

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

**JOINT MOTION FOR REFERRAL TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR
THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

Plaintiff, Defendant Cook County, and the Individually Named Cook County Employee Defendants, by counsel, submit the following Joint Motion for Referral to Magistrate Judge for the Purpose of Holding a Settlement Conference. Defendant Sheriff of Cook County does not oppose this motion.

1. The parties are midway through the expert discovery schedule set in the Court's Order of November 23, 2020: plaintiff served expert reports on February 16, 2021, and defendants deposed plaintiff's medical experts on March 12, 2021 and March 15, 2021.

2. The parties are on schedule to comply with the remainder of the previously set deadlines: defendants' expert disclosures are due by April 13, 2021 and depositions of defendants' experts are to be completed by May 11, 2021.

3. The Court's Order of November 23, 2020 directed the parties to file a motion for a settlement conference if and when they believe that it would be productive.

4. Plaintiff and the Cook County defendants believe that a settlement conference will be productive after completion of the expert discovery schedule. Defendant Sheriff of Cook County does not oppose the request for a settlement conference.

ACCORDINGLY, plaintiff and the Cook County defendants respectfully request that the Court refer the case to the Magistrate Judge for a settlement conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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