

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
No. 142, Original

STATE OF FLORIDA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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STATE OF GEORGIA,)
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Defendants.)

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE before SPECIAL MASTER

RALPH I. LANCASTER, held at the law offices of Pierce
Atwood, LLP, at Merrill's Wharf, 254 Commercial Street,
Portland, Maine, on September 8, 2015, commencing at
10:00 a.m., before Claudette G. Mason, RMR, CRR, a
Notary Public in and for the State of Maine.

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Also Present: JOSHUA D. DUNLAP, ESQ.
MARY CLIFFORD

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1 Washington, D.C., are Craig Primis and Zach
2 Avallone.
3 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Thank you,
4 Georgia.
5 United States?
6 MR. GRAY: Yes. Good morning. This is
7 Michael Gray for the United States. I
8 believe I'll be the only person on for the
9 United States today.
10 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Is there
11 anyone else who is on the line who hasn't
12 identified or been identified?
13 Thank you.
14 Just as a matter of housekeeping, you
15 may have noticed that the docket link is now
16 at the top of our website. Hopefully, that
17 will enable the people who have had
18 difficulty finding it to locate where it is
19 now and stop bothering us. But we'll see.
20 I want to begin by commending counsel,
21 once more, on your cooperative approach.
22 Your meet and greet, your conference calls
23 obviously are working very well. And I
24 appreciate that.
25 I also want to thank you for your
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PROCEEDINGS

1 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Good morning,
2 counsel.
3 MR. WINSOR: Good morning, your Honor.
4 MS. GRANT: Good morning, your Honor.
5 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Let me just
6 say that I think, again, this is -- thanks to
7 your cooperative attitude this is going to be
8 a very brief conference call.
9 With me are the case manager, Josh
10 Dunlap; legal assistant, Mary Clifford; and
11 the extraordinary court reporter, Claudette
12 Mason.
13 Let's enter appearances, please.
14 Florida first?
15 MR. WINSOR: Good morning, your Honor.
16 This is Allen Winsor in Tallahassee. I have
17 with me Os Vazquez. And then dialing in
18 remotely from our private counsel team are
19 Phil Perry and Christopher Kise.
20 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Thank you.
21 Georgia?
22 MS. GRANT: Good morning, your Honor.
23 This is Britt Grant and Sarah Hawkins calling
24 you from Georgia. And dialing in from

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1 excellent status reports. Is there any
2 additional information that you want to add
3 to the status report, Florida?
4 MR. WINSOR: This is Allen Winsor.
5 No, sir.
6 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Georgia?
7 MS. GRANT: This is Britt Grant.
8 No, sir.
9 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Well, thank
10 you, again, for what you're doing. I
11 appreciate it very much.
12 Let me remind you of the fast-approaching
13 discovery deadlines. On November 10 is the
14 completion of written discovery, including
15 production of documents; on January 15 is the
16 completion of designation of nonexpert
17 witnesses. I think by now you know my
18 attitude about enlargement requests for
19 deadlines. So be prepared as these deadlines
20 approach.
21 Finally, from my perspective -- and
22 remember that this transcript will be put on
23 the docket -- I assume since we're still
24 talking, that you haven't settled the matter.
25 But I want to encourage you to continue

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1 settlement discussions, which I assume are
 2 still ongoing. If I'm incorrect in that
 3 regard, you may say so. Otherwise, I'll
 4 assume that I am correct.
 5 And that's all I have from my end. Is
 6 there anything else, Florida?
 7 MR. WINSOR: No, sir. Thank you.
 8 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Georgia?
 9 MS. GRANT: No, sir. Nothing from
 10 Georgia. Thank you.
 11 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: United
 12 States?
 13 MR. GRAY: No, sir. Thank you very
 14 much.
 15 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Well, I hope
 16 you all had a good Labor Day weekend; and I
 17 hope you're all laboring to resolve the
 18 matter.
 19 With that, we're done. Thank you,
 20 again.
 21 MR. WINSOR: Thank you, sir.
 22 MS. GRANT: Thank you, your Honor.
 23 MR. GRAY: Thank you.
 24 (The telephone conference was concluded
 25 at 10:04 a.m.)
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1 CERTIFICATE
 2 I, Claudette G. Mason, a Notary Public
 3 in and for the State of Maine, hereby certify
 4 that the foregoing 6 pages are a correct
 5 transcript of my stenographic notes of the
 6 above-captioned proceedings.
 7 I further certify that I am a
 8 disinterested person in the event or outcome
 9 of the above-named cause of action.
 10 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I subscribe my hand
 11 this 10th day of September, 2015.
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 15 Notary Public
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 18 My Commission Expires
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