UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO.

NATIONAL UROLOGICAL GROUP, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

1:04-CV-3294-CAP

ORDER

This matter is before the court to determine the nature and amount of

sanctions to impose again **GRDER**ch Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Hi-Tech"), Jar4ticals,-0.0006 Tc

I. Introduction

On November 11, 2004, the FTC filed a complaint alleging that several defendants had violated Sections 5 an d 12 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (hereinafter "the FTC Act"), 15 U. S.C. §§ 45(a) and 52, by making false and unsubstantiated claims in connection with their advertising and sale of various dietary supplements [Doc. No . 1]. The court granted summary judgment in favor of the FTC on June 4, 2008. *See FTC v. Nat'l Urological Group, Inc.*, 645 F. Supp. 2d 1167 (N.D. Ga. 2008), *aff'd*, 365 F. App'x 358 (11th Cir. 2009), *cert. denied*, 131 S. Ct. 505 (2010). The court entered two separate final judgment and permanen

"competent and reliable scientific eviden ce." Section VII of the Hi-Tech Order also prohibits defendants Hi-Tech, Wh eat, and Smith from making claims Hi-Tech, Wheat, Smith, and Wright to show cause why they should not be held in contempt for failing to comply with the requirements of the final judgment and permanent injunction s against them [Doc. No. 399] (hereinafter "the May 31 Show Cause Order").

The May 11 Order and the May 31 Show Cause Order collectively set out the procedure the court would foll ow to resolve the questions of the defendants' alleged contempt. The court (1) required the FTC to file a specific list of factual allegations and the defendants to admit or deny those allegations (akin to a comp laint and answer), (2) permitted limited discovery on relevant issues, and (3) contemplated a "pre-hearing motion" to determine whether there were disputed question s of material fact regarding the defendants' alleged contempt. See May 11 Order at 13–14 [Doc. No. 390]; May 31 Show Cause Order [Doc. No. 399]. The procedure set forth by the court is supported by Elev enth Circuit case law. See Mercer v. Mitchell, 908 F.2d 763 (11th Cir. 1990); Nat'l Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa. v. Olympia Holding Corp., 140 F. App'x 860, 864–65 (11th Cir. 2005) (discussing the "flexible" due process requirements for civil contempt proceedings). The court prescribed this procedure becaus e it anticipated there would be a limited number of facts in dispute an d the scope of any eventual contempt hearing could be significantly narrowe d by addressing legal questions based

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on written briefs. Thus, the defe ndants have had notice and a full opportunity to be he ard on the question of their contempt. *See FTC v. Leshin*, 719 F.3d 1227, 1235 (11th Cir. 2013) (hereinafter "*Leshin* II") ("It is by now well-settled law that due process is sati sfied when a civil contempt defendant receives notice and an opportunity to be heard").

The contempt proceedings progressed essentially as pres cribed. First, the FTC filed its complaint- like allegations [Doc. No. 39 4, at 2–17]. Then, the defendants answered. *See* [Doc. No. 405] (Hi-Tech and Wheat's response); [Doc. No. 406] (Wright's response); [Doc . No. 467] (Smith's adoption of Hi-Tech and Wheat's resp onse as his own).¹ On October 22, 2012, the FTC filed a motion for (summary) contempt judg ment [Doc. No. 446]. The defendants responded: admitting or denying (thou gh mostly admitting) the FTC's alleged undisputed material facts, adding thei r own additional material facts, and arguing why summary contempt judg ment should not be granted. *See* [Doc. Nos. 475, 479, 480, 482]. The FTC replied [Doc. No s. 485 and 486], and the court allowed Wheat and Hi-Tech to file a surreply [Doc. No. 487-2]. On August 8, 2013, the court entered an orde r wherein it concluded that Hi-Tech, Wheat, Smith, and Wright had made certain representations without

¹ The court allowed Smith's "adoption" of his co-defendants' response "as if timely made" in its Dece mber 11, 2012 order [D oc. No. 470 at 3].

substantiation by competent and reliable scientific evidence, as prohibited by the permanent injunctions in this case [Doc. No. 524] (hereinafter "the August 8 Contempt Order"). The court found Hi-Tech, Wheat, Smith, and Wright to be in contempt of the permanent injunctions.² But the court reserved judgment on the is also the head of the Food, Drug, and Mass division of Hi-Tech. He is responsible for acquiring retail accounts with food stores, drug chains, and mass merchandisers. Smith has helped to place violativ e advertising for Fastin, Lipodrene, Benzedrine, and St imerex-ES with various publications and agencies. In addition to his cu rrent job responsibilities, Smith was responsible for the day- to-day operations of Hi-Tech while Wheat was incarcerated from March 16, 2009, through September 15, 2010. ³

2. Violative Advertising

From September 2010 through at least December 14, 2012, Hi-Tech, Wheat, and Smith (hereina fter "the Hi-Tech defend ants") disseminated print advertisements for Fastin containing clai ms that violate the Hi-Tech Order through national magazines such as *Allure, Cosmopolitan, First, Fitness, Flex, Globe, In Touch, Life & Style, Martha Stewart Weddings, Muscle & Fitness, MuscleMag International, Muscular Development, National Enquirer, OK, Redbook, Self, Star, US Weekly, USA Today Women's Health Guide, Whole Living, Women's Day,* and *Women's World.*⁴ In addition to the

³ Smith testified that it was his job to "hold down the fort" while Wheat was incarcerated. Tr. of Sanctions Hr'g, Jan. 21, 2014 at 68:1-69:1 [Doc. No. 618]. ⁴ The FTC has notified the court in resp onse to a post-trial motion by Hi-Tech and Wheat that violative print advert isements have been disseminated as recently as November 2013 in *Flex* magazine [Doc. No. 637]. The court cannot make a finding as to the validity of this allegation at this time.

national magazines, the Hi-Tech de fendants disseminate d the violative Fastin print advertisements th rough the company website ⁵ through early January 2014. Since September 17, 2010, the Hi-Tech defendants have advertised and offered Fasti n for sale on the company website using violative advertising claims; these violative actions contin ued through January 21, 2014.

Development. They also disseminated the violative print advertisements through the company website through January 21, 2014. Since September 17, 2010, the Hi-Tech defendants advertis ed and offered Stimerex-ES for sale

continued to appear on Fastin packaging through at least December 31, 2011. Following his review, Novotny approved certain claims, including, "Rapid Fat Loss Catalyst," "Rapid Fat Loss," "Increases the Me tabolic Rate, Promoting Thermogenesis (The Burning of Stored Bo dy Fat)," and "Rap id Fat Burner." Regarding Novotny's approval of the claim "fat loss," Wheat stated in a phone conversation with Smith, "I don't know if Ed [Novotny] just was pulling that out of his rear or what." Plt.'s Ex. 10 6 at 7:14–16 [Doc. No. 446-13 at 235].

With regards to the advi ce he received from counsel on the advertising claims, Wheat stated, "I just wanted so mething in writing from these cats." Plt.'s Ex. 106 at 7:17–18 [Doc. No. 446-13 at 235]. He also stated, "I'm going to have to put these cats up on my stand if, you know — if we ever have to get drug back before Panell e [sic], I'm going to put Jody [Schilleci] and Ed [Novotny] up — you know, they're the scap egoats, in essence. Hey, you gave me this advice." Plt.'s Ex. 106 at 14:2–6 [Doc. No. 446-13 at 242].

4. Yohimbine Warning

The court issued the Hi-Tech Order on December 16, 2008, which set forth a specific yohimbine warning required to be included on all packaging and labels. Proofs provided by the printer indicate that the required warning was incorporated into product packaging and labels in 2012. Despite this evidence, an investigator with the FTC purchased a bottle of Fastin from a

CVS Pharmacy store in Wa shington, DC, on August 2, 2013, that did not contain the required yohimbine warn ing on the product packaging.

