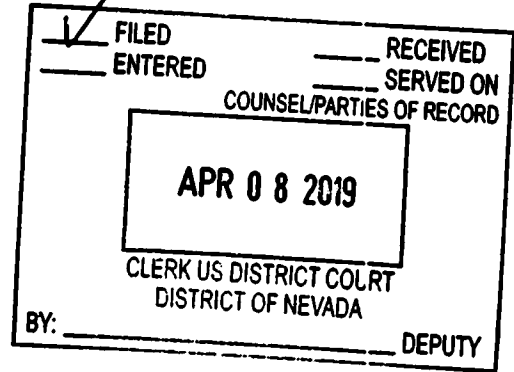


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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

ELIZABETH BAKER,

Plaintiff,

v.

APTTUS CORPORATION, a Delaware
Corporation; DOES I-X, inclusive,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:17-cv-00587-MMD-CBC

**MOTION TO EXTEND DISCOVERY FOR
THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF PLAINTIFF'S
DEPOSITION**

Defendant Apttus Corporation ("Apttus"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby moves to extend discovery in this matter for the limited purpose of taking Plaintiff's deposition. This Motion is based on the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declaration of Counsel attached hereto, all pleadings and documents on file with the Court, and any argument that the Court deems proper.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2019.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

As of March 15, 2018, the parties had agreed to a deposition schedule for the depositions of multiple witnesses, including Plaintiff. See Exhibit 1, Declaration of Phillip C. Thompson, ¶ 2. The depositions were set to take place during the week of March 19, 2018. *Id.* at ¶ 3. Unfortunately, on March 15, 2018, Plaintiff's counsel was forced to cancel the scheduled depositions due to health concerns. *Id.* at ¶ 4.

Following that, the parties agreed to extend discovery for 120 days so that Plaintiff's counsel could address his health concerns and the parties could attempt to resolve the claims. ECF No. 66. The parties then scheduled mediation and attempted to resolve the claims without expending resources toward discovery. ECF Nos. 67, 68, 69, and 70.

The parties were ultimately unable to reach a resolution during mediation. On February 19, 2019, the Court entered a minute order setting the close of discovery for April 11, 2019. ECF No. 74. The parties again worked to schedule multiple depositions. The parties set six depositions to take place between March 25 and April 2, including Plaintiff's deposition. Exhibit 1 at ¶ 5.

Unfortunately, after the parties had agreed to the deposition schedule, Plaintiff's counsel once again had to cancel all depositions in order to undergo medical treatment. *Id.* at ¶ 6. At this time, Defendant understands that Plaintiff's counsel is unable to appear for Plaintiff's deposition. *Id.* at ¶ 7. Accordingly, Defendant respectfully requests that the discovery deadline be extended for the limited purpose of permitting Defendant to conduct Plaintiff's deposition when Plaintiff's counsel is able to appear.

Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(b)(4), a case schedule may be modified for good cause with the judge's consent. Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(b). In *Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir.1992), the court explained,

... Rule 16(b)'s "good cause" standard primarily concerns the diligence of the party seeking the amendment. The district court may modify the pretrial schedule "if it cannot reasonably be met despite the diligence of the party seeking the extension." Fed.R.Civ.P. 16 advisory committee's notes (1983 amendment) ... [T]he focus of the inquiry is upon the moving party's reasons for seeking modification.... If that party was not diligent, the inquiry should end.

1 In part, the “good cause” standard requires the parties to demonstrate that “noncompliance with a
2 Rule 16 deadline occurred or will occur, notwithstanding her diligent efforts to comply”
3 *Jackson*, 186 F.R.D. at 608.

4 Here, at two different times, the parties reached agreement for deposition dates and
5 Defendant properly scheduled Plaintiff’s deposition prior to the close of discovery. Both times, the
6 depositions had to be cancelled due to health emergencies of Plaintiff’s counsel. Defendant’s
7 noncompliance with the discovery deadline will occur notwithstanding its diligent efforts to
8 comply.

9 Accordingly, Defendant respectfully requests that the discovery deadline be extended for
10 the limited purpose of permitting Defendant to conduct Plaintiff’s deposition as soon as Plaintiff’s
11 counsel is available to appear for the deposition.

12 Dated this 5th day of April, 2018.

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21 **IT IS SO ORDERED**

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23 U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

24 DATED: 4/8/2019

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee Jackson Lewis P.C. and that on this 5th day of April, 2019, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing **MOTION TO EXTEND DISCOVERY FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF PLAINTIFF'S DEPOSITION** via the Court's CM/ECF system to:

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