

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 13-cv-02023-WJM-MJW

JOHN BERTAGNOLLI,

Plaintiff,

v.

LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

ORDER SETTING SCHEDULING/PLANNING CONFERENCE

Entered by U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael J. Watanabe

The above-captioned case has been referred to Magistrate Judge Michael J. Watanabe pursuant to the Order Referring Case, entered by Judge William J. Martinez on August 27, 2013.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Scheduling/Planning Conference pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P.16(b) shall be held on:

September 23, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.
in Courtroom A-502,
Fifth Floor,
Alfred A. Arraj U.S. Courthouse,
901 19th Street,
Denver, Colorado 80294

If this date is not convenient for any counsel/pro se party, he/she should confer with opposing counsel/pro se party and **file a motion** to reschedule the conference to a more convenient date.

Absent exceptional circumstances, no request for rescheduling any appearance in this court will be entertained unless a motion is filed no less than FIVE (5) business days in advance of the date of appearance.

THE PLAINTIFF SHALL NOTIFY ALL PARTIES WHO HAVE NOT ENTERED AN APPEARANCE OF THE DATE AND TIME OF THE SCHEDULING/PLANNING CONFERENCE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel/pro se parties in this case shall hold a pre-scheduling conference meeting and prepare a proposed Scheduling Order in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P.26(f), as amended, and D.C.COLO.LCivR 26.1 on or before 21 days prior to scheduling conference. Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P.26(d), as amended, no discovery shall be sought until after the pre-scheduling conference meeting. No later than 5 days prior to the Scheduling/Planning Conference, counsel/pro se parties shall file their proposed Scheduling Order (**in PDF**) in compliance with the ECF Filing Procedures. In addition, on or before 14 days after the pre-scheduling conference meeting, the parties shall comply with the mandatory disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P.26(a)(1), as amended.

Counsel/pro se parties shall prepare the proposed Scheduling Order in accordance with the form which may be downloaded in richtext format from the forms section of the Court's website at www.cod.uscourts.gov. Instructions for downloading the formats are posted in the forms section of the website. Parties who are *pro se* or do not have access to the internet may visit the Clerk's Office in Alfred A. Arraj U.S. Courthouse, 901 19th Street, Room A-105, Denver, Colorado. (The Clerk's Office telephone number is (303) 844-3433.) Scheduling Orders prepared by parties not represented by counsel, or without access to ECF, shall be submitted on paper.

All out-of-state counsel shall comply with D.C.COLO.LCivR 83.3 prior to the Scheduling/Planning Conference.

It is the responsibility of counsel to notice the court of their entry of appearance, notice of withdrawal, notice of substitution of counsel, or notice of change of counsel's address, e-mail address, or telephone number by complying with the ECF Procedures and filing the appropriate motion or document with the court.

Please remember that **everyone** seeking entry into the Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse will be required to show valid photo identification. See D.C.COLO.LCivR 83.2B. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in denial of entry into the Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse.

DONE AND SIGNED THIS 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

s/Michael J. Watanabe
MICHAEL J. WATANABE
United States Magistrate Judge