

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

JOHN MEZZALINGUA ASSOCIATES, INC.
d/b/a PPC, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARRIS INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Defendant.

ORDER

03-C-353-C

JOHN MEZZALINGUA ASSOCIATES, INC.
d/b/a PPC, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CORNING GILBERT, INC.,

Defendant.

ORDER

03-C-354-S

Plaintiff John Mezzalingua Associates, Inc. d/b/a PPC, Inc., filed these two lawsuits on July 1, 2003, in which it claims that defendants Arris International, Inc. and Corning Gilbert, Inc. violated its patent for a type of coaxial cable connector. Plaintiff immediately

filed a motion to consolidate the cases after one was randomly assigned to Judge Barbara B. Crabb and the other to Judge John C. Shabaz. On July 3, 2003, plaintiff filed a motion for a preliminary injunction in both cases, arguing that because both defendants intend to demonstrate their connectors at upcoming trade shows, a preliminary injunction is necessary to prevent irreparable harm.

Defendants may have until Monday July 15, 2003, in which to respond to plaintiff's motion to consolidate. No reply is necessary. Although I cannot determine until then whether the cases will be tried separately or together, in order to keep this case moving swiftly, the clerk of court is directed to schedule a preliminary injunction hearing for both cases for the end of next week.

Entered this 7th day of July, 2003.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge