

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.8 (rev. 1.8.5)
Eastern Division**

Michael Jones

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:23-cv-04975

Honorable Georgia N. Alexakis

City of Chicago, et al.

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Tuesday, December 23, 2025:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Albert Berry III: At the parties' request, a settlement conference is set for 3/17/26 at 1:00pm and will be by video. Instructions for the video conference will be sent closer to the settlement date. The parties' counsel must review and comply with this court's Standing Order for Settlement Conference, which appears on the court's website. The parties should invest sufficient time and effort when preparing their settlement statements because the Court finds that thoughtful and detailed settlement statements are critical to having productive settlement discussions. Settlement statements should be no more than 10 pages each. The Court expects the parties to present clear arguments and case theories to facilitate a meaningful resolution. Please review the guidelines. **THE FACT THAT A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PARTIES SHOULD STOP ENGAGING IN SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS AMONG THEMSELVES.** The Court finds that too often the parties put settlement talks on hold until the settlement conference with the Magistrate Judge. The Court expects that many cases can be resolved among the parties without the need for court-supervised mediation. If your informal discussions are unsuccessful, the Court will conduct the conference but will expect the parties to apprise him of the status of their ongoing settlement discussions. Parties with full settlement authority are required to attend the conference. If a party is an individual, that individual must attend. If a party is a corporation or governmental entity, a representative of that corporation or governmental entity (in addition to counsel of record) with full settlement authority must attend. **All parties are required to be on camera.** "Full settlement authority" means the authority to negotiate and agree to a binding settlement agreement at any level up to the settlement demand of the opposing party. If a party requires approval by an insurer to settle, then a representative of the insurer with full and complete settlement authority must attend. Plaintiff should serve defendant with their settlement statement no later than 2/3/26 Likewise, defendant will respond to plaintiff's demand by 2/17/26. All settlement statements should be sent to the Court via the following email address: Chambers_Berry@ilnd.uscourts.gov by 2/24/26. Exhibits, if any, to settlement statements should be attached to the email sent to the Court. The parties' settlement statements are not to be filed on ECF, will not be made part of the Court's record, and will not be admissible as evidence. **A pre-settlement conference is set for 1/22/26 at 10:30am.** Instructions will be emailed to counsel. Emailed notice (yt)

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