

**EXHIBIT 1**

**Order granting in part defendants' motion to bifurcate in  
*Jones v. Blige*, No. 04-60184, Docket No. 79  
(E.D. Mich. Mar. 24. 2006)**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

LEONARD JONES and JAMES E. WHITE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 04-60184

HON. MARIANNE O. BATTANI

MARY J. BLIGE, et. al,

Defendants.

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**ORDER GRANTING IN PART DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO BIFURCATE AND  
DENYING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME**

Before the Court are Defendants Universal-MCA Music Publishing, Universal Music Group, Inc and Mary J. Blige's Motion to Bifurcate Trial (Doc. #66) and Plaintiffs' Motion for an Enlargement of Time to Submit Expert Damages Report (Doc. #67). For the reasons stated on the record at a hearing held on March 22, 2006, the Court **GRANTS in part** Defendants' motion and **DISMISSES as moot** Plaintiff's motion.

Discovery on liability is hereby bifurcated from discovery on damages. Accordingly, the deadline for discovery on liability issues is **April 1, 2006**; dispositive motions shall be filed on or before **April 28, 2006**. The Court will issue a revised scheduling order, if necessary, after ruling on any dispositive motions.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Marianne O. Battani  
MARIANNE O. BATTANI  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: March 24, 2006

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Copies of this Order were served upon Daniel D. Quick, Gregory J. Reed and Jay C. Kakaty on this date by ordinary mail and/or electronic filing.

s/Bernadette M. Thebolt  
Case Manager