

Additionally, the difficulties caused by COVID did not prevent Plaintiff from conducting meaningful discovery. The discovery deadline agreed to by the parties in the Consent Scheduling Order was February 7, 2020, which was prior to the pandemic's outbreak.

Although Plaintiff argues that Defendants CCHA and Ellen Harley engaged in dilatory tactics that delayed discovery, Plaintiff has not established that additional discovery would serve any purpose. Plaintiff has taken the Rule 30(b)(6) deposition of CCHA, and as stated by Plaintiff's owner, Broderick Christoff, in his Third Supplemental Affidavit, these Defendants produced 8,258 documents on August 19, 2021, and another 1,851 documents on September 21, 2021. Mr. Christoff further concedes that Defendant CAS produced 689 pages of e-mails in which Defendant Harley, founder of CCHA, is a correspondent. Plaintiff has failed to demonstrate that additional discovery would uncover relevant evidence or otherwise contribute to the resolution of any relevant issue.

Finally, although the discovery deadline was February 7, 2020, Plaintiff inexplicably waited until October 20, 2020, to file its Motion for Amended Scheduling Order, months after Defendants filed Motions for Summary Judgment. Plaintiff has not shown good cause to amend the scheduling order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Amended Scheduling Order is DENIED.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED!

Mikell R. Scarborough
Master-In-Equity

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