## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

MAUREEN TOFFOLONI, as Administrator and Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF NANCY E. BENOIT

**Plaintiff** 

v.

LFP PUBLISHING GROUP, LLC d/b/a Hustler Magazine, MARK SAMANSKY, et al

**Defendants** 

CIVIL ACTION NO.

1:08cv0421-TWT

## SCHEDULING ORDER

The above entitled action is presently before the Court pursuant to the filing of the parties' Joint Preliminary Report and Discovery Schedule [53]. The Court has reviewed and approves the parties Joint preliminary Report and Discovery Schedule. In the report, the parties have indicated they do not anticipate the need for additional time beyond the assigned discovery track to complete discovery. Any request for a discovery extension may be made if the parties are unable to complete discovery despite diligent effort in the original discovery period and the request is made prior to the expiration of the discovery period. Should there be an extension of time of the discovery deadline the deadlines for motions for summary judgment and filing of the Consolidated Pretrial Order shall be adjusted accordingly. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the discovery deadline in this case is

February 25, 2010. Any motions to amend the pleadings must be filed by

November 28, 2009, unless the filing party has obtained prior permission of the court to file later. Any Motions for Summary Judgment must be filed by March 17, 2010, and if no Motions for Summary Judgment are filed, the Proposed Consolidated Pretrial Order will be due on March 29, 2010. However, if a Motion for Summary Judgment is filed, the Proposed Consolidated Pretrial Order will be due within 30 days of the Court's ruling on the Motion for Summary Judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are directed to adhere to the above deadlines. Any motions requesting extensions of time must be made prior to the existing deadline and will be granted <u>only</u> in exceptional cases where the circumstances on which the request is based did not exist or the attorney(s) could not have anticipated that such circumstances would arise at the time the Preliminary Planning Report was filed. Failure to comply with this order, may result in the imposition of sanctions, including the dismissal of this action.

Within 10 days from the entry of this Order, counsel for the parties are directed to confer and determine whether any party will likely be requested to disclose or produce substantial information from electronic or computer based media. If so, the parties are directed to determine: (a) whether disclosure or production will be limited to data reasonably available to the parties in the ordinary course of business; (b) the

anticipated scope, cost and time required for disclosure or production of data beyond what is reasonably available to the parties in the ordinary course of business; (c) the format and media agreed to by the parties for the production of such data as well as agreed procedures for such production; (d) whether reasonable measures have been taken to preserve potentially discoverable data from alteration or destruction in the ordinary course of business or otherwise; and (e) whether there are other problems which the parties anticipate that may arise in connection with electronic or computerbased discovery. Counsel are directed to the American Bar Association Section of Litigation Civil Discovery Standards § 29 (August 1999)(available upon request from the Court) for guidance. Any agreements as to the foregoing shall be set forth in a written agreement or consent order. If there are substantial disagreements, a discovery conference with the Court should be requested. Counsel are directed to comply with the Federal Bar Association's Standards for Civility in Professional Conduct (1998) (available from the FBA web site or upon request from the Court).

The Clerk is directed to submit this action on <u>March 30, 2010</u>, if the parties have not filed a Motion for Summary Judgment or Proposed Pretrial Order.

SO ORDERED, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009.

/s/Thomas W. Thrash THOMAS W. THRASH, JR. UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE