

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

Audrey J. Schering,
Plaintiff(s),

v.

Case No. 1:04cv755
(Watson, J.)

J. Kenneth Blackwell,
Defendant(s).

Preliminary Pretrial Conference Notice

YOUR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FOLLOWING: Effective December 2, 2000, significant revisions were made to the Fed. R. Civ. P., with the result that the Southern District of Ohio no longer has the authority to opt-out of either the MANDATORY DISCLOSURE RULES of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), or the MANDATORY DISCOVERY CONFERENCE of counsel and any *pro se* parties required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f). Accordingly, as soon as practicable, but in any event, no later than receipt of notice of the Preliminary Pretrial Conference by the Court, all counsel and any *pro se* parties shall agree on a date for their discovery conference as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), which must be held no later than twenty-one (21) days before the Preliminary Pretrial Conference. In addition, the parties must file their report required by said Rule (see form at www.ohsd.uscourts.gov) no later than fourteen (14) days after the Discovery Conference, but in any event, no later than seven (7) days before the Preliminary Pretrial Conference. Unless otherwise agreed in the Discovery Plan, the parties shall make the disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) at or within fourteen (14) days after the Discovery Conference. **IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO FILE YOUR RULE 26(a)(1) DISCLOSURES WITH THE COURT.** It is only necessary to file the a Rule 26(f) Report of the Parties within the required time.

The Court has scheduled a Preliminary Pretrial Scheduling Conference in the above matter before the Honorable Michael H. Watson on:

**Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at 9:00 am
740 Potter Stewart United States Courthouse**

S/Barbara A. Crum
Courtroom Deputy

cc: All Counsel

bac November 30, 2004

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