# D.C. Superior Court

# Superior Court of the District of Columbia the Court

# CIVIL DIVISION- CIVIL ACTIONS BRANCH

# INFORMATION SHEET

Natasha Kay	Case Number:	2021 CA 000862 B
VS	Date: March 1	7, 2021
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Name: (Please Print) Yaida O. Ford, Esq.		Relationship to Lawsuit
Firm Name: FORD LAW PROS PC		Attorney for Plaintiff
	git Unified Bar No.:	☐ Self (Pro Se) ☐ Other:
TYPE OF CASE: Non-Jury Demand: \$ To be determined	6 Person Jury Other	□ 12 Person Jury
PENDING CASE(S) RELATED TO Case No.:		Calendar #:
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NATURE OF SUIT: (Check O	ne Box Only)	
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B. PROPERTY TORTS		
☐ 01 Automobile ☐ 02 Conversion ☐ 07 Shoplifting, D.C. Code § 27-1	☐ 03 Destruction of Private Property ☐ 04 Property Damage 02 (a)	05 Trespass
C. PERSONAL TORTS		
☐ 01 Abuse of Process ☐ 02 Alienation of Affection ☐ 03 Assault and Battery ☐ 04 Automobile- Personal Injury ☐ 05 Deceit (Misrepresentation) ☐ 06 False Accusation ☐ 07 False Arrest ☐ 08 Fraud	☐ 10 Invasion of Privacy ☐ 11 Libel and Slander ☐ 12 Malicious Interference ☐ 13 Malicious Prosecution ☐ 14 Malpractice Legal ☐ 15 Malpractice Medical (Including Wrongful I) ☐ 16 Negligence- (Not Automobile, Not Malpractice)	☐ 17 Personal Injury- (Not Automobile, Not Malpractice) ☐ 18Wrongful Death (Not Malpractice) ☐ 19 Wrongful Eviction ☐ 20 Friendly Suit ☐ 21 Asbestos ☐ 22 Toxic/Mass Torts ☐ 23 Tobacco ☐ 24 Lead Paint

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# Superior Court of the District of Columbia CIVIL DIVISION

## Civil Actions Branch

500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 5000 Washington, D.C. 20001 Telephone: (202) 879-1133 Website: www.dccourts.gov

Plaintiff

VS.

Case Number 2021 CA 000862 B

District of Columbia c/o Office of the Attorney General

Defendant

#### **SUMMONS**

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve an Answer to the attached Complaint, either personally or through an attorney, within twenty one (21) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you are being sued as an officer or agency of the United States Government or the District of Columbia Government, you have sixty (60) days after service of this summons to serve your Answer. A copy of the Answer must be mailed to the attorney for the plaintiff who is suing you. The attorney's name and address appear below. If plaintiff has no attorney, a copy of the Answer must be mailed to the plaintiff at the address stated on this Summons.

You are also required to file the original Answer with the Court in Suite 5000 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays or between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays. You may file the original Answer with the Court either before you serve a copy of the Answer on the plaintiff or within seven (7) days after you have served the plaintiff. If you fail to file an Answer, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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Name of Plaintiff's Attorney	
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Address Washington, DC 20002	PORTON COLUMN Clerk
360-903-3460	Data 3/18/2021

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IMPORTANT: IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN ANSWER WITHIN THE TIME STATED ABOVE, OR IF, AFTER YOU ANSWER, YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT ANY TIME THE COURT NOTIFIES YOU TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY DAMAGES OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. IF THIS OCCURS, YOUR WAGES MAY BE ATTACHED OR WITHHELD OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR REAL ESTATE YOU OWN MAY BE TAKEN AND SOLD TO PAY THE JUDGMENT. IF YOU INTEND TO OPPOSE THIS ACTION, DO NOT FAIL TO ANSWER WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME.

If you wish to talk to a lawyer and feel that you cannot afford to pay a fee to a lawyer, promptly contact one of the offices of the Legal Aid Society (202-628-1161) or the Neighborhood Legal Services (202-279-5100) for help or come to Suite 5000 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., for more information concerning places where you may ask for such help.

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# TRIBUNAL SUPERIOR DEL DISTRITO DE COLUMBIA DIVISIÓN CIVIL

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Natasha Kay		
	Demandante	
contra		2024 CA 2022C2 B
		Número de Caso: 2021 CA 000862 B

District of Columbia c/o Office of the Attorney General

Demandado

### CITATORIO

Al susodicho Demandado:

EXIGIDO.

