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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Charles Baird et al.,

 Plaintiffs,

 v.

BlackRock Institutional Trust Company,
N.A., et al.,

 Defendants.

Case No: 17-cv-1892-HSG
**STIPULATION AND ORDER TO MODIFY
CASE SCHEDULE**

Pursuant to Northern District of California Local Rule 6-2, Plaintiffs Charles Baird and Lauren Slayton and Defendants Anne Ackerley, BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A., Blackrock, Inc., Catherine Bolz, Chip Castille, Paige Dickow, Daniel A. Dunay, Any Engel, Nancy Everett, Joseph Feliciani, Jr., Michael Fredericks, Corin Frost, Daniel Gamba, Kevin Holt, Chris Jones, Philippe Matsumoto, John Perlowski, Ann Marie Petach, Andy Phillips, Kurt Schansinger, Tom Skrobe, Jeffrey A. Smith, the BlackRock, Inc. Retirement Committee, and the Investment Committee of the Retirement Committee (collectively, the “Defendants”) by and through their respective counsel, stipulate and agree to the following:

- 1. On July 26, 2017, the parties filed a stipulation proposing a case schedule (ECF No. 54). On August 3, 2017, the Court granted this stipulation and adopted the parties’ proposed case schedule. ECF No. 62.

2. With Defendants' consent, Plaintiffs filed an Amended Complaint on October 18, 2017 (ECF No. 75), which Defendants moved to dismiss on November 8, 2017 (ECF No. 79). The parties completed briefing on Defendants' motion to dismiss the Amended Complaint on December 22, 2017. ECF No. 92. Plaintiffs also filed a motion for relief under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56(d) on December 8, 2017 (ECF No. 85), and the parties completed briefing on this motion on January 4, 2018 (ECF No. 94). The parties understand that the Court has taken these motions under submission and will issue a written order. ECF No. 100.
3. Concurrently with the parties' briefing on Defendants' motion to dismiss and Plaintiffs' Rule 56(d) motion, the parties have been actively engaged in fact discovery. Horwitz Decl. ¶ 7. This fact discovery is still ongoing. *Id.*
4. The parties have conferred and have agreed that the existing case schedule does not appropriately account for the developments that have arisen in this case since July 26, 2017, including those described in paragraphs 2 and 3, above. *Id.* ¶ 9. The parties therefore stipulate and agree to the following modified case schedule:

| Event | Deadline |
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| Substantial completion of document production | March 30, 2018 |
| Deadline to amend pleadings | April 23, 2018 |
| Close of all fact discovery (with limited exceptions as noted below) | June 22, 2018 |
| Parties exchange any expert reports on class issues | July 6, 2018 |
| Parties exchange any expert rebuttal reports on class issues | August 5, 2018 |
| Close of expert discovery on class issues | August 31, 2018 |
| Plaintiffs file motion for class certification | September 14, 2018 |
| Defendants file opposition to motion for class certification | October 15, 2018 |
| Plaintiffs' reply in support of motion for class certification | October 30, 2018 |
| Court issues class cert opinion (limited post-certification fact discovery on merits issues reopens) | TBD |
| Parties exchange expert reports on merits issues | 30 days after class cert opinion is issued |
| Close of limited post-certification fact discovery on merits issues | 45 days after class cert opinion is issued |

| Event | Deadline |
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| Parties exchange rebuttal expert reports on the merits | 30 days after parties exchange expert reports on merits issues |
| Close of expert discovery | 14 days after parties exchange rebuttal expert reports on merits issues |

5. The parties have not requested any previous modification to the case schedule.
6. There have been six previous time adjustments in this matter, none of which affected discovery or the trial date and each of which related to the motion to dismiss the original complaint and its hearing schedule. (ECF Nos. 28, 38, 48, 55, 82, 88.)
7. A declaration from Julia A. Horwitz, setting forth the reasons for the parties' request, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Dated: February 1, 2018

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ATTESTATION

I attest that for all conformed signatures indicated by an “/s/,” the signatory has concurred in the filing of this document.

Dated: February 20, 2018

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ORDER

PURSUANT TO THE STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED: The above Case Management Stipulation and Proposed Order is approved as the Case Management Schedule for this case and all parties shall comply with its provisions. The Court sets November 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. for motion for class certification.

Dated: February 20, 2018, 2018


Judge Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr.
U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of California