5. Substantiation Requirement

During the period of time that the Hi-Tech defendants disseminated violative advertising, the y were aware that double-blind, placebo-based, clinical studies were required to substantiate weight-loss claims for the dietary supplements. On March 28, 2010, in an email from Wheat to Smith, Wheat stated, "Ullman and Shapiro are not aware of the recent ruling in the 11th circuit against us because if the verdict stands it w blind, placebo-based, clinical studies to substantiate the weight-loss claims as required by the Hi-Tech Order.

6. Violative Advertising After August 8 Contempt Order

On August 30, 2013, an investigator with the FTC purchased Lipodrene from the company website. The bottle th at he received in the mail contained violative claims on the product label. On August 30, 20 13, the investigator purchased Benzedrine from the websit e Amazon.com. The bottle that he received in the mail cont ained violative claims on the product packaging and did not include the required yohimbine warning. On December 14, 2013, the investigator once again pu rchased Lipodrene from the company website. The bottle that he received in the mail contained violativ e claims on the product label. On December 20, 2013, the investigator purchased Fastin from a General Nutrition Centers, Inc. ("GN C") store in Washington, DC, that contained violative advertis ing claims on the product packaging and label. On January 20, 2014, the investigator ob tained Fastin from an Atlanta-area GNC store that contained violative adve rtising on the product packaging and label.

The Hi-Tech defendants did not remo ve violative advertising from the company website until January 2014, ap proximately 5 months after the court had found the defendants in contempt. The violative advertising on the

to provide the FTC with complete and accurate information regarding advertisements and the product packagin g and labels for Hi-Tech products on repeated occasions.

8. Other Dietary Supplement Businesses

Wheat acquired Hi-Tech Nutraceuti cals, LLC ("Nutraceuticals") in 2012; he is the sole owner of the comp any. Nutraceuticals is a nutritional and dietary supplement manufacturer . Wheat owns a consulting company called PharmaTech Consulting, Inc. ("PharmaTech"), which claims to specialize in Food and Drug Administration ("FD A") and FTC regulatory matters. This company offers consulting ng, submission, and auditing services, including the review of dietary supplement labels and advertising for compliance with FDA and FTC regulations. ¹³

The Hi-Tech defendants acquired AP S Nutrition ("APS") on November 3, 2011, and they acquired ALR Industries ("ALRI") on December 28, 2012.

¹³ Patrick Jacobs, who was called as a witness by the defendants during the sanctions hearing, is identified on the company website for Nutraceuticals as affiliated with the company, and Wheat testified during the sanctions hearing that he is affiliated with PharmaTech. Jacobs testified during the sanctions hearing that he was unaware prior to preparing for the sanctions hearing that he was identified as affiliated with these companies. Wheat also testified during the sanctions hearing the sanctions hearing that PharmaTech offers the services of Novotny to potential clients. Novotny testified during the was being held out as associated with PharmaTech.

Both companies engage in activities covered by the Hi-Tech Order. The Hi-Tech defendants did not inform the FTC of these acquisitions. In addition, Wheat acquired Nutraceuticals in September 2012, which engages in activities covered by the Hi-Tech Order, and did not inform the FTC of this acquisition.

9. Dr. Mark Wright

Wright violated the Wright Orde r by providing an unsubstantiated endorsement for Fastin. Beginning in October 2010, print advertisements were disseminated that feat ured an unsubstantiated endorsement by Wright. These violative print advertisements were also featured on the company website through at least December 30, 2013. In addition to providing an endorsement of Fastin that was used in the advertising of the product, Wright authored articles printed in the "Hi-Tech Health & Fitness" magazine promoting Hi-Tech weight loss products. ¹⁴ These articles were disseminated in violation of the Wright Order.

