

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA

KRISTIN LINEKIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALICE TOPPEN,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: 2025-CA-001006-O

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO
STRIKE DEFENDANT'S HB837 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

THIS CAUSE having come before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Defendant's HB837 Affirmative Defenses, and the Court having heard argument of counsel, and being otherwise advised in the Premises, it is hereupon:

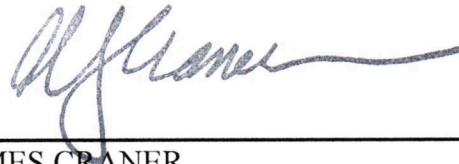
ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Defendant's HB837 Affirmative Defenses is **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT

1. On March 24, 2023, Chapter 2023-15, Florida Laws, commonly known as HB837 was enacted into law and, per section 31, was effective immediately.
2. The instant lawsuit was filed on February 7, 2025.
3. HB837 states "[e]xcept as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall apply to causes of action filed after the effect date of this act." H.B. 837, 2023 Leg., Reg. Sess. (Fla. 2023).

4. Therefore, the application of HB837 to the instant matter is a prospective, not a retroactive, application of that law.

DONE and ORDERED in Chambers at Orange County, Florida, this 14 day of May 2025.



A. JAMES CRANER
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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