

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

ALBERT SNYDER

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Plaintiff(s)

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Civil Action No. RDB 06-1389

vs.

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FRED W. PHELPS, SR., et al.

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Defendant(s)

SCHEDULING ORDER

This scheduling order is being entered pursuant to Local Rule 103.9. Any inquiries concerning the schedule should be directed to my chambers, not to the Clerk's Office. **The schedule will not be changed except for good cause.**

Counsel should confer with one another about this Scheduling Order upon receipt. If the parties believe that any changes should be made, or if the structure of discovery or other issues that might expedite the litigation need to be addressed, or, if there is any expert and/or damages discovery that might be deferred until after resolution of dispositive motions, please so advise me in writing within 10 days of the date hereof. The Court will then schedule a conference call with counsel to address these issues. **Discovery should commence immediately in the interim.**

This case is subject to electronic filing. Please familiarize yourself with the procedures for electronic filing available at: www.mdd.uscourts.gov. You must use the electronic filing system for filing documents with the Clerk and sending case related correspondence to chambers. **When you electronically file a document that, including attachments, is 15 pages or longer, you also must provide a paper copy of the document and a paper copy of the notice of electronic filing.** The paper copy should be sent to the Clerk's Office, not directly to my chambers.

I. **DEADLINES**

Joint request for early
settlement/ADR conference
(This request will not postpone
discovery unless otherwise ordered).

December 5, 2006

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| Report <u>re</u> deposition hours | December 5, 2006 |
| Initial report whether there is unanimous consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge | December 5, 2006 |
| Moving for joinder of additional parties and amendment of pleadings | January 5, 2007 |
| Plaintiff's Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures <u>re</u> experts | January 22, 2007 |
| Defendant's Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures <u>re</u> experts | February 20, 2007 |
| Plaintiff's rebuttal Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures <u>re</u> experts | March 5, 2007 |
| Rule 26(e)(2) supplementation of disclosures and responses | March 12, 2007 |
| <u>Discovery deadline; submission of status report</u> | April 5, 2007 |
| Requests for admission | April 12, 2007 |
| <u>Dispositive pretrial motions deadline</u> | May 7, 2007 |

II. DISCOVERY

Initial Disclosures

This is an action in which Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) disclosures need not be made.

Discovery Conference

This action is exempted from the requirements of the first sentence of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d) and from Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f). However, you are encouraged to confer with one another immediately in order to (a) identify the issues, (b) set a discovery plan, (c) determine if the case can be resolved before your clients incur further litigation expense, and (d) establish a cordial professional relationship among yourselves.

