

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

BETTYE J. LAWRENCE,

Plaintiff,

v.

VAUGHN REGSTEAD-SLUMBERLAND FURNITURE
and WELLS FARGO NATIONAL BANK,

Defendants.

ORDER

05-C-540-C

Plaintiff has paid the fee for filing this civil action in which she alleges that defendants violated her rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and other unspecified federal laws. The next step is for plaintiff to serve her complaint on the defendants. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m), a plaintiff has 120 days after filing a complaint in which to serve the defendants. However, that is an outside limit with few exceptions. This court requires that a plaintiff act diligently in moving her case to resolution. If plaintiff acts promptly, she should be able to serve her complaint on the defendants well before the deadline for doing so established in Rule 4.

To help plaintiff understand the procedure for serving a complaint on a corporation,

I am enclosing with this memorandum a copy of document titled "Procedure for Serving a Complaint on a Corporation, Partnership or Unincorporated Association in a Federal Lawsuit." In addition, I am enclosing to plaintiff an extra copy of her complaint and forms she will need to send to the defendants in accordance with the procedures set out in Option 1 of the memorandum.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff promptly serve her complaint on the defendant corporations and file proof of service of her complaint as soon as service has been accomplished. If, by November 30, 2005, plaintiff fails to submit proof of service of her complaint on the defendants or explain her inability to do so, I will direct plaintiff to show cause why her case should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution.

Entered this 5th day of October, 2005.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER

Magistrate Judge