

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

WAUKESHA COUNTY, WISCONSIN, *et al.*

Plaintiff,

v.

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, *et al.*

Defendants.

ORDER

06-C-656-C

Defendants have moved to extend the summary judgment motion filing deadline from June 29, 2007 to July 20, 2007 for reasons proffered. *See* dks. 27-29. Although I am granting the request, there is a downside risk to the parties. Defendants correctly observe that even with the extension, briefing will be complete around mid-August, over two months before the October 29, 2007 jury trial. But this does not qualify as “well in advance” in this court: the court constantly has dozens of time-consuming dispositive motions under advisal, all tied to firm, imminent trial dates. Any reduction in the ordinary three-month gap between the end of briefing and the beginning of trial jeopardizes the court’s ability to decide a summary judgment motion any earlier than the eve of trial. In this case the court will do its best to rule promptly, but it will not guarantee a decision on a summary judgment motion prior to the final pretrial conference on October 25, 2007. Although the full measure of requested time is available, the sooner a motion is filed, the sooner the court can rule on it.

It is ORDERED that defendants’ motion to extend the summary judgment deadline is GRANTED.

Entered this 15th day of June, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge