

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNIFORM PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

**Matthew Caron, et al.**

Civil No. 1:13-CV-1211

vs.

**GLS/TWD**

**Andrew Cuomo, et al.**

Counsel for all parties having reported on the status of this action as directed by the Court, and the Court having considered the positions of the respective counsel regarding a schedule for the progression of the case,

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

**(1) THE DEADLINES SET IN THIS SCHEDULING ORDER SUPERSEDE THE DEADLINES SET FORTH IN FED. R. CIV. P.26(a)(3) AND ARE FIRM AND WILL NOT BE EXTENDED, EVEN BY STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES, ABSENT GOOD CAUSE. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b).**

**(2) VENUE MOTIONS** are to be filed **within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order** following the procedures set forth in Local Rule 7.1 (b)(2) and are to be made returnable before the assigned Magistrate Judge.

**(3) JURISDICTION MOTIONS** are to be filed within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order following the procedures set forth in Local Rule 7.1 (b)(1) (unless a party who is not an attorney is appearing pro se, in which case L.R. 7.1 (b)(2) should be followed) and are to be made returnable before Judge Sharpe.

**(4) JOINDER OF PARTIES:** Any application to join any person as a party to this action shall be made on or before **May 16, 2014.**

**(5) AMENDMENT OF PLEADINGS:** Any application to amend any pleading in this action shall be made on or before **May 16, 2014.**

**(6) DISCOVERY:** Rule 26 Disclosures to be exchanged by **March 21, 2014.** Rule 33 and 34 Requests to be served by **April 21, 2014.** All discovery in this matter is to be **completed** on or before **September 2, 2014.** Discovery motions due by **September 16, 2014.** Service of discovery requests must be made a sufficient number of days before this deadline to allow responses to be served before the cut-off. See Local Rule 16.2 (Discovery Cut-Off).

## **Special procedures for management of expert witnesses:**

There shall be binding disclosure of the identity of expert witnesses (including a curriculum vitae) as set forth below.

**(A) Expert Reports:** With regard to experts who are retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case or whose duties as an employee of the party regularly involve giving expert testimony:

**(1)** No later than **June 4, 2014, 90 days prior to the discovery deadline** set in paragraph 6 above, **PLAINTIFF(S)** shall identify any expert(s) and, unless waived, shall serve on the other parties the expert's written report pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B).

**NOTE:** When a treating physician is expected to be called as a witness, he or she must also be identified in accordance with this rule. The production of written reports prepared by a treating physician, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B), is encouraged as an aid to settlement, but not required. (See Notes of Advisory Committee on Rules 1993 Amendment).

**(2)** No later than **July 21, 2014, 45 days prior to the discovery deadline** set in paragraph 6 above, **DEFENDANT(S)** shall identify any expert(s) and, unless waived, shall serve on the other parties the expert's written report pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B).

**(3)** No later than **August 4, 2014, 30 days prior to the discovery deadline** set in paragraph 6 above, **ALL PARTIES** must identify all experts who will contradict or rebut evidence on the same subject matter identified by another party under subparagraphs 6(a)(1) and (2) above, and unless waived, shall serve on the other parties such expert's written report pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(B).

**(4) No deposition of experts shall be taken until AFTER the exchange of the expert reports, UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE.**

**(5)** Motions to preclude expert witness testimony must be filed and served on or before the motion deadline as set forth in paragraph 7 below.

**(B)** The failure to comply with the deadlines set forth in subparagraph (A) above may result in the imposition of sanctions, including the preclusion of testimony, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f).

**(C)** In order to avoid the possibility of the unavailability of an expert witness at the time set for trial, counsel may preserve the testimony of such witness as

outlined in paragraph 11(B)(2) below for use at trial. In the absence of same, the trial will proceed without such testimony.

**(7) MOTIONS** other than those made under paragraphs 2 and 3 above, motions are to be **filed on or before October 6, 2014.**

**NOTE: If no dispositive motion(s) are filed,** the motion filing deadline becomes the Trial Ready Date. (See Trial Ready Date at Paragraph 8A below.) **If dispositive motion(s) are filed and the motion deadline has expired,** the Trial Ready Date is the date upon which the motion decision is issued. (See Dispositive Motions at Paragraph 8(b) below).

**(A) NON-DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS:** Non-dispositive motions (except venue motions - paragraph 2 above - and motions for injunctive relief) shall **NOT** be filed until after a conference with the Magistrate Judge, which is to be arranged through the Courtroom Deputy Clerk assigned to the Magistrate Judge. Before requesting such a conference to resolve discovery disputes, the parties must have complied with Local Rule 7.1 (d).

