

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

LAWRENCE E. JAFFE PENSION PLAN, ON)
BEHALF OF ITSELF AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY)
SITUATED,)

Plaintiff,)

- against -)

HOUSEHOLD INTERNATIONAL, INC., ET AL.,)

Defendants.)

Lead Case No. 02-C-5893
(Consolidated)

CLASS ACTION

Judge Ronald A. Guzman
Magistrate Judge Nan R. Nolan

**DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
REQUESTING A STATUS CONFERENCE FOR
JANUARY 8, 2007**

CAHILL GORDON & REINDEL LLP
80 Pine Street
New York, New York 10005
(212) 701-3000

EIMER STAHL KLEVORN & SOLBERG LLP
224 South Michigan Ave.
Suite 1100
Chicago, Illinois 60604
(312) 660-7600

*Attorneys for Defendants Household Inter-
national, Inc., Household Finance Corpora-
tion, William F. Aldinger, David A. Schoen-
holz, Gary Gilmer and J.A. Vozar*

This Response is respectfully submitted on behalf of Defendants Household International, Inc., Household Finance Corp., William F. Aldinger, David A. Schoenholz, Gary Gilmer and J.A. Vozar (collectively, "Defendants") to respond to Plaintiffs' Motion Requesting a Status Conference for January 8, 2007.

1. Defendants welcome the opportunity to appear before the Court as early as possible in January, 2007 in order to discuss with the Court various matters concerning the current status and future course of this action. Defendants have not been before the Court in this action for a considerable period of time and will want to be able to address all aspects of the case and respond to any questions by the Court at a January status conference.

2. However, the date requested by Plaintiffs, January 8, 2007, is not practicable for Defendants as the attorney who would represent Defendants at this conference (and who represented Defendants at prior conferences with the Court) and who is knowledgeable about all aspects of the case is unavailable on January 8. He is, however, available on January 10, 2007. As a result, Defendants suggested to Plaintiffs, in a telephone conversation, that the parties request a status conference with the Court on January 10. Plaintiffs, to date, despite several follow-up inquiries, have not responded to this suggestion. Defendants, therefore, are filing this Response to request that the status conference before this Court requested by Plaintiffs be held on January 10.

3. In addition, Plaintiffs' Motion notes (in paragraph 5) that Plaintiffs "intend to file a status report outlining all pending matters and provide a proposed schedule to the Court on how they intend to proceed to trial in this action." Defendants respectfully submit that it would assist the Court and result in a more efficient and productive status conference if Defendants were to have an opportunity, prior to the conference, to review and comment on Plaintiffs' proposed schedule.

4. As a result, and in order to provide a status conference that will be productive both for the Court and for the parties, Defendants respectfully suggest that the Court:

- a. schedule a status conference in this action for January 10, 2007 or the next date in January on which the Court is available;

b. direct Plaintiffs to submit their status report together with their proposed schedule “on how they intend to proceed to trial” on or before six business days prior to the date of the status conference; and

c. direct Defendants to submit any comments on Plaintiffs’ status report and proposed schedule “on how they intend to proceed to trial” on or before two business days prior to the date of the conference.

Dated: December 27, 2006

EIMER STAHL KLEVORN & SOLBERG LLP

By: /s/ Adam B. Deutsch
Nathan P. Eimer
Adam B. Deutsch
224 South Michigan Ave.
Suite 1100
Chicago, Illinois 60604
(312) 660-7600

-and-

CAHILL GORDON & REINDEL LLP
Thomas J. Kavalier
Howard G. Sloane
Patricia Farren
Landis C. Best
David R. Owen
80 Pine Street
New York, New York 10005
(212) 701-3000

Attorneys for Defendants Household International, Inc., Household Finance Corporation, William F. Aldinger, David A. Schoenholz, Gary Gilmer and J.A. Vozar