

KATHRYN SZELIGA, et al., * IN THE
Plaintiffs * CIRCUIT COURT
v. * FOR
LINDA LAMONE, et al., * ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
Defendants * CASE NO.: C-02-CV-21-001816
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NEIL PARROTT, et al., * IN THE
Plaintiffs * CIRCUIT COURT
v. * FOR
LINDA LAMONE, et al., * ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
Defendants * CASE NO.: C-02-CV-21-001773
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SCHEDULING ORDER

In accordance with Md. Rule 2-504.1, it is this 23rd day of February, 2022, by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County,

ORDERED that the parties shall comply with the following provisions:

The deadlines and dates set forth herein are firm dates and may not be changed by the parties or counsel without the prior approval of the Specially Assigned Judge. Counsel are advised that in any dispute concerning whether counsel has complied with this Order, *the Court will not be guided by any agreements made among counsel to modify this Order* unless expressly approved by the Court.

Given the nature of this matter, and limitations and constraints attendant thereto, time is of the essence in determining the constitutionality of the 2022 Congressional districting plan in Maryland.

Due to the urgency in resolving the merits of this matter and any appeal, in alignment with the statutory calendar for the 2022 Primary Election, where an attorney of record in this case is obligated to appear for an event established by Order of this Court and such an obligation

conflicts with a court-ordered appearance in another proceeding, the former shall take precedence over the latter. The attorney shall communicate the conflict to the judicial officer(s) presiding over both cases and, as soon as reasonably practicable, request that the attorney be excused from appearing in the conflicting proceeding or permitted to seek alternative counsel so as to expedite the disposition of the instant matter.

Now, therefore, it is this **23rd** day of February, 2022, ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, that

1. Discovery:

2/23/22: Deadline for plaintiff(s) and defendant(s) to disclose all expert witnesses pursuant to Rule 2-402(g)(1).

2/25/22: Deadline for plaintiff(s) and defendant(s) to disclose all lay witnesses, including a proffer as to the testimony of each lay witness, so that the Specially Assigned Judge may decide whether to admit such testimony pursuant to Maryland Rules 5-401 and 5-403.

2/28/22: Deadline for plaintiff(s) to disclose all expert reports pursuant to Rule 2-402(g)(1).

3/2/22: Deadline for defendant(s) to disclose all expert reports pursuant to Rule 2-402(g)(1).

3/9/22: Deadline for completion of all depositions, and other methods of oral and written discovery.

Discovery procedures must be initiated sufficiently in advance of the discovery deadline to provide the opposing party time to comply in accordance with Chapter 400 of Title 2 of the Maryland Rules of Civil Procedure and to permit a resolution of any discovery dispute within the deadline. The existence of a discovery dispute as to any matter will not justify delay in completing any other discovery. The filing of any dispositive motion or any motion for protective order, for sanctions, or to compel discovery must be filed immediately when the issue arises for resolution. Failure to file any motions for protective order, for sanctions or to compel discovery will not result in an extension of the discovery deadlines, unless granted by the Court.

2. Motions in Limine: March 11, 2022

Motions in limine must be filed no later than March 11, 2022 and responded to no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 14, 2022.

3. Proposed Findings of Fact: March 11, 2022

Written proposed findings of fact must be filed no later than March 11, 2022.

4. **Trial on the merits:** March 15-18, 2022


5. **Post-Trial Motions:**

The necessity and timing of post-trial motions before the Circuit Court will be discussed at the end of the trial on the merits.

Any appeal of the Circuit Court's judgment will be governed by Section 12-203(a)(3) of the Maryland Code.

6. **Request for Accommodation/Interpreter**

Please notify the Court Administrator (410-222-1404) as early as possible of any reasonable accommodation needed because of a disability or the need for an interpreter.



Lynne A. Battaglia, Judge (Ret.)
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

*Civil Clerk to mail copies:
All Parties.*