

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.7.1.1
Eastern Division**

Dennis Jackson

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:22-cv-04337

City Of Chicago, et al.

Defendant.

Honorable Jorge L. Alonso

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Thursday, September 28, 2023:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable M. David Weisman: The Court has reviewed the most recent status report in this case, and more wholistically the docket in this matter since its referral to this Court for discovery supervision. The case is not a model of litigation efficiency. Plaintiff has sought to resolve the case early in the litigation process, perhaps too early for defendants' liking. As of 8/4/23, defendants responded to plaintiff's settlement demand, which plaintiff did not accept. [ECF #[44]]. The Court allowed defendants to conduct three key depositions to assess the case for possible early resolution. [ECF #[45]]. After those depositions were completed, Defendants sought additional time to evaluate whether a settlement conference would be productive. [ECF #[46]]. After being provided additional time, defendants now say, they "remain uninterested in a settlement conference because they do not have any authority to settle this matter." [ECF #[48]]. This explanation, plaintiff complains, falls short of the Court's order that "if Defendants remain uninterested in a settlement conference, they must explain their reasoning within the status report." [ECF #[45]]. Perhaps plaintiff is correct, but perhaps defendants' explanation is unfulfilling but sufficient as further explanation might invade various privileges. In any event, all counsel should discuss in advance of the upcoming status hearing dates a plan to complete all necessary fact discovery by 11/14/23 as previously ordered. Counsel should be forewarned that the Court will not be inclined to extend the current fact discovery cut-off date given the repeated extensions to allow for settlement discussions. The Court looks forward to working with all counsel to efficiently resolve the discovery process, given (at least) defendants' apparent non-interest in settlement discussions. Parties shall dial in using the Court's conference call-in number for the hearing scheduled for 10/2/23. The conference call-in number is 1-877-411-9748 and the passcode is 1814539. Members of the public and media who wish to listen to this hearing may call in. Persons granted remote access to proceedings are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, and rebroadcasting of court proceedings. Violation of these prohibitions may result in sanctions, including removal of court issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the Court. Mailed notice (ao,)

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