

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIREKevin Perrier

v.

Civil No. 12-cv-00022-JL

Paul Binette, et al.**ORDER AFTER PRELIMINARY  
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

The Preliminary Pretrial Conference was held in chambers on **May 30, 2012.**

The Discovery Plan (document no. 16) is approved as submitted, with the following changes:

- Close of discovery - **1 day prior to summary judgment deadline**
- Expert challenges - **10 days prior to final pretrial conference**
- Summary judgment deadline - **120 days prior to final pretrial conference**
- Jury trial - **June, 2013**

Based on the discussions between the court and counsel at the conference, the following are **stricken** without prejudice to being reinstated on request if warranted by the evidence:

- the following affirmative defenses: E (laches), F (preclusion), H (accord and satisfaction), I (equitable defenses), J (estoppel), K (good faith) and N (at will employment).

The defendant will amend ¶16 of its Answer to clearly indicate its position with respect to the plaintiff's corresponding allegation.

**Summary Judgment.** The parties and counsel are advised that compliance with Rule 56(e) and Local Rule 7.2(b), regarding evidentiary support for factual assertions, and specification and delineation of material issues of disputed fact, will be required.

**Discovery disputes.** Discovery disputes will be handled by the undersigned judge, as opposed to the Magistrate Judge, in the normal course. No motion to compel is necessary. The party or counsel seeking discovery-related relief should confer with adverse counsel to choose mutually available dates, and then contact the Deputy Clerk to schedule a conference call with the court. The court will inform counsel and parties what written materials, if any, should be submitted in advance of the conference call.

Customary motions to compel discovery, while disfavored by the undersigned judge, are nonetheless permissible. If counsel prefer traditional discovery litigation to the conference call procedure set forth above, any such motion to compel should expressly request, in the title of the motion, a referral to the United States Magistrate Judge. Such referral requests will

normally be granted. If the Magistrate Judge is recused, alternate arrangements will be made.

**SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Laplante". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

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Joseph N. Laplante  
United States District Judge

Dated: June 19, 2012

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