IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA SOUTHERN DIVISION No. 7:14-CV-182-BR

WOODELL MCGOWAN, et al.,)	
Plaintiffs,))	
V.)	<u>ORDER</u>
MURPHY-BROWN, LLC, d/b/a SMITHFIELD HOG PRODUCTION DIVISION,)))	
Defendant.)	

This matter is before the court on defendant's motions in limine to preclude improper arguments on compensatory damages (DE # 476) and to prevent improper communications with jurors during trial (DE # 477). The motions are untimely. Accordingly, both motions are DENIED. This procedural ruling should not be interpreted as the court's approval of improper conduct. The court expects counsel to abide by the North Carolina Revised Rules of Professional Conduct and the Local Rules of the court. Any conduct which purportedly violates these ethical standards should be promptly brought to the court's attention.

This 7 January 2019.

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W. Earl Britt Senior U.S. District Judge