

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

EVAN MILLIGAN, et al.,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

WES ALLEN, et al.,

*Defendants.*

No. 2:21-cv-01530-AMM

MARCUS CASTER, et al.,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

WES ALLEN,

*Defendant.*

No.: 2:21-cv-1536-AMM

**PARTIES' JOINT STATUS REPORT ON FEES AND MOTION TO  
EXTEND THE NEGOTIATION PERIOD**

Pursuant to this Court's October 25, 2023 Order, and after conferring with each other, the Parties wish to update the Court that the *Milligan* and *Caster* Plaintiffs are working diligently to compile their fee proposal and submit it to Defendants. The Parties respectfully request that the Court extend the negotiation period to give the Parties sufficient time to attempt to settle this matter without court

intervention. The Parties will update the Court on the status of their negotiations on the last day of each month, beginning on February 29, 2024. The Parties hope to resolve this issue by April 30, 2024. Additionally, the Parties respectfully request that the Court enter an order specifying that, in the event that one or more Parties believe, in good faith, that the negotiations will fail to make further progress, any Party may move for the Court to enter a briefing schedule regarding the issue of fees.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of January, 2024.

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**[Proposed] ORDER**

Pursuant to the Parties' joint motion, the Court grants their joint motion for an extension of time to continue negotiations regarding attorneys' fees and costs. The Parties in *Milligan* and *Caster* shall update the Court on the status of their negotiations on the last day of each month, beginning on February 29, 2024. The Court further orders that, in the event that one or more Parties believe, in good faith,

that the negotiations will fail to make further progress, any Party may move for the Court to enter a briefing schedule regarding the issue of fees.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2024.

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**STANLEY MARCUS**  
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE

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**ANNA M. MANASCO**  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**TERRY F. MOORER**  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE