

6,000 E-MAILS, 10 BOXES TURNED OVER FOR CASE AGAINST RRA

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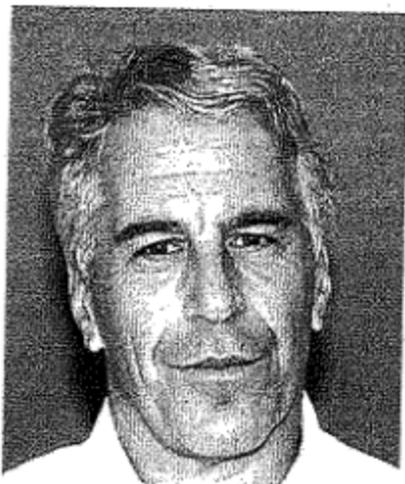
About 6,000 e-mails and 10 boxes of work files relating to convicted billionaire Jeffrey Epstein will be turned over to his lawyers and attorneys for investors who lost millions of dollars in the Scott Rothstein's Ponzi scheme.

But a special master will be appointed to review the documents beforehand to ensure nothing protected by attorney-client privilege is revealed, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Raymond Ray ruled Wednesday. Epstein will be required to pay for the special master, who will be chosen jointly by all the parties.

In 2008, Epstein pleaded guilty to a charge of soliciting prostitution after accusations that he had sex with minor girls. He recently finished a one-year house arrest sentence. The documents relate to Epstein, who has faced civil suits brought by the families of underage girls he allegedly had sex with. It is unclear if the files are from legitimate cases or cases that Rothstein may have fabricated to recruit investors as part of his \$1.2 billion Ponzi scheme.

The e-mails and boxes of records are being sought by parties involved in litigation against Rothstein and his defunct Rothstein Rosenfeldt Adler law firm. They include communications between lawyers, contingency fee agreements and information about and names of Epstein's alleged underage victims.

The law firm represented six of Epstein's victims before Rothstein's \$1.2 billion settlement financing scheme collapsed last November,



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But attorneys for Epstein — Lilly Ann Sanchez, Joseph Ackerman Jr. and Christopher Knight of Fowler White Burnett in Miami — argued subpoenas were issued for the materials in April and they still have not been turned over. Epstein's attorneys say they need the material to prepare for an October trial in Palm Beach Circuit Court, where Epstein

is suing Rothstein and Edwards.

Epstein, a part-time Palm Beach resident, has settled with some of the victims confidentially. He is now suing Rothstein and Edwards for allegedly filing a frivolous case.

"These documents have been used by others," Knight said. "I think invoking privilege is a smoke-screen."

Farmer responded: "Mr. Epstein ... has settled with tons of people. Despite this, he has filed a lawsuit against (the victim) and Mr.



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