Por la presente se le cita a comparecer y se le require entregar una Contestación a la Demanda adjunta, sea en persona o por medio de un abogado, en el plazo de veintiún (21) días contados después que usted haya recibido este citatorio, excluyendo el día mismo de la entrega del citatorio. Si usted está siendo demandado en calidad de oficial o agente del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica o del Gobierno del Distrito de Columbia, tiene usted sesenta (60) días, contados después que usted haya recibido este citatorio, para entregar su Contestación. Tiene que enviarle por correo una copia de su Contestación al abogado de la parte demandante. El nombre y dirección del abogado aparecen al final de este documento. Si el demandado no tiene abogado, tiene que enviarle al demandante una copia de la Contestación por correo a la dirección que aparece en este Citatorio.

A usted también se le require presentar la Contestación original al Tribunal en la Oficina 5000, sito en 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., entre las 8:30 a.m. y 5:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes o entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 12:00 del mediodía los sábados. Usted puede presentar la Contestación original ante el Juez ya sea antes que usted le entregue al demandante una copia de la Contestación o en el plazo de siete (7) días de haberle hecho la entrega al demandante. Si usted incumple con presentar una Contestación, podría dictarse un fallo en rebeldía contra usted para que se haga efectivo el desagravio que se busca en la demanda?

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IMPORTANTE: SI ÚSTED INCUMPLE CON PRESENTAR UNA CONTESTACIÓN EN EL PLAZO ANTES MENCIONADO O, SI LUEGO DE CONTESTAR, USTED NO COMPARECE CUANDO LE AVISE EL JUZGADO, PODRÍA DICTARSE UN FALLO EN REBELDÍA CONTRA USTED PARA QUE SE LE COBRE LOS DAÑOS Y PERJUICIOS U OTRO DESAGRAVIO QUE SE BUSQUE EN LA DEMANDA. SI ESTO OCURRE, PODRÍA RETENÉRSELE SUS INGRESOS, O PODRÍA TOMÁRSELE SUS BIENES PERSONALES O BIENES RAÍCES Y SER VENDIDOS PARA PAGAR EL FALLO. SI USTED PRETENDE OPONERSE A ESTA ACCIÓN, NO DEJE DE CONTESTAR LA DEMANDA DENTRO DEL PLAZO

Si desea conversar con un abogado y le parece que no puede pagarle a uno, llame pronto a una de nuestras oficinas del Legal Aid Society (202-628-1161) o el Neighborhood Legal Services (202-279-5100) para pedir ayuda o venga a la Oficina 5000 del 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., para informarse sobre otros lugares donde puede pedirayuda al respecto.

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# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIVIL DIVISION

Natasha Kay 761 Columbia Rd, NW Washington, D.C. 20001 Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 2021 CA 000862 B

v.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, c/o Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia 400 6<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Ste. 10100 Washington, D.C. 20001

Defendant.

# <u>COMPLAINT</u> (Freedom of Information Act)

Plaintiff Natasha Kay, by and through her attorney Yaida Ford, brings this action against the District of Columbia under the D.C. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), D.C. Code § 2-531 *et* seq., seeking declaratory and injunctive relief to compel compliance with the requirements of FOIA and to immediately release the Body Worn Camera Footage of Officers: Alvarez, Farley, Wilkes and the unidentified African American Officer who were all present at the scene of the killing of Deon Kay on September 9, 2020 by MPD Officer Alvarez in the vicinity of Southeast Orange Street.

# **JURISDICTION**

- This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to **D.C. Code § 1-204.3(a)** which vests the Court with "jurisdiction of any civil action or other matter (at law or in equity) brought in the District".
- 2. Plaintiff's claim arises under the D.C. FOIA, which provides that a person "deemed to have exhausted . . . administrative remedies . . . may institute proceedings for injective or declaratory relief". D.C. Code § 2-537(a)(1). This Court may "enjoin the public body from withholding records and order the production of any records improperly withheld." D.C. Code § 2-537(b).
- Plaintiff has met the administrative exhaustion requirement. Where, as here, a public body subject to the requirements of FOIA "fail[s] . . . to comply with a request . . . within the time provisions," such failure is deemed a "denial of the request" and the requester "shall be deemed too have exhausted . . . administrative remedies." D.C. Code § 2-532(e).

### **PARTIES**

- 4. Plaintiff is the attorney for the Mother of 18 year-old Deon Kay who was fatally shot and killed by Officer Alvarez on September 2, 2020.
- 5. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is the agency to whom a request for a body camera recording must be made. D.C. Code § 2-532(c)(2)(A).
- 6. As an agency of the District of Columbia and a public body, MPD is subject to the D.C. Freedom of Information Act. D.C. Code § 2-539(a); D.C. Code § 2-502(18A).

