

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

ERIN E. KIS, *on behalf of herself and all  
others similarly situated,*

Plaintiff,

vs.

COVELLI ENTERPRISES, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 4:18-cv-54

OPINION & ORDER  
[Resolving Doc No. [20](#)]

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CHELSEA ROMANO, *on behalf of herself  
and all others similarly situated,*

Plaintiff,

vs.

COVELLI ENTERPRISES, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 4:18-cv-434

OPINION & ORDER  
[Resolving Doc No. [8](#)]

JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Both Plaintiff Erin Kis and Plaintiff Chelsea Romano have filed putative collective actions against Covelli Enterprises alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act.<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff Kis also asserts a claim based on an analogous state law.<sup>2</sup>

Defendant Covelli Enterprises moves to consolidate these two cases.<sup>3</sup> The Plaintiffs do not oppose that motion and have notified the Court that they will jointly prosecute this case.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Kis*, Doc. [1](#); *Romano*, Doc. [1](#).

<sup>2</sup> *Kis*, Doc. [1](#) at ¶¶ 40–46.

<sup>3</sup> *Kis*, Doc. [20](#); *Romano*, Doc. [8](#).

<sup>4</sup> *See Romano*, Doc. [17](#).

The Court finds that these cases involve “common question[s] of law and fact” and that consolidating the actions is appropriate under Rule 42 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The Court further finds that the Case Management conference scheduled for March 29, 2018, in Plaintiff Romano’s case (4:18-cv-434) is unnecessary given the earlier conference held in Plaintiff Kis’s case.

For those reasons, the Court **GRANTS** Defendant Covelli’s motions to consolidate. It is therefore **ORDERED** that *Romano v. Covelli Enterprises, Inc.*, No. 4:18-cv-434 be consolidated with *Kis v. Covelli Enterprises, Inc.*, No. 4:18-cv-54.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that the dates and procedures established in the case management plan order and expert identification order in *Kis*<sup>5</sup> shall apply to Plaintiff Romano’s claims as well.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 22, 2018

*s/* James S. Gwin  
JAMES S. GWIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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<sup>5</sup> *Kis* Doc. [26](#); *Kis*. Doc. [27](#).