Non-dispositive motions, including discovery motions, shall be filed in accordance with Local Rule 7.1 (b)(2) and, except for motions for injunctive relief, shall be made returnable before the assigned Magistrate Judge. Motions for injunctive relief shall be made returnable before Judge Sharpe unless the case has been referred to a Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) (“consent” jurisdiction).

**(B) DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS:** Dispositive motions shall be filed in accordance with Local Rule 7.1(b) and shall be made returnable before Judge Sharpe.

**(8) TRIAL DATE:**

**(A) When no dispositive motion is filed,** the motion filing deadline becomes the trial ready date. The Court will issue a notice scheduling a Final Pretrial Conference and Trial Date. Counsel may contact Judge Sharpe’s Courtroom Clerk, at any time, to request that a settlement conference or trial date be scheduled.

**(B) When a dispositive motion is filed and the motion filing deadline has expired,** the case is marked trial ready upon issuance of the motion decision. PLAINTIFF’S COUNSEL shall contact Judge Sharpe’s Courtroom Clerk within one week after receiving the Court’s decision on the motion to request a scheduling conference. Any request for an extension of the Rule 16 Uniform Pretrial Order deadline(s) will be addressed by Judge Sharpe at the time of the conference.

**(C) When a dispositive motion is filed and the motion filing deadline HAS**

**NOT expired**, the case will continue on the pretrial schedule previously set in the Rule 16 Uniform Pretrial Scheduling Order. Any request for an extension of the Rule 16 Uniform Pretrial Order deadline(s) should be addressed by the assigned Magistrate Judge.

It is anticipated that the trial will take approximately 4 day(s) to complete.

This is a **non-jury** trial.

**(8.1) Witness Availability for Trial**: The unavailability of any witness, expert or otherwise, will not be grounds for a continuance. To avoid a trial going forward without the testimony of an unavailable witness, counsel shall preserve the appropriate testimony, for trial, by written or video-taped deposition.

**(9) SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**: A settlement conference may be scheduled at the Court's direction or by the request of counsel AT ANY TIME. In addition to counsel, a representative of each party with **settlement authority** shall attend the settlement conference, OR be available by telephone. A PRETRIAL/SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT FORM IS ATTACHED AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE COURTROOM CLERK'S ATTENTION *ONE WEEK* PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED CONFERENCE.

**(10) ASSESSMENT OF JUROR COSTS**: The parties are advised that, pursuant to Local Rule 47.3, whenever any civil action scheduled for a jury trial is postponed, settled, or otherwise disposed of in advance of the actual trial, then, except for good cause shown, all juror costs, including Marshal's fees, mileage, and per diem, shall be assessed against the parties and/or their counsel as directed by the Court, unless the Court and the Clerk's Office are notified at least one full business day prior to the day on which the action is scheduled for trial in time for the Court to advise the jurors that it will be unnecessary for them to attend.

**(11) PRETRIAL SUBMISSIONS**:

**Unless otherwise noted, all represented parties shall electronically file and serve all pretrial submissions in accordance with General Order #22, paragraph 5. *Pro se* parties are specifically exempt from the mandatory electronic filing requirement and should continue to file documents traditionally in accordance with the procedures set forth in General Order #22. See paragraphs 1.2, 2.1.2, and 12.1.**

**Non-Jury Trials**: One week before the Final Pretrial Conference date, counsel shall, except as noted, electronically file and serve the following:

- Joint Pretrial Stipulation (see subparagraph A below);
- All non-video-taped depositions to be used at trial (see subparagraph E below);

- All video-taped depositions to be used at trial (see subparagraph E below) shall be filed “traditionally” (See General Order #22, paragraph 1.2, unnumbered paragraph foll. 2.1.6);
- Prepared Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law;
- Witness List (see subparagraph B(1) below);
- Exhibit List (see subparagraph C(1) below);
- Trial Brief concerning evidentiary issues (see subparagraph F below);
- Motions in Limine (see subparagraph D below), except motions to preclude expert testimony must be filed on or before the dispositive motion filing deadline (see paragraph 6(A)(5))

**Jury Trials: One week before the Final Pretrial Conference date,** counsel shall, except as noted, electronically file and serve the following:

- Joint Pretrial Stipulation (see subparagraph A below);
- Court Ordered Voir Dire - Attachment #1;
- Proposed Voir Dire;
- Witness Lists (see subparagraph B(1) below);
- Exhibit Lists (see subparagraph C(1) below);
- Trial Brief (see subparagraph F below);
- Requests to Charge, including proposed Special Verdict Questionnaire (see subparagraph G below);
- All non-video-taped depositions to be used at trial (see subparagraph E below);
- All video-taped depositions to be used at trial (see subparagraph E below) shall be filed “traditionally” (See General Order #22, paragraph 1.2, unnumbered paragraph foll. 2.1.6);
- Motions in Limine (see subparagraph D below), except motions to preclude expert testimony must be filed on or before the dispositive motion filing deadline (see paragraph 6(A)(5))