10. Gross Receipts

The Hi-Tech defendants have sold Fastin, Lipodrene, Benzedrine, and Stimerex-ES without interrupt ion since January 1, 2009. For the time period

¹⁴ The articles were published in issues of the "Hi-Tech Health & Fitness" magazine dated April 2009 and January 2011.

of January 1, 2009, through August 31, 2013, the gross sales less refunds and returns from the sale of Fastin, Lipodrene, Benzedrine, and Stimerex-ES totaled \$40,120,950. For the time peri od of January 1, 2009, through August 26, 2013, during which Hi-Tech used Wright's endorsement to advertise Fastin, the gross sales less refunds from the sale of Fastin totaled \$21,493,557.64.

11. Unpaid Judgment

On September 15, 2012, Wheat wrote a check to the FT C in the amount of \$150,000; this is the only voluntar y payment made by Wheat. The parties stipulate that as of Ja nuary 22, 2014, approximat ely \$3,799,303.05 of the \$15,900,000 judgment entered by the court against Hi-Tech, Wheat, Holda, and Smith, jointly and seve rally, remains unpaid.

During the sanctions he aring, Wheat testified that he attempted in good faith to pay the underlying judgment . The evidence does not support his testimony. ¹⁵ On April 19, 2010, while incarc erated, Wheat sent an email to Kelley, which stated, "I spoke with Art [Leach] on Friday and we discussed it may be wise to set up another bank account for Hi -Tech in case the FTC tries to execute against our current bank after they recieve [sic] the banking

¹⁵ Wheat asserted his Fift h Amendment right against self-incrimination with respect to many questions concerning finances.

information revealed in the subpoena." Plt.'s Ex. 97 at 3 [Doc. No. 446-13 at 175]. After this email conversation, Ke Iley set up a bank account in the name of Affiliated Distributio n, Inc. ("Affiliated") ¹⁶ to be used by Hi-Tech as its operating account. On No vember 3, 2011, after the FTC initiated this contempt action, Hi-Tech purchased AP S Nutrition ("APS") for \$1,200,000. In 2012, Wheat paid \$2,0 00,000 from his personal bank account towards the purchase of Neutraceuticals. On Dece mber 28, 2012, Hi-T ech paid \$600,000 as a down payment towa rds the \$3,000,000 purchase price of ALRI.

On April 25, 2013, Wheat withdrew \$1,000,000 from a bank account with East-West Bank. On January 18, 2012, an official check was purchased in the amount of \$425,000 using funds from the Aff iliated bank account with Fifth Third Bank. On January 26, 2012 , an official check was purchased in the amount of \$439,166.68 using funds from the Aff iliated bank account with Fifth Third Bank. Betw een 2012 and 2013, Wheat received millions of dollars in dividends from Hi-Tech. On January 8, 2013, Wheat entered into a contract to purchase a Lamb orghini Gallardo for \$135,08 7. He paid a \$2,000 deposit on January 10, 2013 , and paid the balance of the purchase price on January 11, 2013.

¹⁶ A wholly owned subsid iary of Hi-Tech.

12. Recall

The Hi-Tech defendants have not recalled all Fastin, Lipodrene, Benzedrine, and Stimerex-ES with prod uct packaging and labels containing violative claims. Fastin, Lipodrene, Benzedrine, and Stimerex-ES with product packaging and labels containing violative claims remain in the marketplace at retail stores.

B. Conclusions of Law

This matter concerns civil contempt by the defendants. District courts have wide discretion in fashioning an equitable remedy for civil contempt.

