

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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EASTERN PROFIT CORPORATION LIMITED, :
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Plaintiff, :
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STRATEGIC VISION US LLC, :
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Defendant. :
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18-cv-2185 (LJL)

ORDER

LEWIS J. LIMAN, United States District Judge:

The Court has discretion over the order and mode of the presentation of evidence in this bench trial. Plaintiff Eastern has proposed an order of witnesses on the understanding that each witness called by Eastern will be permitted to testify beyond the scope of Eastern’s direct examination so that no witness has to be recalled. That procedure is sensible given (1) that this is a bench trial; and (2) the interest in mitigating the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Defendant-Counterclaimant Strategic agrees with the order and agrees that each witness should only be called once with the exception that it would like to be able to recall the first two witnesses on Eastern’s list (Wallop and Waller) as the last two witnesses at the end of the trial.

The Court adopts Eastern’s order of witnesses and denies Strategic’s request to call Wallop and Waller at the end of the case. Strategic can renew its application at the end of testimony for all witnesses in court on a showing of good cause. The Court will review the deposition testimony in chambers.

Thus, trial beginning on April 19, 2021 will be limited to opening statements and the testimony of the five live witnesses. The Court will hear closing arguments limited to one hour

for each side (Eastern going first) on April 30, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Such proceeding shall take place remotely.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 12, 2021
New York, New York



LEWIS J. LIMAN
United States District Judge