### **FACTS**

- 7. On September 2, 2020 18 year-old Deon Kay was shot and killed by MPD Officer Alvarez during an encounter in a parking lot in the vicinity of southeast Orange Street.
- 8. An investigation into the shooting was subsequently conducted by the Unites States Attorney's Office and concluded on or about November 19, 2020.
- 9. On or about November 20, Plaintiff, through Counsel, submitted a FOIA request under D.C. Code § 2-532(c)(2)(B) to the Metropolitan Police Department for footage of the Body Worn Cameras of MPD Officers Alvarez, Farley, Wilkes and an African-American Officer who were all present at the scene of the incident at the time Deon Kay was killed. Ex. A.
- 10. On November 27, 2021, Plaintiff's FOIA request was received and acknowledged by staff assistant Latrina Crumlin of the MPD FOIA office. Ex. B.
- 11. After receiving confirmation of Deon Kay's mother's engagement of legal services letter from her attorney, Yaida Ford, Latrina Crumlin notified the undersigned that the MPD FOIA Office would move forward with the processing of the FOIA request. *Id*.
- 12. On December 9, 2020 Counsel for Plaintiff wrote to the MPD FOIA Department as a follow up inquiry into the FOIA request that was submitted. Ex. C.
- 13. The MPD FOIA office did not respond.

- 14. On January 4, 2021 Counsel for Plaintiff again reached out to the MPD FOIA office requesting an update on the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request noting that the statutory time deadline had passed. Ex. D.
- 15. A FOIA specialist Supervisor by the name of Lisa Archie-Mills responded to Counsel stating:

"We do regret the delay regarding your request for Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage under 2021-BWC-00055; however, we are processing requests that pre-date yours. In addition, pursuant to section 808 of the Coronavirus Support Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective June 9, 2020, D.C. Act 23-328, all FOIA deadlines may be extended during a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency. Pursuant to this provision, we have claimed an extension of the time in which to provide a response to your request, which means:

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-532(c), the statutory allotted time of 15 business-days, subject to the possibility of a ten (10) business day extension from the date of receipt to respond to a FOIA request has been extended. Note: This does not include weekends and holidays.

Additionally, the statutory allotted time of 25 business days subject to the possibility of 15 working-day extension from the date of receipt to respond to a Body Worn Camera (BWC)footage request has been extended. Note: This does not include weekends and holidays. Note: BWC video footage is not proceed by MPD personnel. They are processed by an outside vendor who processes on a first come, first basis. We stay in touch with the vendor to obtain a status to provide an update to our requesters." Ex. E.

16. After waiting a few more weeks, on January 25, 2021, Counsel for Plaintiff again wrote to Lisa Archie-Mills and stated in *pertinent part*:

"Hi Ms. Archie-Mills:

I hope your new year is getting off to a good start. January 18, 2020 was the deadline factoring in the 15-day extension. Although it doesn't appear that MPD requested such an extension, we provided that consideration. Can you advise where things stand?" Ex. F.

- 17. To date and as of the writing of this complaint, MPD has neither provided a response nor the information Plaintiff requested over three months ago.
- 18. Under the provisions of D.C. Code § 2-532(e), MPD's failure to comply with the Provisions of the Freedom of Information Act within the statutory time provision, is deemed a denial and Plaintiff's administrative remedies are thereby exhausted.
- 19. The public policy of the District of Columbia is that all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees. D.C. Code § 2-531.
- 20. If the public record requested is a body-worn camera recording recorded by the Metropolitan Police Department, the Metropolitan Police Department, upon request reasonably describing the recording, shall within 25 days (except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) of the receipt of any such request either make the requested recording accessible or notify the person making such request of its determination not to make the requested recording or any part thereof accessible and the reasons therefor. D.C. Code § 2-532(c)(2)(A).
- 21. In unusual circumstances, the time limits prescribed in subsection (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section may be extended by written notice to the person making such request setting forth the reasons for extension and expected date for determination. Such extension shall not exceed 10 days (except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) for records requested under subsection (c)(1) of this section and 15 days (except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) for records requested under subsection (c)(2) of this section. D.C. Code § 2-532(d)(1).

