UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.,

CASE NO. 16-CV-00284

Plaintiff,

OPINION AND ORDER

[Resolving Doc. <u>33</u>]

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KYLE ANTHONY,

v.

Defendant.

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

On May 16, 2016 Plaintiff Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. filed a motion for leave to file first amended complaint instanter. On May 17, 2016, this Court granted Plaintiff's motion for leave to file instanter the first amended complaint. On May 17, 2016, Defendant Kyle Anthony filed a motion for reconsideration of this Court's granting of the motion for leave to amend the complaint. For the reasons below, this Court **DENIES** the Defendant's motion for reconsideration.

Law and Discussion

After a responsive pleading has been filed to a complaint, Federal Rule of Civil

Procedure 15(a) provides that a party may file an amended complaint "only by leave of court or

by written consent of the adverse party." Rule 15(a) provides that such "leave shall be freely

given when justice so requires." Rule 15 "reinforce[s] the principle that cases 'should be tried

on their merits rather than the technicalities of pleadings," and therefore assumes "a liberal

¹ Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a).

 $^{^2}$ Id

³ Moore v. City of Paducah, 790 F.2d 557, 559 (6th Cir. 1986) (quoting Tefft v. Seward, 689 F.2d 637, 639 (6th Cir.1982)).

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policy of permitting amendments." However, several factors should be considered in

determining whether to grant a motion to amend: "undue delay in filing, lack of notice to the

opposing party, bad faith by the moving party, repeated failure to cure deficiencies by previous

amendments, undue prejudice to the opposing party, and futility of amendment are all factors

which may affect the decision."5

Plaintiff moved to amend the complaint for the purpose of correcting typographical errors

and to add an Addendum that should have been attached to the exhibit to the original Complaint

but was inadvertently omitted. Defendant does not seem to oppose the typographical corrections.

Instead, Defendant Anthony argues that this Court should not have given Plaintiff leave to

amend the complaint by attaching the omitted exhibit.

However, Defendant Anthony received the Addendum from Plaintiff in the course of

discovery. Further, it seems unlikely that Defendant was completely unaware of the addendum

given that it was a part of its own employment agreement with Plaintiff Gallagher. The

addendum is relevant to the dispute at hand and does not unfairly prejudice the Defendant.

Conclusion

For the reasons above, this Court **DENIES** Defendant's motion for reconsideration.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 24, 2016

James S. Gwin

JAMES S. GWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

⁴ Ellison v. Ford Motor Co., 847 F.2d 297, 300 (6th Cir. 1988).

⁵ Wade v. Knoxville Utilities Bd., 259 F.3d 452, 458 (6th Cir. 2001)