Court finds that because SeanPaul Reyes took formalities such as filing with the New York Department of State, filing separate taxes, opening a separate bank account, and other traditional business formalities, that SeanPaul Reyes and Long Island Audit are separate and distinct from each other as a matter of law, despite being the same person physical person.
- 16.** The Court has to take and consider Long Island Audit and SeanPaul Reyes as separate and distinct “persons” under the law in determining the proper Plaintiff to bring this action.
- 17.** Florida Law and Law of the United States of America recognize Corporations as “persons” under the law with its own rights and protections afforded to them outside of the rights and protections afforded to the person(s) who own and run them.
- 18.** A Corporation must file with the Florida Department of State and register to do business in the State of Florida as a condition precedent to filing a lawsuit in the State of Florida pursuant to Fla. Stat. §607.1501(2)(a).
- 19.** A corporation must further be represented by counsel who is barred in the state of Florida in order to bring a lawsuit. “A corporation is not a person and, therefore, a corporation cannot designate a non-attorney employee to represent it. Instead, a corporation must be represented by an attorney.” *Quinn v. Hous. Auth. of City of Orlando*, 385 So. 2d 1167, 1167 (Fla. 5th DCA 1980).

20. Lastly, the person for which is bringing the lawsuit must be a person authorized to act on behalf of the corporation, which based on the evidence presented is clear here.

21. Plaintiff failed to provide legal authority or sufficiently pled or present factual evidence either in Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, or during the evidentiary hearing before this Court on standing to set aside or disregard the corporate entity so as to establish standing as an individual for purposes of bringing forward a cause of action under Defamation based upon the allegations alleged within the Amended Complaint.

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, it is therefore **ORDERED** and

ADJUDGED:

1. Defendant's Motion to Determine Standing and Motion to Dismiss is hereby **GRANTED.**
2. The Amended Complaint is Dismissed with Prejudice as to SeanPaul Reyes Individually for a lack of standing as an Individual under Florida Law.
3. SeanPaul Reyes may refile the lawsuit as Long Island Audit, Inc. as the named plaintiff so long as compliance with the above stated Florida Laws are shown.
4. The Court reserves ruling as to whether Defendant was appropriately named or is subject to Immunity as the Court finds a ruling on this matter at this time is improper.
5. The Court reserves a ruling on Defendant's Motion for Sanctions as to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, and further reserves as to Attorney's fees and costs.

DONE AND ORDERED at Viera, Brevard County, Florida, this
Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

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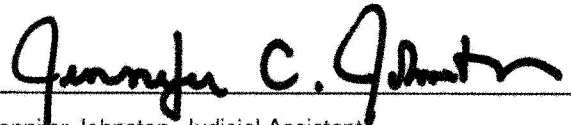
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