

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

<b>MERLE L. ROYCE,</b>	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 15 C 259
	)	
<b>MICHAEL R. NEEDLE, P.C., et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**MEMORANDUM ORDER**


By his protracted failure to retain replacement counsel for his professional corporation, Michael R. Needle, P.C., ("Needle, P.C."), its President Michael Needle ("Needle")<sup>1</sup> has stymied the efforts of this Court -- and of all other counsel in the case as well -- to deal with the imposition of Fed. R. Civ. P. ("Rule") 11 sanctions against Needle, P.C. (and, not incidentally, most likely against Needle personally). Most recently Needle (acting for Needle, P.C.) has belatedly moved for an extension of the deadline that this Court's February 29, 2016 memorandum order ("Order") had imposed on Needle, P.C. But counsel for the Amari Group has filed a Response and Objection to that motion that puts the lie to Needle's claim of lack of notice by showing that both the fee petitions at issue and the Order were in fact communicated to him at his e-mail address "mnjam@hotmail.com."

In brief, the Needle, P.C. motion for extension is denied as tendered. Needle is granted only until March 21, 2016 to file a response to the Order, and to do so contemporaneously with the delivery (1) of a paper Judge's Copy to this Court's chambers and (2) of copies to lawyers

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<sup>1</sup> Although this Court has no information as to any other members of Needle, P.C., Michael Needle is doubtless its principal (if not sole) member.

Alan Borlack, Jennifer Sprengel, Dom Rizzi, Robert Gamburg and Richard Cochran (all of whom are currently being transmitted copies of this memorandum order via e-mail, the same means by which a copy of this memorandum order is being transmitted to Needle). If Needle fails to do so, this Court will immediately enter the proposed order that was transmitted to this Court (with copies e-mailed to Needle and others) by counsel for the Amari Group as an enclosure to counsel's February 25, 2016 letter -- but if Needle does file a response, this Court will promptly determine the appropriate course of action (which may call for entry of that proposed order in any event).



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Milton I. Shadur  
Senior United States District Judge

Date: March 14, 2016