- 22. Under D.C. Code § 2-532 (d)(2) "unusual circumstances" are limited to:
  - (A) The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records that are demanded in a single request;
  - (B) The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another public body having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among 2 or more components of a public body having substantial subject-matter interest therein; or
  - (C) For body-worn camera recordings covered by subsection (c)(2) of this section, the inability to procure a vendor that is able to perform the redactions within the 25-day time period provided under subsection (c)(2) of this section.
- 23. Assuming arguendo that November 27, 2020¹ is the actual date triggering the 25-day time provision for body worn camera requests, January 8, 2021 would have been the approximate deadline by which MPD should have turned over the requested footage. A 15-day extension under the provisions of D.C. Code § 2-532(d)(1) would then toll the time provision to approximately February 3, 2021. To date it has been more than ninety (90) days since Plaintiff submitted her FOIA request to MPD for the body camera recordings as described above and MPD has yet to turn over the requested footage.
- 24. Under the provisions of D.C. Code section 2-532(d)(1) MPD was mandated to provide Plaintiff with written notice of any extension of time requested, setting forth the reasons and the expected date of determination. MPD did not provide such notice to Plaintiff nor did they provide an expected date of determination.
- 25. MPD has a statutory obligation to comply with the provisions of D.C. Code § 2-532 *et seq,* but it has not.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff submitted the request on November 20, 2021 and submitted the engagement letter on November 23, 2021.

**CLAIM FOR RELIEF** 

(Violation of FOIA, D.C. Code § 2-531)

26. FOIA provides that, within 25 days (except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public

holidays) of the receipt of a request for body worn camera the MPD is required to make the

requested recording accessible or notify the person making such request of its

determination not to make the requested recording or any part thereof accessible and the

reasons therefor. D.C. Code § 2-532(c)(2)(A). Even with the 15-day extension, MPD has

violated that obligation because they have neither provided the recording nor stated their

reasons for denial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully asks this Court to:

a) Declare that Defendant has violated its obligations under the Freedom of

Information Act, D.C. Code § 2-531 et seg.;

b) Enjoin Defendants from continuing to withhold the recordings and other

documents as requested by Plaintiff;

c) Order the Defendants to produce the requested recordings forthwith;

d) Award Plaintiff costs and attorneys' fees; and

e) Grant Plaintiff such other and further relief as this Court may deem just

and proper.

Dated: March 18, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Yaida Ford (497013)

FORD LAW PROS, P.C.

10 G Street NE, Suite 600 Washington, DC 20002 Office: (202) 792-4946 yford@fordlawpros.com Counsel for Plaintiff

# **EXHIBIT A**



From: < latrina.crumlin2@dc.gov> Date: Fri, Nov 20, 2020, 10:42 AM

Subject: Duplicate Request Letter 2021-FOIA-01216

To: < yoflawfirm@qmail.com >

Cc: <latrina.crumlin2@dc.gov>, sa.archie-mills@dc.gov>

# Dear Mr./Mrs. Ford,

This email is to advise this request is a duplicate of your FOIA request made on November 20, 2020. A review of your request determined it is a duplicate; therefore will be closed. The records you are seeking are the same records you have requested under FOIA Request No.; 2021-BWC-00055. Be advised you will receive a response as it relates to your request for BWC footage under 2021-BWC-00055. Please be advised this 2021-FOIA-01216 FOIA request will be closed as a duplicate.

Regards, Latrina Crumlin Staff Assistant, FOIA Metropolitan Police Department 300 Indiana Ave NW RM 4153 Washington, DC 20001

# **EXHIBIT B**

Exhibit B

From: Crumlin, Latrina (MPD) < Latrina Crumlin2@dc.gov>

Date: Fri, Nov 27, 2020, 10:15 AM

Subject: RE: Duplicate Request Letter 2021-FOIA-01216

To: Attorney Yaida Ford <<u>yoflawfirm@qmail.com</u>>, Archie-Mills, Lisa (MPD) < lisa.archie-mills@dc.qov>

Cc: Tate, Tracy (MPD) < Tracy.Tate@dc.gov>

Good morning Ms./Mrs. Ford,

We are in receipt of your client documents, and will move forward with processing your FOIA request. If additional information is needed your assigned FOIA specialist Tracy Tate will contact you.

