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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

ALBERT SNYDER, Plaintiff

v.

Civil Action No. 1:06-cv-1389-RDB Judge Bennett

FRED W. PHELPS, SR., SHIRLEY L. PHELPS-ROPER, REBEKAH A. PHELPS-DAVIS, and WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. Defendants

STATUS REPORT OF PLAINTIFF, ALBERT SNYDER

Plaintiff, Albert Snyder, submits the following Status Report:

a. Whether discovery has been completed.

Plaintiff will respond to Defendants Phelps and WBC's request for admissions in accordance with the rules of court.

Plaintiff has requested that Defendants Phelps and WBC update their discovery concerning finances. In short, Plaintiff needs Defendants financial documents to prove his conspiracy claim and to establish the appropriate level of punitive damages. If this response is not updated, Plaintiff will necessarily be required to file a Motion to Compel.

b. Whether any motions are pending.

All Defendants filed motions for reconsideration of certain discovery deadlines.

Plaintiff has responded to these motions, and they are pending.

c. Whether any party intends to file a dispositive pretrial motion:

Plaintiff does not intend to file a dispositive pretrial motion. However, Plaintiff will supplement his response to the pro se defendants' premature motion for summary judgment.

d. Whether the case is to be tried jury or non-jury and the anticipated length of trial.

A jury trial is scheduled to begin on October 22, 2007. The Court has allotted two weeks for the trial, and Plaintiff anticipates that the trial will be completed within that two week period.

e. A certificate that the parties have met to conduct serious settlement negotiations.

The parties conducted a telephone conference on August 24, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss settlement. Because of the geographic separation amongst counsel and pro se defendants, the conference was done telephonically as opposed to in person.

f. Whether each party believes it would be helpful to refer this case to another judge of this court for a settlement or other ADR conference, either before or after the resolution of any dispositive pretrial motion.

Plaintiff does not object to non-binding mediation with another judge of this Court.

g. Whether all parties consent to have a U.S. Magistrate Judge conduct any further proceedings in this case, either before or after the resolution of any dispositive pretrial motion, including trial (jury or non-jury) and entry of final judgment.

Plaintiff does not consent.

h. Any other matter which you believe should be brought to the court's attention.None at this time.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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