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Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

RIDE THE DUCKS SEATTLE, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.

RIDE THE DUCKS INTERNATIONAL, LLC,
et al.,
Defendants.

RIDE THE DUCKS INTERNATIONAL, LLC,
Cross-Plaintiff,

v.

BRIAN TRACEY, et al.
Defendants.

No. 2:19-cv-01408-MJP
[consolidated]

STIPULATED MOTION FOR
ISSUANCE OF A NEW CASE
SCHEDULE

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:
May 21, 2020

STIPULATION

Plaintiff Ride the Ducks of Seattle, LLC (“RTDS”), by and through its counsel of record, Patricia K. Buchanan, D. Jack Guthrie, and Nicholas A. Carlson of Patterson Buchanan Fobes & Leitch, Inc., P.S., and Defendants Ride the Ducks International, LLC (“RTDI”), Chris Herschend and Jane Doe Herschend (“Herschend”) and Herschend Family Entertainment Corporation (“HFEC”) (collectively “Defendants”), by and through their counsel of record,

STIPULATED MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF A NEW
CASE SCHEDULE - 1

1 Rodney Umberger and Tyler Hermsen of Williams Kastner, stipulate and respectfully move the
2 Court for a new case schedule in light of serious delays and disruptions caused by the COVID-
3 19 public health emergency and the automatic bankruptcy stay that resulted in RTDS's
4 bankruptcy petition.

5 On March 6, 2020, the Chief United States District Judge for the Western District of
6 Washington entered General Order No. 01-20 regarding changes to courthouse operations in
7 light of the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). That order continued all matters
8 scheduled for in-Court appearances pending further order of the Court.

9 On March 17, 2020, General Order No. 02-20 was entered which further heightened the
10 measures designed to protect the Court, parties and the legal community from COVID-19. That
11 order continued all civil hearing and trials that had been set prior to June 1, 2020 in addition to
12 closing both the Seattle and Tacoma Courthouses.

13 On March 18, 2020, RTDS filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy with the U.S. Bankruptcy
14 Court, Western District of Washington. *See* Petition No. 20-10883-TWD. After conferencing
15 with the parties, this Court observed that the matter was automatically stayed pending direction
16 from the Bankruptcy Court and all pending motions, including cross motions for summary
17 judgment and discovery motions, were stricken due to the bankruptcy stay.

18 On April 13, 2020, General Order No. 07-20 was entered which extended the continuance
19 of all civil hearings and trials another month to July 1, 2020. That order also acknowledged the
20 current inability to obtain adequate juror pools from which trials could secure juries while
21 observing necessary social distancing practices.
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1 On May 5, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court lifted the automatic stay as to all matters related
2 to this litigation.

3 On May 7, 2020, this Court ordered the parties to confer and present a revised case
4 schedule including a proposal for addressing the various motions and cross-motions that were
5 stricken as a result of the automatic bankruptcy stay.

6 On May 13, 2020, General order No. 08-20 was entered which further extended the
7 continuance of all civil hearings and trial dates that were scheduled to occur before August 3,
8 2020. This matter is currently set for a three-week trial to begin on October 5, 2020.

9 Per order of the Court, the parties make this request for a new case schedule to most
10 effectively and economically litigate the issues in this case. Significant challenges face the
11 parties, primarily stemming from public health concerns and the safety of the parties, witnesses,
12 and counsel due to the ongoing public health emergency posed by COVID-19. While the parties
13 have attempted to consider the present impact COVID-19 has on this litigation, including
14 limitations on travel, the taking of depositions, and courthouse closures, the parties cannot
15 predict how the impact of COVID-19 may change in the future. Based on the information
16 available to the parties at this time and reasonable inferences regarding the significant backlog
17 of continued criminal and civil cases the parties present the following dates to be incorporated
18 into a new case schedule:
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Event	New Date
Expert Opinions Due	October 30, 2020
All Discovery Motions Filed	December 18, 2020
Discovery Cutoff	January 22, 2021
Dispositive Motions	February 12, 2021
Motions in Limine	March 8, 2021
Jury Trial	April 5, 2021

1 The parties also conferred regarding how the stayed motions should be addressed now that the
2 automatic bankruptcy stay has been lifted. All parties agree that the court should hear the motions
3 soon and that no additional briefing is necessary prior to the court considering the summary
4 judgment motions. The parties may file updated declarations as to the motion for contempt to
5 fully apprise the Court of relevant facts and developments since the prior hearing on that motion.
6 **The defendants** request that the motions all be noted for June 5, 2020. **RTDS** requests that the
7 motions be noted for the earliest convenient date for the court. The parties will make themselves
8 available for argument, should the Court call for argument, via video or teleconference consistent
9 with established social distancing practices and General Orders referenced above.
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11 AGREED AND STIPULATED TO on this 21st day of May, 2020.

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STIPULATED MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF A NEW
CASE SCHEDULE - 4

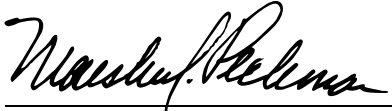
ORDER

THIS CAUSE CAME TO BE HEARD upon the above Stipulation of the parties, by and through their respective attorneys of record, seeking a new case schedule in light of the emergent public health emergency posed by COVID-19 and the interruption caused by the automatic bankruptcy stay. The Court finds good cause to set a new case schedule and thus the stipulated motion is hereby GRANTED. The new case deadlines shall be as follows:

Event	New Date
Expert Opinions Due	October 30, 2020
All Discovery Motions Filed	December 18, 2020
Discovery Cutoff	January 22, 2021
Dispositive Motions	February 12, 2021
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Jury Trial	April 5, 2021

Additionally, the pending discovery motion and dispositive motions are noted for **June 12, 2020**.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED on this 22nd day of May, 2020.



Marsha J. Pechman
United States Senior District Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

1 I hereby certify that on May 21, 2020, I caused the foregoing documents to be electronically
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21 I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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23 DATED this 21st day of May, 2020, at Seattle, Washington.
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