**(A) PRETRIAL STIPULATIONS:** A joint pretrial stipulation shall be subscribed by counsel for all parties, shall be electronically filed and served, and shall contain:

(1) The basis of federal jurisdiction;

(2) A list of all exhibits which the parties can stipulate into evidence or which the parties will offer without objection as to foundation;

(3) Relevant (a) facts not in dispute, (b) facts in dispute, and (c) issues of law that the Court must considered and apply.

**(B) WITNESSES:**

**(1) One week before the Final Pretrial Conference date**, counsel shall electronically file and serve the following information regarding the witnesses that may be called to testify at trial other than solely for impeachment purposes.

**(a)** The name and, if not previously provided, the address (city only) and telephone number of each witness, separately identifying those whom the party expects to present and those whom the party may call if the need arises, as well as a brief summary of the testimony to be offered by each witness.

**Note: Personal Privacy Protections may apply to disclosure of this information. See Local Rule 8.1; General Order #22, paragraph 2.1.3, 11.1-11.2, and 12.2.**

**(b)** The designation of those witnesses whose testimony is expected to be presented by means of a deposition (including video-taped deposition), specifically identifying the pertinent portions of the deposition testimony to be offered.

**(2)** The unavailability of any witness, expert or otherwise, will not be grounds for a continuance. In order to avoid the possibility of going forward with the trial without the testimony of an unavailable witness, counsel, where appropriate, shall preserve same before the trial ready date by written or video-taped deposition for possible use at trial. (Please refer to the attached instruction sheet for the use of video-taped depositions.) **NOTE: Pursuant to Paragraph 8A above, the trial date may be advanced to the motion filing deadline if the parties do not file any dispositive motions.**

**(C) EXHIBITS:** All exhibits shall be marked for identification in the manner prescribed below prior to the filing of the trial briefs. A complete set of copies of the exhibits shall be presented to Judge Sharpe's Courtroom Clerk at the beginning of trial.

The exhibits shall have been inspected by the opposing party and copied the exhibits at their expense (unless waived), **NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE DATE.** All documents and/or papers intended as exhibits or to be used during the course of trial, including but not limited to, documents, photographs, charts, diagrams, etc., shall assembled in **BINDERS** with each document properly marked at the lower right corner for identification purposes as directed below. In voluminous cases, consult with Judge Sharpe's Courtroom Clerk for the proper procedure to follow.

**NOTE: During the course of trial, the Courtroom Clerk shall take charge of exhibits which are received into evidence. At the conclusion of the trial, the Courtroom Clerk will immediately return all of the exhibits to the proper parties. It is the responsibility of the parties to maintain the exhibits and to produce the exhibits for any appeal.**

**(1) EXHIBIT LISTS: One week before the Final Pretrial Conference date**, counsel shall electronically file and serve an exhibit list. The exhibits shall be listed on the form prescribed by the Court, a copy of which is attached to this Order.: Counsel are to supply all the requested information with the exception of the columns with the headings “Marked for Identification”, “Admitted Into Evidence”, and “Witness”, which should remain blank.

**(2) EXHIBIT MARKERS** Counsel shall fill in the appropriate markers leaving the “Date Entered” and “Deputy Clerk” lines blank. All exhibits shall be assigned numbers by using a prefix of “P” for plaintiff, “D” for defendant, and “G” for Government (U.S. Attorney).

Plaintiff’s exhibits should be denoted as: P-1, P-2, P-3, etc. Defendant’s exhibits should be denoted as: D-1, D-2, D-3, etc. Government’s exhibits should be denoted as: G-1, G-2, G-3, etc. In cases involving multiple defendants, the exhibits shall be denoted with the initial of the last name of the defendant and its numerical identification number.

Stickers shall be affixed whenever possible to the lower right-hand corner of the exhibit. If the exhibit marker is going to cover any information on the exhibit, then affix the marker to the reverse side of the exhibit. Each exhibit shall also have an exhibit number in the upper right hand corner of the exhibit. (P-1, P-2, etc. or D-1, D-2, etc.).

