

ORDER. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and consistent with the "substance and tenor" of the Order of general applicability issued by the Honorable Judge Mark R. Hornak at Misc. No. 2:20-mc-394 on 3/13/20, the Court hereby STAYS and ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSES this case. Administrative closings are a familiar way in which courts remove cases from their active files without final adjudication. Administrative closure is a docket control device used by the Court for statistical purposes, and it does not prejudice the rights of the parties in any manner. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Jury Trial scheduled for 4/20/2020 at 9:00 a.m. is POSTPONED until 10/26/2020 at 9:00 a.m., consistent with the Amended Final Pretrial Order herein. Proposed jury instructions (joint), proposed verdict forms (joint) and proposed voir dire due by 9/25/2020 and a Final Pretrial Conference is scheduled for 10/19/2020 at 10:00 a.m. (confidential position statements due three business days before). SEE PAPER ORDER CORRESPONDING WITH THIS DOCKET ENTRY FOR SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL DETAILS. Once the Court resumes normal operations, and restrictions necessitated by the virus has have lapsed, the Court will REOPEN this case. Nothing in this Order shall affect the parties responsibilities to respond to motions or any directives of the Court, nor shall anything in this Order preclude the exchange of discovery information, assuming those events can be carried out safely and in accordance with prudent health practices. Extensions of time to perform certain tasks will be granted liberally, particularly if such extensions are due in any way to illness or practical considerations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Signed by Judge Cathy Bissoon on 3/17/2020. (scl) (Entered: 03/17/2020)

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CUTSFORTH, INC. v. LEMM LIQUIDATING COMPANY, LLC et al
2-17-cv-01025 (WDPA), 3/17/2020, docket entry 638

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

CUTSFORTH, INC.,)	
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Plaintiff,)	Civil Action No. 17-1025
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v.)	Judge Cathy Bissoon
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LEMM LIQUIDATING)	
COMPANY, LLC, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

AMENDED FINAL PRETRIAL ORDER

Because this case has not been resolved, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. A jury trial in this matter is scheduled for **October 26, 2020**, at **9:00 a.m.**. The trial will be completed within **5 business days**. Openings shall be limited to **15 minutes** per side and closings shall be limited to **25 minutes** per side. Both sides shall have **11 hours** of presentation time (exclusive of openings and closings, but inclusive of direct and cross examinations) during the trial.

2. All exhibits, excluding those used solely for impeachment purposes, must be listed in the pretrial narrative statements. The parties are expected to comply with Local Rule 16.1.C.5.a by exchanging exhibits prior to the Final Pretrial Conference and should be prepared to indicate a position at the Final Pretrial Conference with regard to the authenticity and admissibility of the opponent's exhibits and indicate to which, if any, exhibits there is a stipulation as to authenticity and admissibility. All exhibits shall be marked before trial and two copies of all exhibit binders shall be supplied to the Court. To the extent feasible, exhibits used

in direct examination should appear in the binders according to the order in which they are to be introduced.

3. Any depositions or any portion thereof to be read into evidence shall be identified in the offering party's pretrial narrative statement by page(s) and line number. Objections to the admissibility of any portion thereof shall be set forth in a motion *in limine*.

4. Proposed jury instructions, proposed verdict forms and proposed *voir dire* shall be filed on or before **September 25, 2020**.

5. To the extent applicable, the Court will follow both the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit's Model Civil Jury Instructions and the Federal Circuit Bar Association's ("FCBA") Model Patent Jury Instructions. **The Court requires counsel to confer and submit a single set of agreed upon joint jury instructions and a jointly proposed verdict form.** To the extent that the parties cannot agree on a particular instruction or form, counsel for each party shall submit his/her version of the particular instruction and/or form, along with supporting authority for that instruction or form. Any requests for deviation from applicable Third Circuit Model Instructions or the FCBA's Model Patent Instructions likewise should be supported by legal authority, as should requests for the exclusion of any particular instruction. **Proposed jury instructions and/or verdict forms that do not comply with the aforementioned directives will be summarily stricken.**

6. By **October 12, 2020**, the parties shall file: a stipulated statement of the case to be read to the jury during preliminary jury instructions; a statement of stipulated background facts that may be read to the jury in advance of the parties' presentation of evidence; a joint statement on any disputes regarding authenticity/admissibility that should be resolved prior to trial, which shall include a discussion of each party's position as to each disputed item; and a

final list of witnesses to be read to the jury. The anticipated absence of any witness shall not be sufficient cause to delay the trial. Video tape deposition services are available through the Clerk of Court or the local bar association.

7. The Final Pretrial Conference is scheduled for **October 19, 2020** at **10:00 a.m.**. Prior to that conference, the parties shall meet and confer regarding settlement of the case and, at least three (3) business days prior to the Final Pretrial Conference, counsel for every party shall submit a position letter to this Court. The position letter shall set forth the following: (a) A brief recitation of the facts; (b) A discussion of your party's strengths and weaknesses; and (c) Your party's settlement posture. To ensure candor, the position letters are not to be filed nor shared with opposing counsel, but rather **emailed** to: bissoon_external@pawd.uscourts.gov. All position letters will be kept **confidential**.

Counsel and their clients, or persons with full settlement authority (including insurance companies), must be present at the Final Pretrial Conference. A person with full settlement authority is **not** someone who is required to consult with other individuals, by telephone or otherwise, to obtain approval for any proposed settlement term or amount. Absent Court approval in advance of the Conference, for good cause shown, the Court will not entertain telephone participation in settlement negotiations. Any party who fails to secure the attendance of person(s) with full settlement authority, may be summarily assessed the costs and attorney's fees of those parties who have secured such attendance, and the Court, in its discretion, may reschedule the Conference to a date and/or time at which a person or persons with full settlement authority will attend.

8. Counsel must familiarize themselves with the Practices and Procedures of the undersigned regarding trial (see web page at <http://www.pawd.uscourts.gov/content/cathy-bissoon-district-judge>).

March 17, 2020

s/Cathy Bissoon
Cathy Bissoon
United States District Judge

cc (via ECF email notification):

All Counsel of Record