

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

DEBORAH SPRINGER SUTTLAR, *et al.*

PLAINTIFFS

v.

Case No. 4:22-cv-00368 KGB

JOHN THURSTON, *et al.*

DEFENDANTS

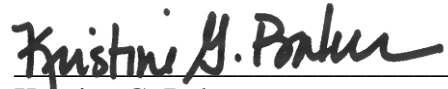
ORDER

Before the Court are plaintiffs' motion for extension of time and plaintiffs' motion for admission of counsel *pro hac vice* (Dkt. Nos. 13; 14). The Court addresses each motion in turn.

In plaintiffs' motion for an extension of time, they request that the Court set their deadline to respond to defendants' motion to dismiss to 14 days after the Court's ruling on plaintiffs' motion for remand (Dkt. Nos. 6; 9; 13). Plaintiffs' response to defendants' motion to dismiss is currently due Friday, May 13, 2022 (Dkt. Nos. 13, ¶ 4). Plaintiffs represent that, because their motion for remand "raises jurisdictional issues that should be addressed prior to any merits adjudication," they should not be required to respond to the pending motion to dismiss until after this Court rules on the pending motion to remand (*Id.*, ¶ 5). Plaintiffs indicate that they have conferred with defendants and that defendants do not oppose plaintiffs' motion for extension of time (Dkt. No. 13-2, ¶ 7). For good cause shown, the Court grants the motion (Dkt. No. 13). Plaintiffs' deadline to respond to defendants' motion to dismiss shall be 14 days following the entry of this Court's ruling on plaintiffs' motion for remand (Dkt. Nos. 6; 9; 13).

Pursuant to Rule 83.5(d) of the Local Rules of the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas, plaintiffs also request that attorney Aria Branch be admitted *pro hac vice* (Dkt. No. 14). For good cause shown, the Court grants the motion (*Id.*). Ms. Branch shall appear as counsel of record for plaintiffs along with plaintiffs' Arkansas counsel (*Id.*).

It is so ordered this 12th day of May, 2022.



Kristine G. Baker
United States District Judge