UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Choose division

Enter name(s),

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. Enter case number

Enter name(s),

Defendants.

Case Management Report (ERISA Cases)

The goal of this case management report is to "secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of" the action. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1. Pursuant to Local Rule 3.02(d), this Case Management Report should be used instead of the Uniform Case Management Report.

1. Date and Attendees

The parties may conduct the planning conference "in person, by telephone, or by comparable means[.]" *See* Local Rule 3.02(a)(1).

The parties conducted the planning conference on enter date. Enter names attended the conference.

2. Deadlines and Dates

The parties request these deadlines and dates:

| Action or Event | Date |
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| Deadline for filing of the administrative record (recommended: two months after case management meeting) | Enter a date. |
| Deadline for Plaintiff's Opening Brief (recommended: five months after case management meeting) | Enter a date. |
| Deadline for Defendant's Response Brief (recommended: one month after Plaintiff's Opening Brief) | Enter a date. |

| Deadline for Plaintiff's Reply Brief (recommended: one month after Defendant's Response Brief) | Enter a date. |
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| Deadline for participating in mediation. <i>See</i> Local Rules, ch. 4. (recommended: no later than one month after Plaintiff's Reply Brief) | Enter a date. |
| Enter mediator's name, address, and phone number. | |
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3. Disclosure Statement

□ Each party as filed a disclosure statement using the required form.

4. Related Action

 \Box The parties acknowledge their continuing duty under Local Rule 1.07(c) to notify the judge of a related action pending in the Middle District or elsewhere by filing a "Notice of a Related Action." No notice need be filed if there are no related actions as defined by the rule.

5. Consent to a Magistrate Judge

"A United States magistrate judge in the Middle District can exercise the maximum authority and perform any duty permitted by the Constitution and other laws of the United States." Local Rule 1.02(a). With the parties' consent, a district judge can refer any civil matter to a magistrate judge for any or all proceedings, including a non-jury or jury trial. 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

The Court asks the parties and counsel to consider the benefits to the parties and the Court of consenting to proceed before a magistrate judge. Consent can provide the parties certainty and flexibility in scheduling. Consent is voluntary, and a party for any reason can decide not to consent and continue before the district judge without adverse consequences. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(2).

□ The parties do consent and file with this case management report a completed Form AO 85 "Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge," which is available on the Court's website under "Forms."

 \Box The parties do not consent.

Request for Special Handling

□ The parties do not request special handling.

□ The parties request special handling. Specifically, describe requested special handling.

□ Enter party's name unilaterally requests special handling. Specifically, describe requested special handling.

6. Certification of familiarity with the Local Rules

□ The parties certify that they have read and are familiar with the Court's Local Rules.

7. Signatures

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