JUDGE EDLEIN'S STANDING ORDER IN E-FILE CASES

Having found that the interests of the parties and the orderly management of the Court's business would be served by setting a schedule for this litigation and by stating the practices and procedures of this Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, unless specifically exempted, counsel for all parties confer, in person or by telephone, in an effort to settle the case, discuss discovery, limit issues, and discuss other matters addressed by the Case Management Order ("CMO"), as set forth in Attachment A. This early planning conference shall be held ***no later than thirty (30) days after the appearance of a defendant by answer***. Counsel for the plaintiff(s) shall ensure that this early planning conference is timely scheduled and completed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, unless specifically exempted or unless the case is successfully resolved during the early planning conference, the parties are required to complete and e-file a proposed CMO for the Court's review ***no later than forty-five (45) days after the appearance of a defendant by answer***. The proposed CMO shall be consolidated and e-filed by counsel for the plaintiff(s); a Microsoft Word version of Attachment A is available on the State Court of Fulton County website (www.georgiacourts.org/courts/fulton/judge_edlein.php) or may be requested from the Court's Staff Attorney, Michael D'Antignac, via email (michael.dantignac@fultoncountyga.gov). If a party fails or refuses to participate in the early planning conference and/or completion of the proposed CMO, counsel for the plaintiff(s) shall so indicate when e-filing the proposed CMO. If the parties fail to reach agreement on portions of the proposed CMO, each party's proposal shall be included in

the proposed CMO with a notation in **bold** that the parties failed to reach agreement on that particular portion.

A party's failure to comply with the terms of this Standing Order may result in sanctions, including but not limited to dismissal of the complaint or striking of the answer, as appropriate.

This 27 day of July, 2012.

Susan E. Edlein
Judge, State Court of Fulton County