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

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action File No.1:08-CV-1425-ODE

-vs.-

MARK P. BECKER, in his official capacity as Georgia State University President, et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUTATIVE EXPERT TESTIMONY OF KENNETH D. CREWS

Plaintiffs' Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Inc., and Sage Publications, Inc. respectfully request that this Court deny Defendants' Motion for Extension of Time to File Response to Plaintiffs' Motion to Exclude the Putative Expert Testimony of Kenneth D. Crews.

As Defendants note in their motion, Plaintiffs served Defendants by hand delivery with the Crews *Daubert* motion on April 13, 2010. Under the rules of this Court, Defendants' response is therefore due on April 27, 2010. Although Defendants' Motion offers no justification as to why Defendants should receive

twice the time (twenty-eight days total) to respond to the motion as would otherwise be allowed under this Court's rules, Plaintiffs consent to a short extension of Defendants' time to respond to the Crews *Daubert* motion until April 30, 2010. Any further extension is wholly unjustified.

As of Monday, April 26, 2010 the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment will be fully briefed. Given the Defendants' reliance on the testimony of Dr. Crews in their response to Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment, requiring Defendants to respond to the Crews *Daubert* motion on April 30, 2010 will ensure that the motion is also fully briefed as the Court considers the related summary judgment submissions.

Moreover, Plaintiffs note that Defendants served their own motion to exclude one of Plaintiffs' expert witnesses shortly before initial summary judgment briefs were due. *See* Dkt. No. 131. That motion, which was also served by hand delivery and which Plaintiffs' timely responded to in fourteen days as provided by this Court's rules, (Dkt. No. 135), was filed at a time when Plaintiffs were preparing a sixty-page initial summary judgment brief and an extensive statement of undisputed material facts. Plaintiffs were able to respond to that motion within the time permitted by this Court's rules while simultaneously preparing a far larger filing for presentation to the Court. There is no reason that Defendants,

represented by the eight attorneys who have appeared as counsel of record in this case, cannot prepare a twenty-five page response to the Crews *Daubert* motion while also finalizing a twenty-five page reply brief on Defendants' motion for summary judgment. Defendants' motion offers no hint as to what "investigation" Defendants need to undertake to complete their response or what extenuating circumstances warrant the extended response time they request. Defendants'

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of April, 2010.

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motion should therefore be denied.

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Defendants note that this Court has already extended the parties' summary judgment briefing schedule by mutual consent. The parties have already had far longer to prepare and file summary judgment briefs than is contemplated by this

Court's rules. No further extension is warranted.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(D), I hereby certify that this document complies with the font and point selections set forth in Local Rule 5.1. This document was prepared in Times New Roman 14 point font.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day filed **PLAINTIFFS' BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUTATIVE EXPERT TESTIMONY OF KENNETH D. CREWS** by CM/ECF filing system which will automatically send e-mail notification of such filing to the following attorney of record:

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