

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION - CINCINNATI**

NOBLE MASERU,	:	Case No. 1:18-cv-106
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Plaintiff,	:	Judge Matthew W. McFarland
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v.	:	
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UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI,	:	
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Defendant.	:	

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**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO ATTEND THE FINAL  
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE REMOTELY (DOC. 84)**

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This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Attend the Final Pretrial Conference Remotely (Doc 84). The Final Pretrial Conference is scheduled for October 5, 2022 at 10:00 AM. On October 4, 2022, only a day before the Final Pretrial Conference, Plaintiff filed this motion seeking leave from the Court to attend the Final Pretrial Conference remotely due to Plaintiff experiencing vertigo and suffering from dizziness. The filing of this motion occurred after the Court had already denied the same request via email.

The Court would note that its Standing Order states that "[a]ttorneys must bring the party, principal, or agent with full settlement authority to the Final Pretrial Conference." (*See Standing Order Regarding Procedures in Civil Cases.*) Additionally, the Court informed each parties' counsel that all parties must be present at the Final Pretrial Conference.

The Standing Order places the burden to bring the party bringing the action on the attorneys. The Court appreciates that Plaintiff is uncomfortable driving, but the motion makes no attempt to acknowledge alternative means of ensuring that the Plaintiff is present for the Final Pretrial Conference. This matter has been pending for almost five years. The Court has reserved several dates on its busy trial calendar to ensure that this matter proceeds to justice and resolution. The Final Pretrial Conference was scheduled in April 2022. Plaintiff and his counsel have had ample time to make travel arrangements.

Thus, the Court finds that Plaintiff failed to establish good cause for why he should attend the Final Pretrial Conference remotely. Therefore, Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Attend the Final Pretrial Conference Remotely (Doc. 84) is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

By:   
JUDGE MATTHEW W. McFARLAND