

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

RITA LEMMENS,

Plaintiff,

v.

JO ANNE BARNHARDT,
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

ORDER

06-C-473-C

On November 28, 2006 plaintiff, by counsel, asked for a six day extension of her November 29, 2006 deadline for filing her brief in support of her appeal from the commissioner's decision in this case. Counsel, fully aware of this court's recently-declared policy of not granting extensions, has asked for a small extension and has supported this request with five bullet-points and an assertion of good faith efforts to meet the deadline.

I will grant the extension this once, mainly due to the intervening Thanksgiving holiday that ate into plaintiff's time. I note, however, that counsel's scheduling difficulties arise from being too busy. Understanding the market pressures at work here, I repeat the court's earlier observation that being constantly busy is not a valid ground for an extension, even a short one. Attorneys appearing in this court's civil lawsuits must meet the court's predictably fast deadlines.

Plaintiff's brief is due December 5, 2006. The commissioner's response is due January 5, 2007. Plaintiff's reply is due January 19, 2007.

Entered this 29th day of November, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER

Magistrate Judge