

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**Civil Division**

Central District, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Department 56

**BC713123**

**GREGG ROCKY BROOKS VS JOHN C DEPP ET AL**

September 3, 2019

8:30 AM

Judge: Honorable Holly J. Fujie  
Judicial Assistant: R. Karapetyan  
Courtroom Assistant: B. Chavez

CSR: None  
ERM: None  
Deputy Sheriff: None

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**APPEARANCES:**

For Plaintiff(s): Arbella Azizian

For Defendant(s): Camille Marilia Vasquez

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**NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:** Hearing on Motion to Reclassify (Walker Motion)

Matter is called for hearing.

The Court's tentative ruling is provided to counsel via court's website.

After hearing from counsel, the Court adopts its tentative ruling, which becomes the final ruling of the court as more fully reflected below in this minute order.

**MOVING PARTIES:** Defendants John C. Depp, II and Infinitum Nihil

**RESPONDING PARTY:** Plaintiff Gregg "Rocky" Brooks

The Court has considered the moving, opposition, and reply papers.

**BACKGROUND**

On July 6, 2018, Plaintiff filed a complaint arising from alleged actions in connection with a film production, alleging causes of action for: (1) assault and battery; (2) intentional infliction of emotional distress; (3) negligence; (4) negligent—respondeat superior; (5) negligent hiring and retention of unfit employee; (6) negligent supervision of employee; (7) hostile work environment; (8) wrongful termination in violation of public policy; (9) retaliation; and (10) negligent infliction of emotional distress. On December 5, 2018, Plaintiff dismissed his fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth causes of action.

Defendants filed a motion to reclassify this action as a limited civil case, on the ground that Plaintiff has incorrectly classified this action as an unlimited civil case despite the fact that