United States Supreme Court has held, "The measure of the court's power in

ES—during this period of time total \$40,120,950. ¹⁷ The court has also found that Wright engaged in conduct violat ing the Wright Order from at least September 1, 2010, through at least Au gust 26, 2013. The court concludes, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the gross receipts for the sale of Fastin during this period of time totals \$21,493,557.64. ¹⁸ These calculations are based on the total billings for the products during the relevant time periods minus refunds and re turns. "Where . . . pa rties join together to evade a judgment, they become jointly and severally liable for the amount of damages resulting from the contumacious conduct." Leshin I, 618 F.3d at 1236–37. Accordingly, the court find s that \$40,120,950 in compensatory sanctions is owed to consumers. The court finds that Hi-Tech, Wheat, and Smith must pay compensatory sanctions, jointly and severally , in the amount of \$40,000,950. The court also finds that Wright must pay compensatory sanctions in the amount of \$120,000.¹⁹ The court has the authority to impose

¹⁷ The court bases this conclusion on a table used by the defendants at the sanctions hearing, Defs.' Ex. 65 at 19 [D oc. No. 565 at 19], and other evidence before the court.

¹⁸ The court bases this conclusion on a stipulation by the defendants as to the gross revenues of Fastin for this time period and a letter fr om counsel for the defendants to counsel for the FTC. Stip ulations of Fact ¶5 [Doc. No. 534-1 at 3]; Plt.'s Ex. 167.

¹⁹ The court arrives at this amount ba sed on Wright's counsel's statements during the sanctions hearing that Wright was paid a to tal of \$120,000 by Hi-

District courts may impose incarceration as a coercive sanction in civil contempt proceedings. *Combs v. Ryan's Coal Co., Inc.,* 785 F.2d 970 (11th Cir. 1986). The Supreme Court of the United States has held, "The paradigmatic coercive, civil contempt sanction . . . involves confining a contemnor indefinitely until he complie s with an affirmative command such as an order 'to pay alimo ny, or to surrender property ordered to be turned over to a receiver, or to make a conveyance." *Int'l Union, United Mine Workers of America v. Bagwell*, 512 U.S. 821 (1994). "Imprisonment for a fixed term similarly is coercive when the contemnor is given the option of earlier release if he complies." *Id.* According to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, "Our sole inquir y into the legitimacy of incarceration for contempt, *per se*, is into the purpose of

2011). The court is not swayed by the defendants' attempt to offer a good faith, diligence defense to their contumacious conduct. The evidence does not support such an argument. The defendants received advice from counsel that specific claims would violate the court's orders. Rather than heed the advice they received from counsel, the defendants sought advice from additional counsel not in good faith. The FTC presented evidence of conversations between the defendants that shows the real motive of the defendants was to obtain advice from counse I to use as a shield to any contempt proceedings, even if they knew the advice was incorrect.

In this case, the Hi-T ech defendants' contumacious conduct continued after the court's August 8 Contempt Orde r. With respect to the violative advertising claims disseminated throug h the company website, the Hi-Tech defendants did not correct their contum acious conduct until after the first day of the sanctions hearing. Wheat ha s testified that he was unable to make the necessary changes to the company website be cause of illnesses in his immediate family. The court is symp athetic to his situation, but any difficulties he faced did not excuse him of his duty to comply with the court's

orders, particularly after the cour t had entered its August 8 Contempt Order. ²⁰

More troubling is the fact that the contumacious conduct is ongoing. The defendants have not cond ucted a recall of the product from retail stores. Following the sanctions hearing, the part ies submitted letters to the court to update the court on the presence of vi olative product packag ing and labels in the retail market. Hi-Tech and Wheat indicated that representatives of the company had spoken to approximately 65% of its customers. ²¹ Hi-Tech and Wheat also state that they have produced new product packaging and labels for the products at issue. These efforts are insufficient. First, the court is skeptical that retail outlets will use the new product packaging and labels. In fact, an investigator wi th the FTC has submitted a declaration to the court stating that, as of February 6, 2014, the product was available for purchase at two retail outlets in Washington, DC , with violative pr oduct packaging and labels. Second, the court does not approve the new prod uct packaging and —— n uase are.498 -telyi 0 FTduts have not cond

labels. The new labels submitted to the court contain viol ative claims. The Fastin and Lipodrene labels include

the recall. The court will order coercive incarceration if the defendants have not taken sufficient action to effect a complete recall.

