

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

BETTY WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER
AND SEWER AUTHORITY,**

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 05-1341 (JMF)

SCHEDULING ORDER

This matter having come before the Court for an initial status conference and having considered the requests of the parties, this Court¹ issues the following scheduling order. It is, hereby, **ORDERED** that the parties shall comply with the following directives:

1) Each party is limited to a maximum of 10 depositions and 25 interrogatories, which can be propounded in two separate sets.

2) Any dispositive motions are to be filed by September 8, 2006, oppositions to said motions or cross-motions are to be filed September 19, 2006, and any replies are to be filed by October 2, 2006.

3) Plaintiff is to make the disclosures required by Fed R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) as to any expert who plans on testifying no later than April 13, 2006. Defendant shall provide the identity of any

¹ The parties have consented to a referral of this case to a Magistrate Judge for all purposes including trial.

expert witness and all such disclosures required by the same rule no later than May 19, 2006.

4) All discovery shall be completed by July 25, 2006.

5) A pretrial conference in this matter will be set for October 17, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. Three weeks in advance of the Pretrial Conference, counsel are required to meet and prepare a Joint Pretrial Statement, in accordance with Local Rule 16.4 and the Pretrial Procedures Order issued along with this Scheduling Order. The Pretrial Procedures Order will give explicit direction on the preparation of the Joint Pretrial Statement, which is required to be filed not less than eleven days prior to the conference.

7) The trial will be set for November 13, 2006, with an estimated length of five days.

The parties should be aware that all pleadings should contain my initials on the right hand portion of the caption. Additionally, any motions that do not comply with Local Rule 7.1(c) or (m) shall be immediately stricken. Finally, counsel shall confer in good faith in an effort to resolve any discovery disputes before bringing the dispute to the Court. If counsel are unable to resolve the discovery dispute, counsel shall arrange a brief telephone conference with the Court by contacting chambers. Counsel shall not file a discovery motion without following the procedures set forth in this paragraph. If the Court is called upon to resolve a discovery dispute and the Court determines that good faith efforts could have resulted in a resolution of the matter without Court intervention, the Court may consider sanctions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37.

Dates in this Order are firm and may only be altered by the Court under compelling circumstances.

SO ORDERED.

JOHN M. FACCIOLA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: