

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
(SOUTHERN DIVISION)

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

FREEMAN,

Defendant.

Case No. 8:09-CV-02573-RWT

ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS

Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Motion for Stay of Proceedings in the above-styled and numbered action, it is **ORDERED** that the Motion be, and it is hereby, **GRANTED**.


It is further **ORDERED** that all discovery in this action and all proceedings that are unrelated to Defendant's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (Paper No. 27) be, and they are hereby, **STAYED** for a period 90 days from the date of entry of this Order for purposes of mediation.

It is further **ORDERED** that notwithstanding the stay, briefing and oral argument concerning Defendant's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment shall proceed and that dates for submission of briefing and for the December 3, 2010, hearing are unaffected by this Order. The December 3, 2010 hearing shall take place as scheduled.

It is further **ORDERED** that the parties shall submit a joint status report to the Court not later than ten (10) days after the conclusion of mediation efforts or the conclusion of the stay period, whichever is earlier. The status report may be submitted

directly to chambers rather than filed and shall inform the Court of the status of settlement negotiations. If the parties have concluded that settlement negotiations were unsuccessful, they will also submit, along with their joint status report, a joint proposed scheduling order setting forth new dates for the discovery and other deadlines reflected in the Court's current scheduling order (Paper No. 23).

Signed and entered this 28th day of October, 2010.



HONORABLE ROGER W. TITUS
United States District Judge