C. Conclusion

The court ORDERS disgorgement of \$40,120,950 in compensatory sanctions. Hi-Tech, Wh eat, and Smith are jointly and severally liable for \$40,000,950. Wright is liable for \$120,000. The parties are ORDERED to administer the compensatory sanctions as directed ab ove. In addition, the court ORDERS Hi-Tech, Wheat, and Smith to recall from retail outlets all Fastin, Lipodrene, Benzedrine, and Stimerex-ES with violative product packaging and labels. The parties are ORDERED to notify the court of the status of the recall as directed above.

III. Motions to Alter Final Judg

achieve. *Epic Metals Corp. v. Souliere*, 181 F.3d 1280, 1283 (11th Cir. 1999) (citing United States v. United Shoe Mach. Corp., 391 U.S. 244, 247 (1968)). In subsequent cases, the court of appeals has refined the standard further by holding that the district co urt's authority to modify a judgment or order is subject to the constr aints set forth in *Rufo v. Inmates of Suffolk County Jail*, 502 U.S. 367 (1992). Sierra Club v. Meiburg, 296 F.3d 1021, 1033 (11th Cir. 2002). According to the court of appeals, in *Rufo*, "the Supreme [Court] said that the party seeking modi fication of a consent decree must show, first, 'a significant change either in factual conditions or in law,' and, second, that 'the proposed modification is suitably tailored to the change d circumstance." Id. (quoting Rufo, 502 U.S. at 384, 391). A party seeking modification of a consent decree may satisfy the first pro ng of the test by demonstrating that the consent decree has failed to achieve its purpose. FTC v. Garden of Life, Inc., No. 06-80226-CIV, 2012 WL 1898607 at *3 (11t h Cir. May 25, 2012). While *Sierra Club* and *Garden of Life* concerned the modification of consent decrees, the court applies the standar d set forth in these cases to the modification of the non-consent inju nctions at issue in this case.

B. The Hi-Tech Order

The FTC states that the Hi-Tech Or der's purpose is to protect the public from deceptive clai ms and from the health risk posed by yohimbine-

containing supplements. The FTC argues that the order sh ould be modified because it has failed to achieve this objective. The basis for the FTC's motion

prong of the analysis, whet her the proposed modification is suitably tailored to the changed circumstances.

C. The Wright Order

The FTC states that the Wright Order' s purpose is to protect the public from Wright's deceptive claims, includ ing his deceptive expert endorsements, by prohibiting him from making uns ubstantiated repres entations about weight-loss products. The FTC argues that the Wright Order has failed to achieve its purpose. The court's analys is is different with respect to the Wright Order because Wright has consen ted to part of the FTC's request to modify the order. Wright consents to a permanent injunction barring him from being an endorser or consultant in the dietary supplement business. The court believes this modification encompasses the first proposed modification by the FTC. With respect to the rema ining modifications sought by the FTC, the court concludes that the FTC has not demonstrated that the Wright Order has failed to achieve its purpose. Nor has the FTC established a significant change either in the factual conditions or law. Once again, the court does not address whether the propos ed modification is suitably tailored to the changed circumstances.

D. Conclusion

The court DENIES the FTC's motion to modify the Hi-Tech Order [Doc. No. 561]. The Hi-Tech Order remains in effect. The court GRANTS IN PART and DENIES IN PART the FTC's motion to modify the Wright Order [Doc. No. 562]. The court ORDERS that Wrig ht be barred permanently from being an endorser or consultant in the dietary suppleme nt business. The court AMENDS the Wright Order to include the additional limitation that Wright is barred from being an endorser or consultant in the dietary supplement business. The Wright Order remains in effect with the modification noted above.

