

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SHERMAN DIVISION**

JENNIFER ECKLUND,

Plaintiff,

v.

BEDAZZLED, INC., ET AL.,

Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:18-CV-00360-ALM

**AMENDED ORDER REGARDING SCHEDULED MEDIATION**

*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF START TIME*

*THOSE PARTIES WHO HAVE NOT YET FINALIZED A SETTLEMENT MUST ATTEND*

A mediation in the above captioned case is scheduled before United States Magistrate Judge Christine A. Nowak on ***Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 2:00pm***. The mediation will be held in the U.S. Courthouse Annex, 200 North Travis Street, Mezzanine Level, Sherman, Texas and shall be attended by an authorized representative of each party, together with trial counsel for each party, if applicable.

No later than **5:00 p.m.** on **April 2, 2019**, each of the Parties shall submit their confidential mediation statements to the magistrate judge. The mediation statement shall not become part of the file of the case, but shall be for the exclusive use of the magistrate judge in preparing for and conducting the mediation. The mediation statement shall be no longer than seven (7) pages.

The mediation statement should contain a specific recitation of any relevant facts, a discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the case, the parties' position on settlement, including a present settlement proposal, and a report on settlement efforts to date. Legal

arguments should not be included unless they are critical to the evaluation or settlement of the case and, if included, should be limited to basic legal arguments. Copies of any agreements, business records, photographs or other documents or exhibits may be attached to the mediation statement if critical to the negotiations. The parties are directed to be candid in their statements, but are not required to disclose their final settlement authority.

No later than **April 2, 2019**, Plaintiff's counsel shall submit a written settlement demand to Defendants (and/or their counsel) with a brief explanation of why such a settlement is appropriate. No later than **April 5, 2019**, each of Defendants shall respond to such offer and submit a written offer to Plaintiff's counsel with a brief explanation of why such a settlement is appropriate. These steps will enable the mediation to progress more expeditiously. A copy of all offers and demands made to date in this matter should be provided to the magistrate judge prior to the start of mediation.

The statements and settlement demand and offer should not be filed with the Clerk of Courts, but should be mailed or emailed to the chambers of the magistrate judge. Copies of the mediation statement should not be provided to the other parties in the case. Neither the mediation statements nor the settlement demand and offer will become part of the case docket. The statements may be emailed to Judge Nowak's Courtroom Deputy: [Karen R Lee@txed.uscourts.gov](mailto:Karen_R_Lee@txed.uscourts.gov).

A premediation telephone conference is scheduled for April 8, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. Counsel shall call into the conference by dialing 1-877-336-1839 and entering an access code of 5754049#.

Participants are directed to call this number no later than 2:55 p.m.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**SIGNED this 2nd day of April, 2019.**



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Christine A. Nowak  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE