

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**MEMORANDUM ORDER SETTING
PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE OF COUNSEL**

ROBERT K. POROPATICH,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 08-1456
)	
AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

The above case has been assigned to me for all further proceedings. Pursuant to Local Rules 16.1 and 16.2, an initial case management conference will be conducted to discuss narrowing of the issues, the extent of pretrial preparation, discovery procedures, the early disposition of controlling questions of law, the probable extent of provable damages, the possibility of settlement, and the designation of an Alternative Dispute Resolution process pursuant to the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Chief trial counsel shall attend.

The Conference in this case will be held on **Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.**, in Room 5260 of the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, 7th Avenue and Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

As required by Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties must, as soon as practicable and in any event at least 21 days before January 28, 2009, the date set forth above for the initial case management conference, "confer to consider the nature and basis of

their claims and defenses and the possibilities for a prompt settlement or resolution of the case, to make or arrange for the disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1), and to develop a proposed discovery plan[.]" See Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f). Pursuant to Rule 26(f), the attorneys of record and all unrepresented parties that have appeared in the case are jointly responsible for filing with the Court a written report outlining their discovery plan. (A Rule 26(f) Report Form is attached hereto as Exhibit B). ***This court requires strict compliance with Rule 26.***

The Stipulation Selecting ADR Process, attached at Exhibit A, and the Rule 26(f) Report Form, attached as Exhibit B, shall be filed on or before **January 21, 2009.**

Counsel should be familiar with this Court's Practices and Procedures (see Court Practices and Procedures at www.pawd.uscourts.gov, link "court practice".)

SO ORDERED this 24th day of December, 2008.

s/Nora Barry Fischer
Nora Barry Fischer
United States District Judge