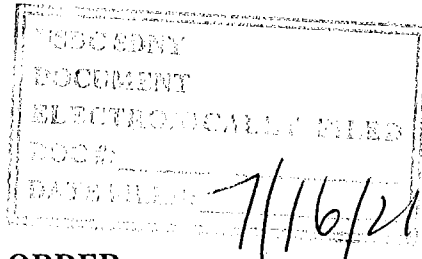


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



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STEVEN LAVALLE, individually on behalf of :
himself and all others similarly situated, :
Plaintiff, :
v. :
RICHARD RUTTA, JESSE RUTTA, and DGA :
VAULT CORP., :
Defendants. :
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ORDER
21 CV 6091 (VB)

Under Rule 18 of the SDNY Rules for the Division of Business Among District Judges, a civil case must be designated for assignment to the White Plains courthouse if:

- i. The claim arose in whole or in major part in the Counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, or Westchester (the "Northern Counties") and at least one of the parties resides in the Northern Counties; or
- ii. The claim arose in whole or in major part in the Northern Counties and none of the parties resides in this District.

A civil case may also be designated for assignment to White Plains if:

- iii. The claim arose outside this district and at least some of the parties reside in the Northern Counties; or
- iv. At least half of the parties reside in the Northern Counties.

Here, plaintiff alleges no facts indicating this claim arose in whole or in major part in the Northern Counties, or that any party resides in the Northern Counties. Therefore, it does not appear this case was properly designated to White Plains.

Accordingly, by **July 23, 2021**, plaintiff's counsel shall submit a letter explaining in detail why the case is properly designated for assignment to White Plains under Rule 18, or acknowledging that it should be reassigned to the Manhattan courthouse.

Dated: July 16, 2021
White Plains, NY

SO ORDERED:

Vincent L. Briccetti
United States District Judge