

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION**

Eric Shafer,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

City of Cincinnati,  
Defendants.

Case No. 1:13cv581  
Weber, J.  
Litkovitz, M.J.

**ORDER APPOINTING  
PRO BONO COUNSEL IN  
MEDIATION PROCEEDING**

On May 28, 2014, pro se plaintiff Eric Shafer signed an "Agreement to Limited Appointment of Attorney for Mediation Assistance." The court will now appoint Attorney Michael J. Bronson of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP to represent the plaintiff in the above-captioned action solely for the limited purpose of assisting the plaintiff with mediation. Attorney Michael J. Bronson is not obligated to conduct any discovery, to prepare or respond to any motions or to participate in the trial of this case. Upon the conclusion of the mediation, his representation of plaintiff Eric Shafer will end. Accordingly,

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that Attorney Michael J. Bronson be and hereby is **appointed** to pro bono representation of pro se plaintiff Eric Shafer for mediation purposes only in this action.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this proceeding be and hereby is **transferred** to United States Magistrate Judge Stephanie K. Bowman for mediation and the parties shall appear at such time as she shall designate.


**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the parties shall mediate their dispute in good faith.

**IT IS ALSO ORDERED** that the parties shall not file or reveal to this court or its staff any discussions or facts disclosed during mediation without the prior consent of the adverse party.

At the conclusion of the mediation, Magistrate Judge Stephanie K. Bowman will advise the district court judge whether mediation has been successful and will not otherwise reveal any information concerning the action.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: 5/28/14

  
Karen L. Litkovitz  
United States Magistrate Judge