Thank you

Latrina Crumlin

Staff Assistant, FOIA

Metropolitan Police Department

300 Indiana Avenue, Rm 4153

Washington, DC 20001

202-727-3721

# **EXHIBIT C**

Exhibit C

From: Attorney Yaida Ford < yoflawfirm@gmail.com >

Date: Wed, Dec 9, 2020, 1:54 PM

Subject: Re: Duplicate Request Letter 2021-FOIA-01216 To: Crumlin, Latrina (MPD) < <u>Latrina.Crumlin2@dc.gov</u>>

Cc: Archie-Mills, Lisa (MPD) < lisa.archie-mills@dc.gov >, Tate, Tracy (MPD) < Tracy.Tate@dc.gov >

# Hello everyone:

I'm just following up on this request. It's been more than 2 weeks so I wanted to check in on the status. Was the video uploaded to my portal? I have not seen it so wanted to confirm

# **EXHIBIT D**

Exhibit D

From: Attorney Yaida Ford < yoflawfirm@qmail.com >

Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021, 4:30 PM

Subject: Re: Duplicate Request Letter 2021-FOIA-01216 To: Crumlin, Latrina (MPD) < <u>Latrina.Crumlin2@dc.gov</u>>

Cc: Archie-Mills, Lisa (MPD) < <a href="mails@dc.gov">!isa.archie-mills@dc.gov"> Tate, Tracy (MPD) < <a href="mails@dc.gov">Tracy.Tate@dc.gov</a>>

# All:

The 25 days that MPD had to submit our footage has long lapsed since I made the request and supplemented documents. Nothing is in my portal. I would like to avoid litigation over this request but MPD will leave us no choice if the footage is not uploaded to the portal or sent to my email quickly. Please advise me of the status. If I do not hear back, I will assume that MPD has no intention of complying with our request.

# **EXHIBIT E**



From: Archie-Mills, Lisa (MPD) < lisa.archie-mills@dc.gov >

Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2021, 6:26 PM

Subject: Re: Duplicate Request Letter 2021-FOIA-01216

To: Attorney Yaida Ford < yoflawfirm@gmail.com >

Cc: Tate, Tracy (MPD) < Tracy. Tate@dc.gov>

Good Evening, Ms/Mr. Ford,

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Please know, your request is important to us and we will make every effort to provide a response as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Lisa Archie-Mills
Supervisory FOIA Specialist
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office
Metropolitan Police Department
Washington, DC. 20001
(202) 727-3721
lisa.archie-mills@dc.gov

# **EXHIBIT F**

Exhibit F

From: Attorney Yaida Ford < <a href="mailto:yoflawfirm@gmail.com">yoflawfirm@gmail.com</a>>

Date: Mon, Jan 25, 2021, 5:32 PM

Subject: Re: Duplicate Request Letter 2021-FOIA-01216 To: Archie-Mills, Lisa (MPD) < lisa.archie-mills@dc.gov>

Cc: Tate, Tracy (MPD) < Tracy. Tate@dc.gov>

Hi Ms. Archie-Mills:

I hope your new year is getting off to a good start. January 18, 2020 was the deadline factoring in the 15 day extension. Although it doesn't appear that MPD requested such an extension, we provided that consideration. Can you advise where things stand? And can you advise if the new 45 day timeline for requests made between 3/11/20 and 1/15/21 applies a request where the requestor has already waited the statutorily required 25 days plus 15 days? Thus, making the 45 days an additional waiting period for the requestor?

Thank you



### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **CIVIL DIVISION Civil Actions Branch**

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NATASHA KAY Vs. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

C.A. No. 2021 CA 000862 B

# **INITIAL ORDER AND ADDENDUM**

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-906 and District of Columbia Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure ("Super. Ct. Civ. R.") 40-I, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

- (1) This case is assigned to the judge and calendar designated below. All future filings in this case shall bear the calendar number and the judge's name beneath the case number in the caption.
- (2) Within 60 days of the filing of the complaint, plaintiff must file proof of service on each defendant of copies of (a) the summons, (b) the complaint, and (c) this Initial Order and Addendum. The court will dismiss the claims against any defendant for whom such proof of service has not been filed by this deadline, unless the court extended the time for service under Rule 4(m).
- (3) Within 21 days of service (unless otherwise provided in Rule 12), each defendant must respond to the complaint by filing an answer or other responsive pleading. The court may enter a default and a default judgment against any defendant who does not meet this deadline, unless the court extended the deadline under Rule 55(a).
- (4) At the time stated below, all counsel and unrepresented parties shall participate in a remote hearing to establish a schedule and discuss the possibilities of settlement. Counsel shall discuss with their clients <u>before</u> the hearing whether the clients are agreeable to binding or non-binding arbitration. This order is the only notice that parties and counsel will receive concerning this hearing.
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No other continuance of the conference will be granted except upon motion for good cause shown.

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