**(D) MOTIONS IN LIMINE: One week before the Final Pretrial Conference date**, counsel shall electronically file and serve any motions in limine, citing the applicable rules of evidence and case law. Counsel shall file any response to a motion in limine no later than **three days before the Final Pretrial Conference date. THE PARTIES MAY NOT OTHERWISE FILE MOTIONS IN LIMINE WITHOUT LEAVE OF THE COURT.**

**NOTE: Motions to preclude expert testimony must be filed on or before the dispositive motion filing deadline (see paragraph 6(A)(5)).**

**(E) DEPOSITIONS: One week before the Final Pretrial Conference date**, counsel shall electronically file an non-video taped depositions to be used at trial, and traditionally file all video-taped depositions to be used at trial. To the

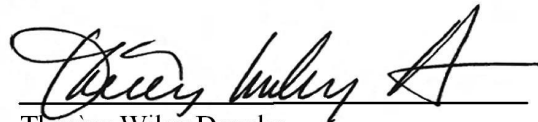
extent possible, objections are to be resolved between the parties. Areas of unresolved disagreement shall be presented to the Court for ruling at the Final Pretrial Conference. See attached instruction sheet for the use of video-taped depositions.

**(F) TRIAL BRIEFS:** One week before the Final Pretrial Conference date, counsel shall electronically file and serve a trial brief containing argument and citations on any and all disputed issues of law, citing the applicable rules of evidence and case law. Trial Briefs should also include any evidentiary issues that are expected to arise.

**(G) REQUESTS TO CHARGE:** One week before the Final Pretrial Conference date, counsel shall *traditionally* file with the Clerk's Office and serve upon opposing counsel a request to charge and a proposed Special Verdict Questionnaire. The request to charge need only include instructions that are specific to the law in this case regarding liability, damages, and any unusual issues. The Court has the usual boilerplate charge.

**(H) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** The assigned Magistrate Judge has exempted this case from the Court's Pilot Mandatory Mediation Program.

DATED: March 13, 2014  
Syracuse, NY



Therese Wiley Dancks  
United States Magistrate Judge



COURT ORDERED VOIR DIRE  
TO BE USED BY THE JUDGE AT TRIAL

CASE TITLE: Matthew Caron, et al. vs. Andrew Cuomo, et al.  
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 1:13-CV-1211  
ASSIGNED JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE JUDGE: GARY L. SHARPE

ATTACHMENT #(1)

Each attorney is required to submit the following information on behalf of his/her client for use by the Court during Voir Dire and must be filed with the Court one week before the Final Pretrial Conference, or any other date set by the Court.

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL PARTIES TO THE LAWSUIT:**

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**YOUR NAME, FIRM NAME, ADDRESS AND THE NAME OF ANY PARTNER OR ASSOCIATE WHO MAY BE AT COUNSEL TABLE DURING THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL.**

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**SET FORTH THE DATE OF THE OCCURRENCE, THE PLACE OF THE OCCURRENCE AND A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE EVENTS CENTRAL TO THE LITIGATION.**

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**SET FORTH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL LAY WITNESSES TO BE CALLED.**

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**SET FORTH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL EXPERT WITNESSES TO BE CALLED GIVING A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THEIR AREAS OF EXPERTISE.**

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**SET FORTH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH AND EVERY CAUSE OF ACTION IN THE COMPLAINT.**

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**SET FORTH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH AND EVERY AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE ASSERTED AS WELL AS A STATEMENT ADDRESSING ANY COUNTERCLAIMS RAISED IN THE ANSWER.**

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any delay in jury selection occasioned by the failure to provide this information will be explained to the jury as to the extent of the delay and the attorney causing same and if the delay causes a one (1) day or more postponement of this trial, appropriate monetary sanctions will be imposed by the Court.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF VIDEO TAPED DEPOSITIONS**

COUNSEL ARE TO VIEW ALL VIDEOTAPES WHICH MAY BE OFFERED INTO EVIDENCE AT THE TIME OF TRIAL. ALL VIDEO-TAPED DEPOSITIONS TO BE USED AT TRIAL SHALL BE FILED WITH THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE TRIAL READY DATE. NOT EARLIER THAN ONE WEEK AND NOT LESS THAN FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIAL READY DATE, EACH PARTY SHALL INDICATE TO THE OTHER PARTY THE PORTION OF THE DEPOSITION TO BE OFFERED. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, OBJECTIONS ARE TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE PARTIES. COUNSEL SHALL SUBMIT ALL OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE COURT FOR RULING PRIOR TO THE TRIAL READY DATE.

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THE CLERKS OFFICE HAS AVAILABLE A VHS FORMAT VIDEO CASSETTE PLAYER AND TELEVISION FOR USE AT TRIAL. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU MUST PROVIDE A PERSON TO RUN THE EQUIPMENT DURING THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL.

