UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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) Civil Action No. 11-1600 (ESH)
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ORDER FOR INITIAL SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

The above-captioned case has been assigned to this Judge for resolution. The Initial Scheduling Conference is set for **December 9, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 23A**. Counsel who attend must be sufficiently familiar with the case to answer any questions which arise; parties are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f), counsel shall confer at least 21 days prior to the above date and submit their Report addressing all topics listed in Local Civil Rule 16.3(c) no later than 14 days following their meeting (*i.e.* no fewer than seven (7) days prior to the date of the Initial Scheduling Conference). Counsel are reminded that Rule 26(f) has been amended to direct the parties to discuss at their discovery planning conference issues relating to discovery of electronically stored information, preservation of discoverable information, and assertions of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation materials, including whether to ask the Court to enter an order reflecting any agreement between the parties regarding the procedure for asserting such claims after production. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3). If appropriate, counsel must address these additional

topics in their Report. Counsel are also directed to either include in their Report or in a

supplemental pleading to be filed no later than 72 hours prior to the Initial Scheduling

Conference, a brief statement of the case and the statutory basis for all causes of action and

defenses. In addition, the Court urges counsel to have their clients attend the Initial Scheduling

Conference and all subsequent court proceedings.

Extensions or enlargements of time will only be granted upon motion, and not upon

stipulation by the parties. Motions for a continuance or other scheduling change must be filed

three business days prior to the hearing and must include alternative dates that have been agreed

to by all parties. Requests that do not include an alternative date acceptable to all parties will be

denied.

Parties are to communicate with the Court by motion, opposition, and reply, not by letter.

Inquiries concerning the status of any pending matter shall be directed to the Courtroom Deputy

Clerk, Ms. Gwen Franklin (202/354-3145), or if she is unavailable, to the staff person in the

Clerk's Office designated as her substitute, and not to chambers. Chambers personnel will not

handle questions relating to the status or scheduling of pending matters.

In an emergency, however, chambers can be reached at 202/354-3230.

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United States District Judge

Date: November 2, 2011

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