

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

<p>LAWRENCE E. JAFFE PENSION PLAN, ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Plaintiff,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- <i>against</i> -</p> <p>HOUSEHOLD INTERNATIONAL, INC., ET AL.,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Defendants.</p>	<p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p>	<p>Lead Case No. 02-C-5893 (Consolidated)</p> <p><b>CLASS ACTION</b></p> <p>Judge Ronald A. Guzman Magistrate Judge Nan R. Nolan</p>
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**DEFENDANTS' STATUS REPORT FOR THE MARCH 12, 2007  
STATUS CONFERENCE BEFORE HON. RONALD A. GUZMAN**

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The Household Defendants respectfully submit this Status Report in advance of the March 12, 2007 Status Conference. To Defendants' knowledge, there are no issues that require this Court's attention or consideration at this time, particularly as Magistrate Judge Nolan has established an expert discovery schedule that will run through at least August 2007. For this reason, Defendants unsuccessfully urged Plaintiffs to join in an application to adjourn the March 12, 2007 conference. For reasons they did not explain, Plaintiffs indicated their preference to have the conference proceed.

**Status of Proceedings Before Magistrate Judge Nolan**

Fact discovery in this matter concluded on January 31, 2007, except for several specifically authorized depositions and the resolution of certain discovery-related motions pending before Judge Nolan. In a January 24, 2007 Order, Judge Nolan established a detailed schedule and sequence for expert discovery. As amended by an Order dated February 27, 2007, expert proceedings will begin with the submission of Plaintiffs' expert reports on May 1, 2007 and conclude, after expert depositions, on or about August 1, 2007. At the last conference, on January 10, 2007, the Court indicated that Magistrate Judge Nolan should continue to supervise proceedings in this action through the completion of expert discovery and that "[a]fter that is over, we will then meet again and decide how we go from here." (Transcript of January 10, 2007 Status Conference at p. 21, a relevant excerpt of which is attached hereto.)

There are no motions or objections to rulings of Judge Nolan that are pending before this Court and Defendants are aware of no other matters that require the Court's atten-

tion at this time. Defendants nevertheless will be prepared to discuss any issues that the Court or Plaintiffs may wish to raise at the March 12 conference.

Dated: March 8, 2007  
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Respectfully submitted,

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LAWRENCE E. JAFFE Pension Plan )  
on behalf of itself and all other )  
similarly situated, et al., )

Plaintiffs, )

-vs- )

HOUSEHOLD INTERNATIONAL, INC., )  
Defendants. )

No. 02 CV 5893

Chicago, Illinois

January 10, 2007

9:30 o'clock a.m.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - Status  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE RONALD A. GUZMAN

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1 is to help us reduce the time and effort of trying this case,  
2 then we're not going to do it. We are not going to do it.

3 So we will take a look at that at that point, but  
4 first let's do the discovery. The referral to Judge Nolan  
5 already includes discovery supervision which includes expert  
6 discovery supervision, so I don't need to rearticulate the  
7 referral to her.

8 But I will say for the record, and you can relay this  
9 to her, that the parameters for expert discovery are in her  
10 hands. She will decide them both time-wise and in terms of  
11 content. After that is over, we will then meet again and decide  
12 how we go from here.

13 MR. KAVALER: Thank you, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: I think that's as much as I can accomplish  
15 right now, unfortunately, so let's give this a 60-day status  
16 hearing because I assume by then we'll have some progress at  
17 least on the question of the contention interrogatories and  
18 how --

19 MR. KAVALER: A status in front of you, your Honor?

20 THE COURT: Yes.

21 MR. KAVALER: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: 60 days, Carole.

23 THE CLERK: March 12th at ten o'clock.

24 MR. KAVALER: That's okay with us.

25 MR. MILLER: Thank you, your Honor.

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MR. BAKER: Thank you, your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you very much.

MR. KAVALER: Thank you, Judge.

THE CLERK: Court stands recessed.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled case on January 10, 2007, at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

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