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**ELECTRONIC VISUAL EVIDENCE PRESENTER**

IN ADDITION TO THE VIDEO EQUIPMENT NOTED ABOVE, THE COURT HAS AVAILABLE A VISUAL EVIDENCE PRESENTER WHICH WILL ALLOW COUNSEL TO DISPLAY PHOTOS (NEGATIVES OR POSITIVES), DOCUMENTS, X-RAYS, AND 3-D OBJECTS, WITHOUT WIRES, ON TELEVISIONS PLACED THROUGHOUT THE COURTROOM. THIS EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT THE COURTHOUSES IN ALBANY, SYRACUSE, UTICA AND BINGHAMTON. USE OF THE VISUAL PRESENTER MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE TRIAL JUDGE PRESIDING OVER YOUR CASE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK FOR THE ASSIGNED TRIAL JUDGE.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

CASE NO. 1:13-CV-1211

PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**United States District Court  
Northern District Of New York**

Case No. **1:13-CV-1211**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Judge: **Gary L. Sharpe**

Plaintiff

Defendant

Court

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRETRIAL & SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT  
( NOT FOR PUBLIC VIEW )**

**\*\* THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE CLERK AND  
NOT FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH L.R. 5.7**

CASE NAME: **Matthew Caron, et al. vs. Andrew Cuomo, et al.**

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ASSIGNED JUDGE: **GARY L. SHARPE**

ASSIGNED MAGISTRATE JUDGE: **THÉRÈSE WILEY DANCKS**

Each Attorney is required to submit the following information on behalf of his or her client in short, concise form, in order to present a brief overview of the facts of the case. This information will be used by the Court during the scheduled final pretrial/settlement conference and therefore **must be provided to the Court five (5) days in advance of the conference date.**

**PARTY/PARTIES REPRESENTED;**

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**A BRIEF PERSONAL HISTORY REGARDING YOUR CLIENT(S);**

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**A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE FACTS OF THE CASE;**

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**A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS AND DEFENSES, i.e., STATUTORY OR OTHER GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE CLAIMS ARE FOUND; AND EVALUATION OF THE PARTIES' LIKELIHOOD OF PREVAILING ON THE CLAIMS AND DEFENSES; AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR ISSUES IN DISPUTE; SET FORTH ANY DEMANDS OR OFFERS FOR SETTLEMENT**

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**A SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS TO DATE;**

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**AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST AND TIME TO BE EXPENDED FOR FURTHER DISCOVERY, PRETRIAL AND TRIAL;**

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**A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE FACTS AND ISSUES UPON WHICH THE PARTIES AGREE;**

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**ANY DISCREET ISSUES WHICH, IF RESOLVED, WOULD AID IN THE DISPOSITION OF THE CASE;**

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**THE RELIEF SOUGHT;**

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**THE PARTIES' POSITION ON SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING PRESENT DEMANDS AND OFFERS, THE HISTORY OF PAST SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS, OFFERS AND DEMANDS;**

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**PREFERRED TRIAL LOCATION, APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF TRIAL, AND WHETHER TRIAL IS JURY OR NON-JURY;**

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The Court requires that each party be represented at each pretrial conference by an attorney who has the authority to bind that party regarding all matters identified by the Court for discussion at the conference and all reasonably related matters including settlement authority.

Copies of the settlement statement shall NOT be served upon the other parties. This document will not be filed and will not be made available for public view.

Should the case be settled in advance of the pretrial/settlement conference date, counsel are required to notify the court immediately. Failure to do so could subject counsel for all parties to sanctions.

Signature of Counsel: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the

District of

Plaintiff

v.

Defendant

Civil Action No.

NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERENCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Notice of a Magistrate Judge's availability. A United States Magistrate Judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action (including a jury or nonjury trial) and to order the entry of a final judgment. The judgment may then be appealed directly to the United States Court of Appeals like any other judgment of this court. A Magistrate Judge may exercise this authority only if all parties voluntarily consent.

You may consent to have your case referred to a Magistrate Judge, or you may withhold your consent without adverse substantive consequences. The name of any party withholding consent will no be revealed to any judgment who may otherwise be involved with your case.

Consent to a Magistrate Judge's authority. The following parties consent to have a United State Magistrate Judge conduct all proceedings in this case including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings.

Parties' printed names

Signatures of parties or attorneys

Dates

Four horizontal lines for entering names, signatures, and dates.

Reference Order

IT IS ORDERED: This case is referred to a United States Magistrate Judge to conduct all proceedings and order the entry of a final judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §636(c) and Fed.R.Civ.P.73.

Date:

District Judge's Signature

Printed name and title

Note: Return this form to the clerk of the court only if you are consenting to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge. Do not return this form to a Judge.