

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT**

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**ORDER**

April 26, 2012

Before

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK, *Chief Judge*

<p>No.: 12-1269</p>	<p>MICHAEL MOORE, et al., Plaintiffs - Appellants</p> <p>v.</p> <p>LISA MADIGAN and HIRAM GRAU, Defendants - Appellees</p>
<p>No.: 12-1788</p>	<p>MARY E. SHEPARD and ILLINOIS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiffs - Appellants</p> <p>v.</p> <p>LISA MADIGAN, et al., Defendants - Appellees</p>
<p><b>Originating Case Information:</b></p>	
<p>District Court No: 3:11-cv-03134-SEM-BGC Central District of Illinois District Judge Sue E. Myerscough</p>	
<p><b>Originating Case Information:</b></p>	
<p>District Court No: 3:11-cv-00405-WDS-PMF Southern District of Illinois District Judge William D. Stiehl</p>	

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The following are before the court:

1. **MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE AND FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**, filed on April 23, 2012 in appeal 12-1269, by counsel for the appellees.
2. **MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE AND FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**, filed on April 23, 2012 in appeal 12-1788, by counsel for the appellees.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the motions to consolidate are **DENIED**. Appellees do not need a formal order of consolidation in order to file one brief addressing two appeals. They may file one brief, or two, at their option.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the motion for an extension of time is **GRANTED**, but only until May 9, 2012 (in both appeals). This should allow enough time to prepare a single brief covering the two cases. Appellees previously told the court that the two suits are functionally identical. There is accordingly no need for time beyond the 30-day extension already granted, and this one-week increment.

The court's last regular sitting of the current term is June 8, 2012. If the court were to delay the appellees' briefs until June 1 or June 11 (the alternate dates appellees propose), that would postpone oral argument until next September, an unnecessary delay. Appellees must file their brief (or briefs) in both cases by May 9, and appellants their reply briefs by May 23. That will permit oral argument the last week of May or the first full week of June.

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