

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**SARAH HUNTER, *et al.*,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**Civil Action 2:19-cv-411  
Judge George C. Smith  
Magistrate Judge Chelsey M. Vascura**

**BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON  
INCORPORATED, *et al.*,**

**Defendants.**

**ORDER**

This matter came before the Court for a telephone conference on December 11, 2019. The parties requested the conference to set a case schedule, as they had been unable to agree among themselves to a single proposed schedule. Plaintiffs initially proposed a schedule that would see Plaintiff's class certification motion filed April 2020, fact discovery close in May 2020, expert discovery close in August 2020, and dispositive motions due by September 2020. Defendants then responded with proposed extended dates such that dispositive motions would be due by December 2021 (*i.e.*, extending the pre-trial case schedule by 15 months beyond that proposed by Plaintiffs). Plaintiffs responded with a compromise proposal that would see dispositive motions filed by December 2020. (Appendix of Proposed Case Schedules, ECF No. 59-1.)

After hearing arguments from both parties, the undersigned finds that the litigation can proceed effectively and without unnecessary delay by adopting a schedule falling between

Plaintiffs' compromise proposal and Defendants' proposal. It is therefore **ORDERED** that the case schedule is set as follows:

- (1) Defendants shall respond to Plaintiffs' proposed custodians and search terms for searching electronically stored information by **December 16, 2019**;
- (2) Defendants shall answer the Amended Complaint (ECF No. 28) by **December 20, 2019**;
- (3) Phase 1 document production shall be completed by **January 3, 2020**;
- (4) Production of HR and compensation data shall be substantially completed by **January 17, 2020**;
- (5) Phase 2 document production shall be substantially complete by **June 30, 2020**;
- (6) Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification shall be filed by **July 21, 2020**;
- (7) Defendants' Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification shall be filed by **September 5, 2020**;
- (8) Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Class Certification shall be filed by **October 21, 2020**;
- (9) Plaintiffs shall serve a settlement demand by **September 12, 2020**;
- (10) Defendants shall respond to Plaintiffs' settlement demand by **September 26, 2020**;
- (11) Fact discovery shall close on **September 30, 2020**;
- (12) The parties shall participate in a court-facilitated mediation conference in **October 2020**;
- (13) Primary expert reports shall be served by **December 1, 2020**;
- (14) Rebuttal expert reports shall be served by **January 9, 2021**;
- (15) Expert discovery shall close on **February 6, 2021**;
- (16) Dispositive and Daubert motions shall be filed by **March 8, 2021**;
- (17) Oppositions to dispositive and Daubert motions shall be filed by **April 5, 2021**; and
- (18) Replies in support of dispositive and Daubert motions shall be filed by **May 5, 2021**.

To the extent it is not inconsistent with this Order, the undersigned's May 17, 2019 Preliminary Pretrial Order (ECF No. 31) remains in effect.

The Clerk is further directed to remove Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike (ECF No. 36) and Defendants' Motion for Leave to File Notice of Supplemental Authority (ECF No. 42) from the Court's pending motions list, as these motions were mooted by the Court's November 12, 2019 Opinion and Order denying Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 49).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

*/s/ Chelsey M. Vascura*  
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CHELSEY M. VASCURA  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE