

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
OCALA DIVISION

FRANCESCA NICOLE PERERA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: 5:17-cv-422-Oc-PRL

CITY OF OCALA, JUSTIN D. ARNOLD  
in his individual and official capacity, and  
DANIEL FITZPATRICK in his  
individual and official capacity,

Defendants.

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**ORDER**

This consent case is before the Court on Plaintiff's unopposed motion to stay the case, which was filed on April 3, 2019. Plaintiff, a member of the National Guard, recites that she has been ordered to active duty for 400 days overseas. (Doc. 27). She requests that the case be stayed until she returns and can again participate in the case, and that the parties be permitted to file a revised Case Management Report at that time.

Notably, according to the attachment to her request (Doc. 27), Plaintiff was called to active duty in February 2019. By that point her expert disclosures should already have been made, as the Defendant – it appears – made its disclosure. Further, by the date of the motion to stay (April 4, 2019), the discovery period had closed (April 1, 2019).

Nevertheless, upon due consideration, Plaintiff's unopposed motion to stay (Doc. 27) is **GRANTED**. The **Clerk** is directed to administratively close the case, subject to the right of any party to **move** to reopen the case and to request leave to file a revised Case Management Report when Plaintiff is again able to participate in the case. A **motion** must be filed to reopen the case;

a notice or any pleading other than a motion will fail to bring the matter to the Court's attention. **Plaintiff's counsel** shall notify the mediator that the case is stayed and the mediation cancelled accordingly. Further, it is **Plaintiff's** responsibility to move the Court within a reasonable time after 400 days from February 2019 (so March 2020) to either reopen it or extend the stay if necessary, failing which the case may be dismissed if not otherwise prosecuted thereafter.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Ocala, Florida on April 12, 2019.



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PHILIP R. LAMMENS  
United States Magistrate Judge

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Counsel of Record  
Unrepresented Parties  
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