

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

MARY E. ORMOND, et al.,)
On Behalf of Themselves and)
All Others Similarly Situated,)
)
Plaintiffs,)
vs.)
)
ANTHEM INC., et al.)
)
Defendants.)

NO. 1:05-cv-01908-TWP-TAB

**ENTRY ON PLAINTIFFS' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
CONSOLIDATED EXPERT TESTIMONY RESPONSE BRIEF AND EXCEED PAGE
LIMIT FOR SINGLE RESPONSE BRIEF**

On April 19, 2012, Defendants filed multiple motions seeking to exclude the testimony of Plaintiffs' expert witnesses on various grounds. Invariably, some of these motions cover similar subject matter. In response, Plaintiffs have asked for leave to file a single, consolidated response brief in opposition to 8 of Defendants' motions. Plaintiffs have agreed to limit this response to 90 pages. In Plaintiffs' view, "this approach will allow for less redundancy and more clarity, and it will relieve the Court and the parties of a significant quantity of unnecessary briefing." (Dkt. 544 at 2).

This request is certainly well-taken. However, upon closer review, it appears that each of Defendants' motions is unique and sets forth independent arguments. Moreover, it appears that, where possible, Defendants have already consolidated their motions. Given the myriad issues at play, the Court finds that separate responses to each motion would work best to facilitate organized and focused rulings. Although this may add a few extra pages for the Court to read (and Plaintiffs to write), the Court believes that the benefits to this approach will outweigh the costs. Therefore, Plaintiffs' Emergency Motion for Leave to File Consolidated Expert Testimony Response Brief and Exceed Page Limit for Single Response Brief (Dkt. 544) is **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED. 05/01/2012

Tanya Walton Pratt

Hon. Tanya Walton Pratt, Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana

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