


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION

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CAROLE KEETON STRAYHORN, §
KIMBLE D. ROSS, DAVID MAYES §
MIDDLETON II, AND BARBARA §
RUUD, §

Plaintiffs §

V. §

CASE NO. A-06-CA-205 §

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ROGER WILLIAMS, TEXAS §
SECRETARY OF STATE, §
Defendant §

MOTION FOR PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

Plaintiffs hereby file this motion to set a pre-trial conference and would show the Court as follows:

1. In 1983, "Congress amended Rule 16 to provide that '[i]n any action, the court may in its discretion direct the attorneys for the parties and any unrepresented parties to appear before it for a conference or conferences before trial for such purposes as . . . facilitating the settlement of the case.'" *In re Novak*, 932 F.2d 1397, 1404 (11th Cir. 1991) (quoting FED. R. CIV. P. 16(a)).
2. The parties are currently considering a settlement proposal and Plaintiffs believe that a settlement conference with the Court would be conducive to the potential settlement of this matter.

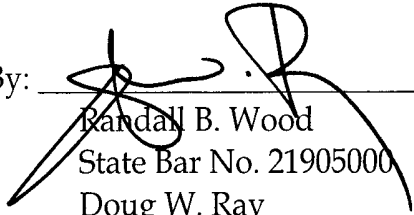
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3. Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court to set a pre-trial conference in this matter for the purpose of facilitating the settlement of this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify that Plaintiffs' counsel has conferred with counsel for the Defendant and that Defendant is unopposed to this Motion.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' Motion for Pre-Trial Conference has been sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following:

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