

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

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| PAUL DUFFY,                    | ) |                    |
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| Plaintiff,                     | ) |                    |
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| -vs-                           | ) | Case No. 13 C 1569 |
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| PAUL GODFREAD, ALAN COOPER and | ) | Chicago, Illinois  |
| JOHN DOES 1-10,                | ) | June 25, 2013      |
|                                | ) | 9:30 o'clock a.m.  |
| Defendants.                    | ) |                    |

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JOHN W. DARRAH

APPEARANCES:

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1 (Proceedings had in open court:)

2 THE CLERK: 13 C 1569, Duffy versus Godfread.

3 MR. DUFFY: Paul Duffy for the plaintiff.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Duffy.

5 MS. RUSSELL: Good morning again, your Honor. Erin  
6 Russell for defendants Godfread and Cooper.

7 THE COURT: Good morning, Ms. Russell.

8 This matter comes on this morning for presentation  
9 by the defendant, by you, Ms. Russell, to reassign a related  
10 case to this courtroom. There is pending cross-motions for  
11 summary judgment, which are in the course of -- right now are  
12 being briefed and I intend to rule by August 14th.

13 MS. RUSSELL: I believe last week, your Honor --  
14 and I apologize. I came to the courtroom late last week and  
15 Mr. Duffy had already left for the presentment of this  
16 motion.

17 These are identical lawsuits with identical  
18 complaints and identical exhibits were filed. The  
19 allegations being made are identical, against all the same  
20 people.

21 We just ask that rather than have Mr. Duffy's suit  
22 here in your courtroom and have Judge Kennelly working on the  
23 identical lawsuit on behalf of Mr. Duffy's law firm, of which  
24 he's the sole principal, it doesn't make any sense --

25 THE COURT: Are you representing any of the parties

1 before Judge Kenneally?

2 MS. RUSSELL: Yes. They're all the same people.

3 THE COURT: I see. And I have the older case?

4 MS. RUSSELL: You do.

5 THE COURT: Any objection to the reassignment --

6 MR. DUFFY: Yes, I have objections. These cases  
7 are not identical. They --

8 THE COURT: Counsel, I'm going to let you file a  
9 response.

10 MR. DUFFY: May I have --

11 THE COURT: I'm very familiar now with these  
12 issues. You can file a response. I caution you, though,  
13 that your response must comply with Rule 11's requirements.

14 If you're representing to me that there is a  
15 material difference between this case and the case pending  
16 before Judge Kenneally, I'll let you put that in writing. How  
17 much time do you need to do that?

18 MR. DUFFY: May I have seven days?

19 THE COURT: Seven days it is.

20 How much time to reply?

21 MS. RUSSELL: Five?

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 THE CLERK: Response July 2nd, reply July 8th.

24 THE COURT: And a short ruling date, Me1.

25 THE CLERK: July 23rd at 9:30.

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THE COURT: Okay.

MS. RUSSELL: Thank you, your Honor.

MR. DUFFY: Thank you, your Honor.

THE COURT: You're welcome.

(Which were all the proceedings heard.)

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript  
from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

*/s/ Mary M. Hacker*

*August 20, 2013*

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Mary M. Hacker  
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