## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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Subject: <u>Lisa Smith v. Christopher Jackson, et al.</u> Civil No. BEL-08-0426

Dear Counsel:

In my letter to you of February 18, 2009, I requested that by Tuesday, May 5, 2009, I receive from each party a short letter candidly setting forth certain information in preparation for the settlement conference. I have not received anything from you. Please submit your <u>ex parte</u> letter by close of business Monday, May 11, 2009.

Counsel are reminded that the same guidelines set forth in my letter of February 18, 2009 apply to this conference, including the requirement that you exchange a demand and offer prior to the conference, as detailed in that letter.

Notwithstanding the informal nature of this letter, it is an Order of the Court and the Clerk is directed to docket it as such.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Beth P. Gesner United States Magistrate Judge

cc: Chief Judge Legg