

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

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**NOTICE TO COUNSEL AND *PRO SE* PARTIES**

The attached case has been assigned to District Judge Vanessa L. Bryant, who sits in Hartford. Counsel and *pro se* parties should file all future pleadings or documents in this matter, which are not filed electronically, with the clerk's office in Hartford. Any attempt to file pleadings or other documents related to this matter in any of the other seats of court will be refused at the court or returned to you. See D. Conn. L. Civ. R. 3(a).

Counsel and *pro se* parties are required to become familiar with and abide by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (Fed. R. Civ. P.), the Local Rules of Civil Procedure for the District of Connecticut (D. Conn. L. Civ. R.) and standing orders.

Counsel and *pro se* parties are hereby notified that failure to file and serve a memorandum in opposition to a motion, within twenty-one (21) days after the motion is filed, may be deemed consent to and sufficient cause to grant the motion. Failure to file and serve a memorandum in opposition to a motion to dismiss within twenty-one (21) days after the motion is filed may be deemed consent to and sufficient cause to grant the motion, except where the pleadings provide clear and sufficient grounds to deny the motion. See D. Conn. L. Civ. R. 7(a)1.

Counsel and *pro se* parties are further notified that they are required to comply with requirements relating to motions for summary judgment as set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 56 and D. Conn. L. Civ. R. 56. A party may move for summary judgment after discovery is substantially complete and such party reasonably believes there is no genuine issue of material fact requiring trial and the party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. The motion may be directed toward all or part of a claim or defense and it may be made on the basis of the pleadings or other portions of the record in the case or it may be supported by affidavits and other documentary evidence outside the pleadings. When a party seeking summary judgment (the "moving party") files a supporting affidavit, the party opposing summary judgment must file an affidavit, or other documentary evidence, contradicting the moving party's submissions to demonstrate that there are genuine issues of material fact requiring a trial. Facts asserted in the affidavit(s) of the moving party will be taken as true if not controverted by counter-affidavit(s) or other documentary evidence.

Local Civil Rule 56(a) requires the party seeking summary judgment to file a

document entitled “ local rule 56(a)1 statement,” which sets forth in separately numbered paragraphs a concise statement of each material fact as to which the moving party contends there is no genuine issue to be tried. The material facts set forth in this statement shall be deemed admitted unless controverted by the “local rule 56(a)2 statement.” The paragraphs in the 56(a)2 statement shall correspond to the paragraphs in the 56(a)1 statement and shall state whether the facts asserted by the moving party are admitted or denied. The local rule 56(a)2 statement must also include in a separate section a list of each issue of material fact as to which it is contended there is a genuine issue of material fact to be tried.

Counsel and *pro se* parties are alerted to the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and D. Conn. L. Civ. R. 26, which require that the parties conduct a case management planning conference and prepare and file a report of the conference on form 26(f) which appears in the appendix to the local civil rules.

Counsel and *pro se* parties are further advised that they may request a referral of their case to a United States Magistrate Judge for disposition. See 28 U.S.C. § 636 and rule 77.2 of the local rules for United States magistrate judges.

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CLERK OF COURT

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