

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

DOE MC-1,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 20-10568

Honorable Victoria A. Roberts

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ET AL.,

Defendants.

ORDER FOLLOWING JUNE 23, 2020 STATUS CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020, the Court held a video status conference on the record. Attending were: Michael Cox, Jackie Cook, and David Shea on behalf of the John Doe MC plaintiffs; Powell Miller, Sharon Almonrode, Annika Martin, and Jonathan Selbin on behalf of the class plaintiffs; Todd Flood on behalf of the John Doe TF plaintiffs; Richard Schulte on behalf of Charles Christian and John Doe RS plaintiffs; and Stephanie Parker, Stephen Cowen, and Jack Williams on behalf of defendants University of Michigan and the Regents of the University of Michigan.

Based on the discussion held:

1. Dates set by the Court in earlier orders remain in place. However, the parties must discuss changing these dates so that if any motions to dismiss are considered by the Court, that consideration is with respect to one complaint per set of plaintiffs, and not with respect to an original complaint and any amended complaints. Pending motions to dismiss may be withdrawn if amended complaints are filed.
2. The parties must work quickly to resolve issues surrounding protective orders, so that the names of plaintiffs are revealed to defendants as soon as possible. If the parties are unable to stipulate to the terms of protective orders, they must file appropriate motions by **July 3, 2020**.
3. Dates to mediate these cases must be locked in with Robert Riley as soon as possible. Please notify the Court when dates are set.
4. With the assistance of Mr. Riley, the parties must develop a “Facts and Data Sheet” which will be used to gather and exchange information pertinent to the mediation process from all plaintiffs and all defendants.
5. On June 16, 2020, the University of Michigan President, Mark Schlissel, announced an independent investigation into allegations of sexual assault. President Schlissel extended an “Invitation to Provide Information Regarding Former University Physician Robert E. Anderson.” The law firm of WilmerHale leads this investigation.

Defendants are ordered to immediately cease all direct communications with potential class members with potential claims against the defendants, until further order of the Court.

6. Because of this ongoing investigation, the Court feels the need to gather information about its purpose and how it might impact information gathering and resolution of plaintiffs' claims. Toward that end, the Court requires Jones Day to make the necessary arrangements to involve WilmerHale and the University of Michigan President in the Court's next status conference. Jones Day must provide dates to the Court's case manager, as soon as possible. The Court intends to hold this status conference within the next two weeks.

ORDERED.

Dated: June 24, 2020

s/ Victoria A. Roberts
Victoria A. Roberts
United States District Judge