

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

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JANELLE L. BARLASS,

Plaintiff,

v.

DENISE CARPENTER, CITY OF JANESVILLE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEPUTY CHIEF KOPP, and  
JANESVILLE GAZETTE NEWSPAPER,

Defendants.

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ORDER

10-cv-454-slc

*Pro se* plaintiff Janelle L. Barlass has written to ask the court to set a telephonic conference so that she may ask defendants' lawyers some questions about a discovery response and request for a deposition. Dkt. 39. It is this court's practice not to answer a litigant's discovery questions by setting telephonic conferences because the court has too many cases, too many *pro se* litigants and not enough time on its calendar to do this. Also, the parties often can work things out without involving the court.

So, if plaintiff has questions for the defendants' lawyers about discovery, then she should contact them directly, by letter, email or telephone. If plaintiff and the defendants' lawyers are unable to resolve plaintiff's concerns this way, then plaintiff may file a written motion to the court, explaining her specific concerns or questions and asking for specific relief, that is, asking the court to enter an order that directs the parties to do (or not do) something. If either side files such a "discovery" motion, then the court gives the other side a chance to file a written response, after which the court decides what to do. This is explained in the preliminary pretrial conference order in the section explaining discovery.

Accordingly, plaintiff's request for a hearing is DENIED.

Entered this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge