

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

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CINDY JEAN BROWN and  
CAEMPPF,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BRUCE MURASKI, *et al.*,

Defendants.

ORDER

10-cv-70-slc

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This court receives about 200 new pro se lawsuits every year, and it has so few attorneys willing and able to take these cases, that it can only appoint counsel in about 10 to 15 cases a year. This was one of those rare cases; in fact we delayed proceedings from August 5, 2010 until May 10, 2011 while the court searched for a pro bono attorney to appoint. *See* dkts. 24 and 26. It took only 2 ½ months for plaintiff to move to get rid of her appointed attorney, and the court reluctantly did so, after holding a hearing to make sure that plaintiff understood what she was doing. I gave plaintiff two months, until September 30, 2011 to have a retained attorney file an appearance on her behalf or she would be required to proceed pro se in this case. I told plaintiff that I would not appoint a second pro bono attorney to represent her in this lawsuit. *See* dkts. 36-38.

Now plaintiff has filed a motion to extend the September 30, 2011 deadline. *See* dkt. 39. Plaintiff says that she has attempted to contact over 30 attorneys in an effort to be represented in this action. In her affidavit in support of her motion, plaintiff says that she is “very close to finalizing a deal” with an attorney. I doubt that this accurately captures the situation, but I will give plaintiff two extra weeks. If an attorney has not appeared on plaintiff’s behalf by October 14, 2011, then plaintiff must proceed pro se in her lawsuit.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff Cindy Brown's motion to extend her deadline to retain an attorney, dkt. 39, is GRANTED. Plaintiff may have until October 14, 2011, within which to have an attorney file an appearance on her behalf;

2. The Clerk's Office is directed to schedule a telephonic preliminary pretrial conference near the end of October, 2011. If plaintiff does not have an attorney, then she must participate on her own behalf so that we can reset the schedule in this case.

Entered this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge