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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

No. 19-11494

D.C. Docket Nos. 0:08-md-01916-KAM; 0:08-cv-60821-KAM

IN RE: CHIQUITA BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
ALIEN TORT STATUTE AND SHAREHOLDER
DERIVATIVE LITIGATION

0:07-cv-60821-KAM

ANTONIO GONZALEZ CARRIZOSA,
JULIE ESTER DURANGO HIGITA,
LILIANA MARIA CARDONA,
MARIA PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ,
ANA FRANCISCA PALAC MORENO, et. Al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

versus

CHIQUITA BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
an Ohio corporation,
CHIQUITA FRESH NORTH AMERICA LLC,
a Delaware corporation,

Defendants-Appellees,

RODERICK HILLS, et. Al.,

Defendants.

9:08-cv-80421-KAM

JOHN DOE I,
individually and as representative of his
deceased father JOHN DOE 2,
JANE DOE 1,
individually and as representative of her
deceased mother JANE DOE 2,
JOHN DOE 3,
individually and as representative of his
deceased brother JOHN DOE 4,
JANE DOE 3,
individually and as representative of her
deceased husband JOHN DOE 5,
MINOR DOES #1-4,
by and through their guardian JOHN DOE 6,
individually and as representative of their
deceased mother JANE DOE 4,
JOHN DOE 7,
individually and as representative of his
deceased son JOHN DOE 8,
JANE DOE 6,
JANE DOE 5,
JANE DOE 7, et. Al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

versus

CHIQUITA BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Defendant-Appellee,

MOE CORPORATIONS 1-10, et. Al.,

Defendants.

9:08-cv-80465-KAM

JANE/JOHN DOES (1-144),
as Legal Heirs to Peter Does 1-144, et. Al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

versus

CHIQUITA BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Defendant-Appellee,

DAVID DOES 1-10, et. Al.,

Defendants.

9:08-cv-80508-KAM

JOSE LEONARDO LOPEZ VALENCIA, et. Al.,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

versus

CHIQUITA BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
a New Jersey corporation,

Defendant-Appellee,

MOE CORPORATIONS 1-10, et. Al.,

Defendants.

9:17-cv-81285-KAM

DOES,
1-11,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

versus

CARLA A. HILLS,
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Roderick M. Hills,

Defendant.

9:18-cv-80248-KAM

JOHN DOE #1, et. Al.,
individually and as representative of his
deceased father JOHN DOE 2,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

versus

CHIQUITA BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
a New Jersey corporation,

Defendant-Appellee,

MOE CORPORATIONS 1-10, et. Al.,

Defendants.

Appeals from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Florida

(July 16, 2020)

Before WILSON, MARCUS, and BUSH,* Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

A lawsuit is a public event. Parties who ask a court to resolve a dispute must typically walk in the public eye. District courts, acting within their discretion, can grant exception from this rule. But it is rare for a district court to grant privacy protections for a party. It is even rarer for a district court to abuse its discretion when denying privacy protections for a party.

The appellants here claim that this is one of those rarer cases. In this multidistrict litigation (MDL), they contend that a Colombian paramilitary group killed their family members. They also assert that appellee Chiquita Brands International, Inc.—along with affiliated entities and directors, but we will call

* Honorable John K. Bush, United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, sitting by designation.

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