

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JOSEPHINE ROBINSON

Plaintiff(s),

11 -CV- 3742 (JPO)

-v-

GUCCI AMERICA, ET AL.

Defendant(s),

CIVIL CASE
MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND SCHEDULING
ORDER

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This Civil Case Management Plan (the "Plan") is submitted by the parties in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3).

1. All parties [consent _____ / do not consent] to conducting all further proceedings before a United States Magistrate Judge, including motions and trial. 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). The parties are free to withhold consent without adverse substantive consequences. [If all parties consent, the remaining paragraphs need not be completed.]
2. Settlement discussions [have / have not _____] taken place.
3. The parties [have / have not _____] conferred pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f).
4. Amended pleadings may not be filed and additional parties may not be joined except with leave of the Court. Any motion to amend or to join additional parties shall be filed within N/A days from the date of this Order. [Absent exceptional circumstances, thirty (30) days.]
5. Initial disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) shall be completed no later than N/A days from the date of this Order. [Absent exceptional circumstances, fourteen (14) days.]
6. Fact Discovery
 - a. All fact discovery shall be completed no later than July 16, 2012. [A period not to exceed 120 days, unless the Court finds that the case presents unique complexities or other exceptional circumstances.]
 - b. Initial requests for production of documents shall be served by February 16, 2012.
 - c. Interrogatories shall be served by February 16, 2012.

- d. Depositions shall be completed by July 16, 2012.
- e. Requests to admit shall be served by June 15, 2012.
- f. Any of the deadlines in paragraphs 6(b) through 6(e) may be extended by the written consent of all parties without application to the Court, provided that all fact discovery is completed by the date set forth in paragraph 6(a).

7. Expert Discovery

- a. All expert discovery, including expert depositions, shall be completed no later than August 30, 2012. [Absent exceptional circumstances, a date forty-five (45) days from the date in paragraph 6(a) (i.e., the completion of all fact discovery).]
- b. Plaintiff's expert disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) shall be made on or before June 29, 2012.
- c. Defendant's expert disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) shall be made on or before July 30, 2012.
- d. The interim deadlines in paragraphs 7(b) and 7(c) may be extended by the written consent of all parties without application to the Court, provided that expert discovery is completed by the date set forth in paragraph 7(a).

8. All motions and applications shall be governed by the Court's Individual Practices, including the requirement of a pre-motion conference before a motion for summary judgment is filed. Pursuant to the authority of Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(c)(2), any motion for summary judgment will be deemed untimely unless a request for a pre-motion conference relating thereto is made in writing within fourteen (14) days after the date in paragraph 6(a) (i.e., the close of fact discovery).

9. All counsel must meet in person to discuss settlement within fourteen (14) days following the close of fact discovery.

10. a. Counsel for the parties have discussed an informal exchange of information in aid of early settlement of this case and have agreed upon the following:

The parties have already engaged in an unsuccessful mediation and do not believe any
informal discovery would be helpful at this time.

- b. Counsel for the parties have discussed the use of the following alternate dispute resolution mechanisms for use in this case: (i) a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge; (ii) participation in the District's Mediation Program; and/or (iii) retention of a privately retained mediator. Counsel for the parties propose the following alternate dispute resolution mechanism for this case:
- The parties have already participated in the District's Mediation Program and do not believe any other dispute resolution mechanisms would be helpful at this time.
- c. Counsel for the parties recommend that the alternate dispute resolution mechanism designated in paragraph 10(b) be employed at the following point in the case (*e.g.*, within the next sixty days; after the deposition of plaintiff is completed (specify date); after the close of fact discovery):
- The parties will discuss the usefulness of engaging in another mediation after the close of fact discovery.
- d. The use of any alternative dispute resolution mechanism does not stay or modify any date in this Order.
11. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, within thirty (30) days of the close of all discovery, or, if a dispositive motion has been filed, within thirty (30) days of a decision on such motion, the parties shall submit to the Court for its approval a Joint Final Pretrial Order prepared in accordance with the Court's Individual Practices and Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3). Any motions *in limine* shall be filed on or before the date on which the Final Pretrial Order is due. If this action is to be tried before a jury, proposed *voir dire*, jury instructions, and verdict form shall also be filed on or before the Final Pretrial Order due date. Counsel are required to meet and confer on a joint submission of proposed jury instructions and verdict form, noting any points of disagreement in the joint submission. Jury instructions may not be submitted after the Final Pretrial Order due date, unless they meet the standard of Fed. R. Civ. P. 51(a)(2)(A). If this action is to be tried to the Court, proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law should be submitted on or before the Final Pretrial Order due date.
12. The parties shall be ready for trial on 44 days after denial of any MSJ. [Absent exceptional circumstances, a date within two weeks following the Final Pretrial Order due date.]
13. This case [is / is not

- 14. Counsel for the parties have conferred and their present best estimate of the length of trial is 5 days.
- 15. Other issues to be addressed at the Initial Pretrial Conference, including those set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3), are set forth below.

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JPD [The conference set for May 18, 2012 is adjourned.
 The next Case Management Conference is scheduled for July 20, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.

This Order may not be modified or the dates herein extended, except by further Order of this Court for good cause shown. Any application to modify or extend the dates herein (except as provided in paragraphs 6(f) and 7(d)) shall be made in a written application in accordance with Court's Individual Practices and shall be made no less than two (2) business days prior to the expiration of the date sought to be extended.

SO ORDERED.

J. Paul Oetken
 J. PAUL OETKEN
 United States District Judge

Dated: 5/3/12

New York, New York