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The court has conducted its *de novo* review in this case, has fully considered the objections of the Plaintiff, the pleadings and memoranda of the parties and other relevant matters of record pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b) (1) and Local Rule IB 3-2. The Court determines that the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (#93) entered on October 27, 2008, should be adopted and accepted.

The court has reviewed Plaintiff's motion to strike (#97). Defendants' response was in compliance with the deadline of November 22, 2008, set forth on the docket. November 22, 2008, fell on a Saturday and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6, the last day of the period shall be included "... unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday" Plaintiff's motion to strike (#97) is denied as moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (#93) entered on October 27, 2008, is adopted and accepted, and Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment (#74) is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Strike (#97) is DENIED as moot.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall lodge their proposed joint pretrial order within thirty (30) days from entry of this Order. See Local Rules 16-4 and 26-1 (e)(5).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2009.

LARRY R. HICKS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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