

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
CENTRAL DIVISION**

JACKIE WILLIAMS SIMPSON, *et al.*,

PLAINTIFFS,

v.

Case No. 4:22-cv-00213-JM

ASA HUTCHINSON, *et al.*,

DEFENDANTS.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Defendants respectfully submit this Motion for an extension of the deadline to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint. Defendants request that this deadline be extended by 14 days, from March 29, 2022, to April 12. Pursuant to L.R. 6.2(b), counsel for Defendants has conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs and is authorized to represent that Plaintiffs take no position on the requested extension.

1. Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit on March 7, 2022. *See* Doc. 1. Defendants were served the following day. *See* Docs. 2-4. Accordingly, Defendants must respond to the Complaint by March 29. Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(1)(A)(i). That Complaint spans 61 pages, pursues six separate causes of action, and includes over 100 pages of exhibits. *See* Doc. 1.

2. An extension of that deadline is warranted due to Defendants' counsel's other professional obligations. These obligations include additional filings in federal district court, preparing for an upcoming trial before this Court, and supervising the preparation of briefs in state and lower federal courts. A 14-day extension of the filing deadline—up to and including April 12, 2022—would materially assist Defendants in preparing their response to Plaintiffs' Complaint. Counsel for Defendants has conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs and is authorized to represent that Plaintiffs take no position on the requested extension.

Therefore, Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant this motion for a 14-day extension of the deadline to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint.

Dated: March 15, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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