

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY, *et al.*,
Plaintiffs,

v.

PAUL BETTENCOURT,
Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION H-08-3332

RULE 16 SCHEDULING ORDER

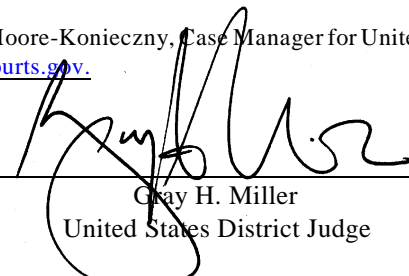
Anticipated Length of Trial: 7 days Jury: _____ Non-Jury: X

The disposition of this case will be controlled by the following schedule:

1. January 30, 2009 **NEW PARTIES** shall be joined by this date. The attorney causing such joinder must provide copies of this ORDER to the new parties.
2. March 31, 2009 **AMENDMENTS** to pleadings by Plaintiff or Counter-Plaintiff shall be made by this date. Absent parties' agreement or court approval, answers may not be amended more than 20 days after this date. Answers to amended claims and counterclaims are due 20 days after amended claims or counterclaims are filed.
3. May 29, 2009 **EXPERT WITNESSES FOR PLAINTIFF/COUNTER-PLAINTIFF** shall be identified by a report listing the qualifications of each expert, each opinion the expert will present, and the basis for each opinion.
4. June 30, 2009 **EXPERT WITNESSES FOR DEFENDANT/COUNTER-DEFENDANT** shall be identified by a report listing the qualifications of each expert, each opinion the expert will present, and the basis for each opinion.
5. September 11, 2009 **DISCOVERY** must be completed by this date. Written discovery requests are not timely if they are filed so close to this deadline that the recipient would not be required under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to respond until after the deadline.
6. October 30, 2009 **MEDIATION/ADR** to be completed by this date or the parties shall file a report stating why Mediation/ADR is not appropriate.
7. September 11, 2009 **DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS** to be filed by this date.
8. September 11, 2009 **ALL OTHER PRETRIAL MOTIONS** (including *Daubert/Kumho* motions, but **not** including other motions in limine) will be filed by this date.
9. November 13, 2009 **JOINT PRETRIAL ORDER** shall be filed on or before this date. Plaintiff is responsible for timely filing the complete Joint Pretrial Order in the form set forth in the published Court Procedures.
10. November 20, 2009 **DOCKET CALL** is held in Courtroom 9D starting at 10:00 a.m. on this date. Absent parties' agreement or court approval, no documents filed within five (5) days before the Docket Call will be considered at Docket Call.

All communications concerning the case shall be directed in writing to Rhonda Moore-Konieczny, Case Manager for United States District Judge Gray H. Miller, P.O. Box 61010, Houston, Texas 77208, or cm4141@txs.uscourts.gov.

Signed: December 17, 2008



Gray H. Miller
United States District Judge