UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

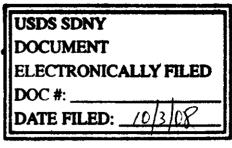
THE NEW YORK TIMES, and RON NIXON

Plaintiffs,

- against -

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Defendant.



ECF CASE

08 Civ. 08341 (PGG)

NOTICE OF PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

PAUL G. GARDEPHE, U.S.D.J.:

Counsel for all parties are directed to appear before the Court for an initial pretrial conference in accordance with Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on November 10, 2008, at 12:00 pm, in Courtroom 14C at the United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York. COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS MUST: (i) IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY ALL ATTORNEYS IN THIS ACTION BY SERVING UPON EACH OF THEM COPIES OF THIS NOTICE AND THE COURT'S INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES; AND (ii) SEND A COPY OF SUCH NOTICE TO CHAMBERS. IF PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL IS UNAWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF COUNSEL FOR ANY OF THE PARTIES, COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS MUST IMMEDIATELY SEND COPIES OF THE NOTICE AND INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES TO THAT PARTY PERSONALLY. Principal trial counsel must appear at this and all subsequent conferences.

This case has been designated as an electronic case and has been assigned to me for all purposes. By the date of the initial pretrial conference, counsel for all parties must register as filing users in accordance with the Procedures for Electronic Case Filing and file a Notice of Appearance.

Five business days before the conference, the parties must submit a joint letter addressing the following in separate paragraphs: (1) a brief description of the case, including the factual and legal bases for the claim(s) and defense(s); (2) any contemplated motions; and (3) the prospect for settlement. For the Court's convenience, the parties must set forth the conference's date and time in the joint letter's opening paragraph. The Court directs the parties to consult its Individual Practices and model Case Management Plan and Scheduling Order—both of which are available on the Court's web site—and to submit with their joint letter a jointly proposed Case Management Plan. The Court will consider requests for adjournment of the conference only if they are in writing and otherwise in accordance with the Court's Individual Practices.

If this case has been settled or otherwise terminated, counsel are not required to appear, provided that they—before the date of the conference—notify Chambers by calling (212) 805-0224 and send a stipulation of discontinuance, voluntary dismissal, or other proof of termination via email to the Orders and Judgment Clerk at the following email address: judgments@nysd.uscourts.gov.

Dated: New York, New York

October 2, 2008

SO ORDERED

Paul G. Gardephe

United States District Judge