IV. Motion to Show Cause ²⁵

The final issue for the court to a ddress is the alleged unprofessional conduct of Stephen Dowdell, an attorn ey for the FTC. Hi-Tech and Wheat have filed a motion requesting that the court issue an order directing Dowdell to show cause why he should not be disciplined for unprofessional conduct [Doc. No. 615]. On May 9, 2012, Dowd ell filed a notice of appearance on behalf of the FTC. He subsequently signed filings related to the ongoing garnishment efforts by th e FTC against Hi-Tech and Wheat. Hi-Tech and

²⁵ The court GRANTS the FTC's motion for leave to file a surreply in opposition to Hi-Tech and Wheat's moti on to show cause [Doc. No. 631].

Wheat argue that Dowdell engaged in the unauthorized practice of law and the unethical practice of law. The court tanalyzes the motion for an order to show cause similar to a Ru le 12(b)(6) motion: The court assumes the facts as alleged (in the motion for show cause) are true and asks whether those facts state a violation of Dowdell' s professional obligations.

A. Unauthorized and Unethical Practice

Hi-Tech and Wheat allege that Do wdell engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by entering a notice of appearance and signing pleadings without being a member of the Georgia Bar or being admitted *pro hac vice*. The FTC admits that Dowdel I engaged in the unauthor ized practice of law but argues that the mistake was made in good faith because of his mistaken belief that he was eligible to practice in this district based on his previous position as an attorney with the United States Depa rtment of Justice. Based on the court's review of this matter, the court finds that sanctions are not warranted against Dowdell for his unauthorized practice of law. ²⁶ Dowdell

²⁶ While counsel for Hi-Tech and Wheat argue that Dowdell should not be afforded leniency, they have committed a similar error in a re lated matter.

may not appear before the is court in this or any other matter until he has become a member of the Georgia Bar or is admitted *pro hac vice*.

In addition to allegati ons of unauthorized practic ce of law, Hi-Tech and Wheat allege that Dowdell engaged in the unethical practice of law by not including his bar number on the pleadings he signed and submitted to this court and by making repe ated and delibera te misstatements of the truth. The specific allegations of Dowdell's misstatements of truth include the following: (1) the date on which demand of payment was made, (2) the certificate of service, and (3) the date he sent the writs of garnishment to the banking institutions. Hi-Tech and Whea t withdrew the first allegation based on its misreading of the re-levant statutory pr-ovision. However, they continue to assert the remaining al legations. The FTC denies both of the remaining allegations of misconduct by Dowdell. After careful review of the motion and accompanying briefs, the court finds that Hi-Tech and Wheat have not set forth sufficient factual alle gations to support its clai ms of unethical conduct by Dowdell.

of law, the court would consider sanc tions against counsel for Hi-Tech and Wheat in the rela ted matter.

B. Pending Motions for Entry of Final Disposition Order

The parties brought the issue of Do wdell's unauthorized practice to the court's attention after the court ha d already entered previous final disposition orders improperly filed by Dowdell. The court does not invalidate these orders. However, there are two motions pending for entry of final disposition orders in garnishment agai nst SunTrust Bank [Doc. No. 577] and Quantum National Bank [Doc. No. 583]. Both motions were filed prior to Hi-Tech and Wheat's motion

enter a judgment against Hi-Tech, Whea t, and Smith, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$40,000,950. The court DIRECTS the clerk of the court to enter a judgment against Wright in the amount of \$120,000. The parties are ORDERED to administer the compensatory sanctions as directed in Section II.B., page 24, of this order. The court ORDERS Hi-Tech, Wheat, and Smith to recall all Fastin, Lipodrene, Benzed rine, and Stimerex-ES with violative product packaging and labels from re tail stores. The parties are ORDERED to notify the court of the status of the recall as directed in this order. The court DENIES the FTC's motion to modi fy the Hi-Tech Order [Doc. No. 561], and GRANTS IN PART and DENIES IN PART the FT C's motion to modify the Wright Order [Doc. No. 562]. Th e court DENIES Hi-Tech and Wheat's