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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION**

RONALD BLANTON, ET AL.

* **CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:14-CV-00990**

VERSUS

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AEROFRAME SERVICES LLC, ET AL.

* **JUDGE TRIMBLE**

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* **MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAY**

JUDGMENT

For the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation (Rec. Doc. 26) of the Magistrate Judge previously filed herein, after consideration of the Objections filed by the plaintiffs and Aeroframe Services, LLC (Rec. Docs. 27, 28), consideration of the Response filed by Aviation Technical Services, Inc. (Rec. Doc. 29),¹ an independent review of the record, and a *de novo* determination of the issues; the court determines that the findings are correct under applicable law. The court adopts the Report and Recommendation which bases its conclusions on the Cox, Cox, Filo, Camel & Wilson Law Firm’s (“the Cox Law Firm”) actual concurrent representation of the plaintiffs and Roger Porter, the sole member and CEO of Aeroframe Services, LLC. The parties are realigned based on the Cox Law Firm’s argument that the plaintiffs and Porter have validly waived the conflict of interest which stems from the concurrent representation. This necessary waiver could not be valid unless the plaintiffs and Aeroframe Services, LLC are not adverse parties. While Porter is not a party in this particular case, the firm is still representing Porter in

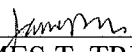
¹ Aviation Technical Services, Inc. (ATS) also filed a Response to the Objection to the Report and Recommendation (Rec. Doc. 42) in 14-cv-00983, *Warner v. Aeroframe Services, LLC*. While the Response does not refer to the above-captioned case, it responds to the objections made in all of the cases, and it has been considered by the court in all of the cases. Also, all of the attorneys in all of the cases were put on notice of the Response when it was filed in *Warner v. Aeroframe Services, LLC*. In the Response, ATS describes how the behavior of the Cox, Cox, Filo, Camel & Wilson Law Firm is sanctionable under Rule 11 and 28 U.S.C. § 1927. However, because ATS did not formally move for the court to sanction the firm, the court will not do so at this time.

substantially similar cases,² and unless the plaintiffs and Aeroframe Services, LLC have resolved their claims, this representation would create a nonconsentable concurrent conflict of interest. *See* La. St. Bar Art. 16, Rules of Prof. Conduct Rule 1.7(b). Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the plaintiffs' Motion to Remand and Motion for Attorney's Fees (Rec. Doc. 5) are **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Aeroframe Services, LLC's Motion to Remand (Rec. Doc. 7) is **DENIED**.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Alexandria, Louisiana, this 14th day of February, 2017.



JAMES T. TRIMBLE, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

² 2:14-cv-00983, Warner v. Aeroframe Services, LLC; 2:14-cv-00984, Adams v. Aeroframe Services, LLC; 2:14-cv-00985, Boring v. Aeroframe Services, LLC; 2:14-cv-00986, Cleaves v. Aeroframe Services, LLC; 2:14-cv-00987, Cooley v. Aeroframe Services, LLC; 2:14-cv-00988, Gallow v. Aeroframe Services, LLC; 2:14-cv-00989, Decolongon v. Aeroframe Services, LLC; 2:14-cv-00991, Rackard v. Aeroframe Services, LLC; 2:14-cv-00992, Ashford v. Aeroframe Services, LLC.