

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

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS and
MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, individually and
on behalf of all other counties in the State of
Illinois,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 14-1320-DRH

**TRINITY HIGHWAYS, INC. and
TRINITY HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, LLC,**

Defendants.

ORDER

HERNDON, District Judge:

This matter is before the Court *sua sponte* for case management. On April 25, 2017, plaintiffs filed a reply to defendants' response to their motion for clarification (Doc. 178). A review of the reply reveals that it violates Local Rule 7.1(c) in that the reply does not set forth "circumstances" much less "exceptional circumstances" as required by Local Rule 7.1(c).¹ Thus, the Court **STRIKES** the reply brief (Doc. 178).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 3rd day of May, 2017.

David R. Herndon



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Judge David R.
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United States District Judge

¹ Local Rule 7.1(c) provides in part: "**Reply briefs are not favored and should be filed only in exceptional circumstances.** The party filing the reply brief should state the exceptional circumstances." Local Rule 7.1(c) (emphasis in original).