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**ORDER SETTING INITIAL STATUS REPORT
FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE MARTIN**

This case has been assigned to Magistrate Judge Daniel G. Martin. A status date has been set by minute order. In order to make the status conference as productive as possible, the Court directs the parties to meet and confer and to electronically file with the Clerk's Office, at least three business days before the status hearing, a joint status report and to deliver a courtesy copy to chambers (Room 1356), which shall contain the following information:

1. Description of Claims and Relief Sought.

- a. The parties shall set forth a brief summary of the claims and defenses raised by the pleadings.
- b. The parties shall set forth a brief statement of the relief sought, including an itemization of damages.

2. Discovery Schedule.

- a. The parties will exchange the information required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) by _____ (date) _____ if they have not already done so.
- b. All non-expert fact discovery to be completed by _____ (date) _____.

c. Reports from retained experts under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2), if any, are due:

From plaintiff(s) by _____ (date) _____.

From defendant(s) by _____ (date) _____.

d. All retained expert depositions to be completed by _____ (date) _____.

3. Consideration of Issues Concerning Electronically Stored Information (“ESI”).

Experience teaches that unless conducted with careful planning and a spirit of cooperation, discovery of ESI can result in an unnecessarily high level of conflict, expense and delay in resolving cases on the merits. That is why the Court has endorsed *The Sedona Conference® Cooperation Proclamation* dated July 2008.

To further advance the goal of having parties conduct discovery of ESI in a cooperative and cost-effective manner, this Court has adopted the *Standing Order Relating to the Discovery of Electronically Stored Information*. During their meet and confer, the parties shall address the ESI issues discussed in the Standing Order, including but not limited to those set forth in Section 2.01(a)(1)-(5). In the joint status report, the parties shall set forth:

- a. Whether they anticipate discovery of ESI in the case.
- b. What agreements they have reached regarding discovery of ESI.
- c. What areas of disagreement they have with regard to discovery of ESI.

4. Settlement.

- a. Counsel are to discuss settlement and report on the status of settlement discussions.
- b. Counsel are to discuss what discovery, if any, is necessary to engage in meaningful settlement discussions, and to give priority to that discovery.
- c. The plaintiff(s) will submit an itemization of damages and written settlement proposal to defendant(s) by _____ (date) _____, with a copy to Judge Martin’s chambers, if not previously submitted.
- d. The defendant(s) will make a written response or counter-proposal to plaintiff(s) by _____ (date) _____, with a copy to Judge Martin’s chambers, if not previously submitted.

5. Magistrate Judge Consent.

Counsel shall indicate whether all parties are willing to execute a consent to have all proceedings, including trial and entry of final judgment, take place before a magistrate judge.

6. Pending Motions.

The parties shall indicate the status of any pending motions.

7. Trial.

The parties expect to be ready for trial by _____ (date)_____.

8. Additional Information.

All attorneys are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the *Standards for Professional Conduct Within the Seventh Judicial Circuit* and the *Rules of Professional Conduct*, adopted by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. For additional information concerning Judge Martin's practices and procedures, visit the Court's homepage on the internet at: <http://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov>.

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DANIEL G. MARTIN

United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: October 1, 2012