

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO
Judge Robert E. Blackburn**

Civil Action No. 12-cv-3317-REB-KLM

JAMES FAIRCLOTH,

Plaintiff,

v.

TOM BENEZE,
MARQUEZ,

Defendants.

ORDER LIFTING STAY AND DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS

Blackburn, J.

This matter is before the court *sua sponte*. On September 3, 2015, the magistrate judge entered an order continuing the stay of proceedings in this case through November 27, 2015, or until such time as plaintiff's counsel updated the court on the status of her efforts to negotiate a settlement of the matter. (**See Minute Order** [#153],¹ filed September 3, 2015.) On November 11, 2015, counsel for plaintiff filed a motion to order the parties to court-mediated alternative dispute resolution. (**See Motion for Order Referring Case to Alternative Dispute Resolution Pursuant to D.C.COLO.LCivR 16.6 and for Stay** [#157], filed November 16, 2015.) The court granted that request. (**See Order Re: Motion for Order Referring Case to Alternative Dispute Resolution** [#], filed November , 2015.)

¹ “[#153]” is an example of the convention I use to identify the docket number assigned to a specific paper by the court's case management and electronic case filing system (CM/ECF). I use this convention throughout this order.

At the same time, the court denied counsel's concomitant request to continue the stay of this matter pending the outcome of ADR proceedings. While counsel for plaintiff pursues her limited role in attempting to negotiate a settlement, plaintiff himself still must prepare for trial, which is currently set on the court's docket for February 22, 2016. If a negotiated settlement is not sooner reached, this court fully intends that resolution of plaintiff's claims in this matter proceed expeditiously. This case cannot be permitted to grow ever staler while counsel's laudable efforts at settlement are ongoing. To that end, I lift the stay of these proceedings.

With the stay lifted, it is now appropriate to re-establish deadlines for the marshaling of dispositive motions in this case.² Given the truncated timetable now remaining prior to trial, I will order an expedited briefing schedule as well, to allow the court adequate time to resolve any such motions prior to the date now set for trial.

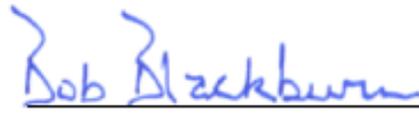
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. That the stay in this matter is lifted;
2. That any dispositive motion shall be filed on or before **November 25, 2015**;
3. That responses to any such dispositive motion shall be filed on or before **December 10, 2015**; and
4. That any reply to a response to a dispositive motion shall be due on or before **December 17, 2015**.

² Prior to the initial entry of the stay (**see Order** [#134], filed June 24, 2015), defendants filed a **Motion for Summary Judgment** [#130], filed June 12, 2015, which subsequently was denied without prejudice in light of the stay (**see Order Adopting Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge** [#143], filed July 30, 2015).

Dated November 18, 2015, at Denver, Colorado.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Blackburn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Robert E. Blackburn
United States District Judge