

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHER DISTRICT OF OHIO

CARRIE HARKLESS,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

J. KENNETH BLACKWELL, et al.,

Defendant (s).

CASE NO.: 1:06CV2284

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JUDGE PATRICIA A. GAUGHAN

REPORT OR PARTIES' PLANNING
MEETING UNDER FED. R. CIV.
26 (f) AND L.R. 16.3 (b)

1. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 (f) and L.R. 16.3 (b), a meeting was held on
November 13, _____, 2006, and was attended by:

Neil Steiner and Robert Topp Counsel for plaintiff (s) Harkless, Mardis and ACORN

Lisa Danetz Counsel for plaintiff (s) Harkless, Mardis and ACORN

Richard Coglianese and Counsel for defendant(s) Blackwell

Damian Sikora

Anne Hoke and Rebecca Counsel for defendant(s) Riley

Thomas

2. The parties:

_____ have exchanged the pre-discovery disclosures required by Rule 26 (a) (1) and the

Court's prior order;

X will exchange such disclosures by plaintiffs propose no later
than December 5, 2006; defendants propose within 30 days after
a decision on the motion to dismiss

_____ have not been required to make initial disclosures.

- 9. Recommended dispositive motion date: 30 days after close of discovery.
- 10. Recommended date for a Status Conference: at the Court's convenience
- 11. Other matters for the attention of the Court:

Plaintiffs note that this case concerns the registration of voters at offices of the Department of Job and Family Services -- mandatory voter registration agencies under the National Voter Registration Act and Ohio law. To maximize the effect of relief, a trial is necessary no later than the fall of 2007 (one year before the voter registration deadline for the 2008 elections).

Defendants note that there are pending motions to dismiss filed by defendants; that defendants request that discovery be stayed pending a ruling on the motions to dismiss to avoid a potential waste of resources; and that both defendants' offices will be undergoing transitions in December and January as a result of recent elections, which could significantly impact the persons involved in the litigation. Further, assuming this case goes to trial, defendants do not believe it would be necessary for a trial to take place a full year ahead of the 2008 election.

Attorney for Plaintiff (s) Harkless, Mardis and ACORN: Neil Steiner, Robert Topp and Lisa Danetz

Attorney for Plaintiff (s) _____

Attorney for Plaintiff (s) _____

Attorney for Defendant(s) Blackwell: Richard Coglianese and Damian Sikora

Attorney for Defendant(s) Riley: Anne Hoke and Rebecca Thomas

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