

INITIAL STATUS REPORT FOR REASSIGNED CASE

This case has been re-assigned to the calendar of Judge Sara L. Ellis. All previously set status dates are stricken. All previously set discovery schedules remain intact. All previously set briefing schedules remain intact. Parties will not be required to file proposed orders along with their motions. All noticed motion dates are vacated. The Court will set new dates for filed but un-noticed motions at the reassignment joint status conference. The parties are directed *not* to notice any motions, with the exception of emergency motions, prior to appearing at the reassignment joint status conference. For all emergency motions arising prior to the date scheduled for the reassignment joint status conference, the parties are directed to contact chambers.

To help the Court learn about the case, it is hereby ordered that within 10 calendar days of this order's entry, counsel are to confer, prepare, and file a joint status report, not to exceed five pages. If the defendant's counsel has not yet filed an appearance, the status report should be prepared by the plaintiff's counsel. The report shall provide the following information in the following format:

1. Nature of the Case

- A. Identify the attorneys of record for each party.
- B. State the basis for federal jurisdiction.
- C. Generally describe the nature of the claims asserted in the complaint and any counterclaims.
- D. Describe the relief sought by the plaintiff(s).
- E. List the names of any parties who have not been served.

2. Pending Motions and Case Plan

- A. A brief description of all pending motions, including the date the motion was filed and the briefing schedule.
- B. A brief description of any discovery that has been taken, any discovery that remains to be taken, and any discovery schedules that have been set.
- C. A brief description of all substantive rulings that have been issued in the case.
- D. All anticipated motions.

- E. With respect to trial, state the following:
 - 1. Whether a jury trial is requested.
 - 2. The probable length of trial.
 - 3. When the parties anticipate the case will be ready for trial.
 - 4. Whether a final pretrial order has been filed; if not, whether there is a deadline for filing a final pretrial order.
- F. State whether the parties agree to service of pleadings and other papers by electronic means under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b)(2)(E).

3. Referrals and Settlement

- A. Whether the case has been referred to the Magistrate Judge for discovery supervision and/or a settlement conference.
- B. State whether any settlement discussions have occurred and the status of settlement discussions.
- C. Whether the parties request a settlement conference before this Court or the Magistrate Judge.
- D. State whether the parties consent unanimously to proceed before a Magistrate Judge for all purposes, including entry of final judgment. The Court strongly encourages parties to consent to the jurisdiction of the Magistrate Judge.