

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN, U.S.D.J.:

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 2

21 MC 102 (AKH)

This Order re-states the sequence of events and dates for the filing of pleadings and motions, as ordered at the status conference of February 14, 2007.

1. By February 21, 2007, plaintiffs, through liaison counsel, shall provide to defendants, through defendants' liaison counsel, the pleadings, master pleadings, and criteria for individual "check-off" complaints on which plaintiffs reasonably believe they will rely throughout this case.
2. Defendants, after study and evaluation of plaintiffs' submissions and through liaison counsel, shall meet and confer with plaintiffs' liaison counsel regarding the sufficiency of plaintiffs' proposed pleadings, and suggest improvements and modifications, to enable each defendant to understand the cases alleged against it by each plaintiff.
3. By March 14, 2007, defendants' liaison counsel shall provide to the Court a letter, jointly composed with plaintiffs' liaison counsel, outlining such disagreements as they may have, with supporting reasons for their respective positions. See Individual Rule 2(E).
4. The Court will endeavor to issue prompt rulings with regard to such differences, and plaintiffs' shall promptly, and by March 28, 2007, serve pleadings (or master pleadings and individual "check-off" complaints), consistent with the Court's rulings.

5. By April 16, 2007, defendants will file motions, to the extent they have any, based on the pleadings, arguing the legal insufficiency of the claim alleged by particular plaintiffs against that respective defendant.
6. The Court will then issue a briefing schedule for opposition and reply papers, and a date for argument.
7. The Court understands that the schedule reflects the desire of all to progress rapidly beyond the pleadings and to the merits. Counsel have leave to ask for enlargements of deadlines in accordance with the procedure set forth in my Individual Rule 1(D) if, notwithstanding their good faith efforts, they are unable to progress as rapidly as desired.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 20, 2007
New York, New York



ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN
United States District Judge