

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	Ronald A. Guzman	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	Nan R. Nolan
CASE NUMBER	02 C 5893	DATE	1/16/2008
CASE TITLE	Lawrence E Jaffe vs. Household Intl Inc, et al		

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT

Status hearing held to discuss deposition schedules and Defendants' disclosure of 23 individuals as non-retained experts. Plaintiffs now have deposition dates for Mr. LaSusa and Mr. Weil in early March; for Ms. Ghiglieri on February 13, 2008; and for Mr. Litan on February 27, 2008. Parties will meet and confer as to a deposition date for Mr. Bley and will send a letter to the court confirming the selected date by January 18, 2008. In the event the parties cannot agree on a date for Mr. Bley's deposition, the court will unilaterally select a date, regardless of the parties' or the witness's schedules.

■ [For further details see text below.]

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STATEMENT

With respect to the 23 individuals, Plaintiffs will identify by the end of the day on January 17, 2008 the witnesses they believe were instructed not to answer deposition questions on the grounds that they sought to elicit expert opinion, including the relevant page citations. Defendants will respond by January 25, 2008 by identifying the witnesses they believe are at issue, including the relevant page citations; and addressing the four cases cited in Plaintiffs' January 14, 2008 letter. On reconsideration, Defendants need not identify the specific portion of each witness's deposition testimony that may be considered expert opinion. Rather, Defendants will provide a more detailed summary of each witness's potential testimony into areas of specialized knowledge that may fall within the purview of *Sunstar, Inc. v. Alberto-Culver Co.*, No. 01 C 736, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 85678 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 16, 2006). Plaintiffs will reply by January 30, 2008.

Status hearing remains set for February 7, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. CST.