

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 11-cv-03339-WYD-MEH

LANCE CASSINO,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON, d/b/a CORDIS CORPORATION,

Defendant.

MINUTE ORDER

Entered by Michael E. Hegarty, United States Magistrate Judge, on January 20, 2012.

Before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion to Stay and Order [[filed January 17, 2012; docket #15](#)]. Plaintiff seeks a "60 day stay in minute order for setting a scheduling conference." Because a stay of discovery is generally disfavored in this district, *see Chavez v. Young Am. Ins. Co.*, No. 06-cv-02419-PSF-BNB, 2007 WL 683973, at *2 (D. Colo. Mar. 2, 2007), the Court construes Plaintiff's request as motion to continue the Scheduling Conference currently set for February 24, 2012 by 60 days. Plaintiff's motion is **granted**. The Scheduling Conference set for February 24, 2012 is hereby **vacated** and **rescheduled** for **April 24, 2012 at 9:45 a.m.** and will take place in Courtroom A501 on the fifth floor of the Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse located at 901 19th Street, Denver, Colorado. Absent exceptional circumstances, no request for rescheduling will be entertained unless made **five business days prior** to the date of the conference.

Parties or lawyers whose offices are located outside of the Denver metropolitan area may appear at scheduling conferences by telephone. Please contact Chambers at (303) 844-4507 at least five business days prior to the scheduling conference to arrange appearance by telephone. Lawyers appearing by telephone must ensure that the proposed Scheduling Order is filed electronically and by email no later than five business days prior to the scheduling conference, in accordance with the instructions in this minute order.

It is further ORDERED that counsel for the parties in this case are to hold a pre-scheduling conference meeting and jointly prepare a proposed Scheduling Order in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) on or before **April 3, 2012**. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d), no discovery shall be submitted until after the pre-scheduling conference meeting, unless otherwise ordered or directed by the Court.

The parties shall file the proposed Scheduling Order with the Clerk's Office, and in accordance with District of Colorado Electronic Case Filing ("ECF") Procedures V.L., **no later than five (5) business days** prior to the scheduling conference. **The proposed Scheduling Order is also to be submitted in a useable format (i.e., Word or WordPerfect only) by email to Magistrate**

Judge Hegarty at *Hegarty_Chambers@cod.uscourts.gov*.

Parties not participating in ECF shall file their proposed Scheduling Order on paper with the clerk's office. However, if any party in this case is participating in ECF, it is the responsibility of that party to file the proposed scheduling order pursuant to the District of Colorado ECF Procedures.

The parties shall prepare the proposed Scheduling Order in accordance with the form which may be downloaded in richtext format from the Standardized Order Forms section of the Court's website, found at http://www.co.uscourts.gov/forms_frame.htm. All Scheduling Conferences held before a Magistrate Judge utilize the same scheduling order format, regardless of the District Judge assigned to the case.

Any out-of-state counsel shall comply with D.C. Colo. LCivR 83.3C prior to the Scheduling Conference.

The parties are further advised that they shall not assume that the Court will grant the relief requested in any motion. Failure to appear at a Court-ordered conference or to comply with a Court-ordered deadline which has not be vacated by Court order may result in the imposition of sanctions.

Finally, the parties or counsel attending the Conference should be prepared to informally discuss settlement of the case. There is no requirement to submit confidential settlement documents/letters to the Court beforehand or to have parties present who shall have full authority to negotiate all terms and demands presented by the case.

Please remember that anyone seeking entry into the Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse will be required to show a valid photo identification. *See* D.C. Colo. LCivR 83.2B.