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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA Miami Division

CASE NO.: 06-21748-CIV-MARTINEZ-BANDSTRA

MARK J. GAINOR and ELYSE GAINOR, Plaintiffs.

v.

SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP, a Delaware limited liability Partnership, f/k/a SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD, f/k/a BROWN & WOOD, R. J. RUBLE, an individual, ARTHUR ANDERSEN, LLP, an Illinois limited liability partnership, MICHAEL S. MARX, an individual. P. ANTHONY NISSLEY, an individual, MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., a Delaware corporation, and MARK C. KLOPFENSTEIN, an individual.

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' AGREED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PROVIDE EXPERT WITNESS REPORT TO DEFENDANT MERRILL LYNCH AND **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 7.1**

Plaintiffs, MARK J. GAINOR and ELYSE GAINOR, move on the following grounds for an extension of time to provide to Defendant MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. ("Merrill Lynch") the expert witness summary/report of Plaintiffs' expert witness against Merrill Lynch:

- 1. The Order Setting Civil Trial Date entered by this Court on June 13, 2007 requires that the parties exchange expert witness summaries and reports as required by Local Rule 16.1.K. 120 days before the beginning of the trial period in this case.
- 2. Therefore, the date set for exchanging expert witness summaries/reports is September 24, 2007.
- 3. Plaintiffs request an additional 30 days to provide Plaintiffs' expert witness summary/report to Defendant Merrill Lynch.

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4. Plaintiffs received approximately 9,000 documents from Merrill Lynch in response to Plaintiffs' Request for Production of Documents to Merrill Lynch. Merrill Lynch produced the first of these documents on August 17, 2007 and the last of these documents on September 17, 2007.

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- 5. Plaintiffs have not had adequate time to assimilate the documents for Plaintiffs' expert witness against Merrill Lynch to review the documents and provide a summary/report of his opinions concerning Merrill Lynch.
- 6. Plaintiffs contacted counsel for Merrill Lynch and Merrill Lynch agrees to the requested 30-day extension.
- 7. The requested 30-day extension will not affect the trial date or any other deadline set forth in the timetable in the Order Setting Civil Trial Date. ¹
- 8. Good cause for the requested extension is outlined above. Moreover, the relief requested has been agreed to by both parties.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request an additional thirty (30) days up to and including October 24, 2007, to provide to Merrill Lynch the expert witness summary/report of Plaintiffs' expert witness against Merrill Lynch.

¹ However, Plaintiffs point out to the Court that a motion to stay these proceedings has been filed by Defendant R.J. Ruble. In his motion to stay, Ruble requests a stay of this proceeding as to Ruble only pending the completion of a criminal action against Ruble, which involves many of the same allegations made by Plaintiffs in this case. It is the Plaintiffs' position that the entire case should be continued as opposed to staying the case as to Defendant Ruble only. Plaintiffs' claims against Ruble are based on the same or substantially the same facts and law as Plaintiffs' claims against the other Defendants in this case, including but not limited to, Ruble's former employer, Sidley Austin.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 7.1 A. 3.

The undersigned counsel for Plaintiffs hereby certifies that he has communicated with counsel for Merrill Lynch regarding this motion. Counsel for Merrill Lynch agrees to the 30-day extension requested herein.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20th day of September, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF. I also certify that the foregoing document is being served this day on all counsel of record or pro se parties identified on the attached Service List in the manner specified, either via transmission of Notices of Electronic Filing generated by CM/ECF or in some other authorized manner for those counsel or parties who are not authorized to receive electronically Notices of Electronic Filing.

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