

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

FRANCES FORD, individually and
on behalf of other persons similarly
situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC.; MID-
LAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT,
INC.; ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP
INC.; & LAW OFFICE OF MI-
CHAEL R. STILLMAN, PC d/b/a/
THE STILLMAN LAW OFFICE

Defendants.

Case No. 16-12612
Hon. Terrence G. Berg

ORDER REQUIRING SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEFING

As stated on the record during the April 3, 2017 hearing in this case,
the parties shall submit supplemental briefing on the following:

- (1) Whether there exists a contract between the parties;
- (2) Whether the issue of waiver of the right to arbitrate should be
decided by this court or an arbitrator; and
- (3) The legal effect, if any, of the Consumer Financial Protection Bu-
reau Consent Order, CFPB No. 2015-CFPB-0022, on the question of
whether Defendants waived any of their rights to arbitrate under the
alleged contract.

Plaintiff's brief is due **May 1, 2017**, Defendants' responses are **due
May 22, 2017**, and any reply by Plaintiff is due **May 29, 2017**. Plaintiff's

brief and Defendants' responses may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages, and Plaintiff's reply, if any, may not exceed seven (7) pages.

In addition, Defendants shall file a legible copy of the alleged contract as soon as possible.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 4, 2017

s/Terrence G. Berg
TERRENCE G. BERG
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that this Order was electronically submitted on April 4, 2017, using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification to all parties.

s/A. Chubb
Case Manager