

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

ROSS & BARUZZINI, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

**THE ESTOPINAL GROUP, LLC
f/k/a THE ESTOPINAL GROUP, INC.,**

Defendant.

No. 12-0152-DRH

ORDER

HERNDON, Chief Judge:

This matter comes before the Court for case management. On April 19, 2012, defendant filed a reply in opposition to the motion to dismiss (Doc.19).

Local Rule 7.1 (c) states in part:

Reply briefs are not favored and should be filed only in exceptional circumstances. The party filing the reply brief shall state the exceptional circumstances.

Here, the reply brief does not state the exceptional circumstances as to why a reply brief is needed. Thus, the Court **STRIKES** the reply.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 19th day of April, 2012.

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**Chief Judge
United States District Court**