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United States District Court Northern District of Illinois - CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 3.0 (Chicago) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:98-cv-07093

Ellis, et al v. Grand Victoria, et al Assigned to: Hon. Martin C. Ashman

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Case in other court: 04-03780

Cause: 42:2000e Job Discrimination (Employment)

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Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 442 Civil Rights: Jobs

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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11/05/1998	1	COMPLAINT - Civil cover sheet - Appearance(s) of Cecile L. Singer, Kenneth N. Flaxman as attorney(s) for plaintiff original and 1 copy summons(es) issued.) (Documents: 1-1 through 1-3) (rmm) (Entered: 11/06/1998)
11/05/1998		RECEIPT regarding payment of filing fee paid; on 11/5/98 in the amount of \$ 150.00, receipt # 523189. (rmm) (Entered: 11/06/1998)
11/20/1998	2	RETURN OF SERVICE of summons executed upon defendant Grand Victoria on 11/13/98 (eav) (Entered: 11/23/1998)
12/07/1998	3	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for defendants by David C. Gustman, Donna B More, Mark W. Schroeder (eav) (Entered: 12/08/1998)
12/07/1998	4	MOTION by defendants for extension of time to answer or otherwise plead to complaint; Notice of motion (eav) (Entered: 12/16/1998)
12/15/1998	5	MINUTE ORDER of 12/15/98 by Hon. George M. Marovich: Defendants' motion for an extension of time to 1/6/99 to answer or otherwise plead is granted. [4-1] No further extensions will be allowed. Status hearing is set for 1/12/99 at 9:30 a.m. The parties are to file a joint status report by 1/8/99. Mailed notice (eav) (Entered: 12/16/1998)
01/06/1999	6	ANSWER by defendants to complaint and affirmative defenses (eav) (Entered: 01/07/1999)
01/07/1999		SCHEDULE set on 1/7/99 by Hon. George M. Marovich: Status hearing set to 9:30 am on 1/27/99. The parties are to file a joint written status report by 1/25/99. Mailed notice (jms) (Entered: 01/07/1999)
01/08/1999	7	JOINT STATUS REPORT; Notice of filing (eav) (Entered: 01/11/1999)
01/12/1999		SCHEDULE set on 1/12/99 by Hon. George M. Marovich: Status hearing held and continued to 9:30 am on 5/5/99. No notice, advised in open court (jms) (Entered: 01/12/1999)
05/05/1999		SCHEDULE set on 5/5/99 by Hon. George M. Marovich: Status hearing held and continued to 9:30 am on 7/7/99. Plaintiff's oral motion for leave to file an amended complaint instanter is granted. Plaintiff is directed to file their motion for class certification and supporting memoranda by 7/7/99. No notice, advised in open court (jms) (Entered: 05/05/1999)

07/07/1999	8	MOTION by plaintiffs for class certification (Attachments); (rmm) (Entered: 07/08/1999)
07/07/1999	9	MEMORANDUM by plaintiffs in support motion for class certification [8-1] (rmm) (Entered: 07/08/1999)
07/07/1999	10	AMENDED COMPLAINT [1-1] by plaintiff terminating defendant PG Inv, defendant Grand Victoria; adding Derrick Denson, Elgin Riverboat, RBG Ltd (rmm) (Entered: 07/08/1999)
07/07/1999	11	MINUTE ORDER of 7/7/99 by Hon. George M. Marovich: Status hearing held. Plaintiff's oral motion for leave to file an amended complaint instanter is granted. Plaintiff's motion for class certification [8-1] is taken under advisement. Response to motion for class certification [8-1] to be filed by 9/7/99. Reply is due 9/28/99. Court will rule by mail. Mailed notice (rmm) (Entered: 07/08/1999)
07/30/1999	12	MOTION by defendants NV Landing Prt, Elgin Riverboat for extension of time to answer or otherwise plead to amended complaint (Attachment); Notice of motion (eav) (Entered: 08/06/1999)
08/05/1999	13	MINUTE ORDER of 8/5/99 by Hon. George M. Marovich: Defendants' motion for an extension of time to 8/6/99 to answer or otherwise plead is granted. [12-1] Telephoned notice (eav) (Entered: 08/06/1999)
08/06/1999	14	ANSWER and affirmative defenses to amended complaint by defendant complaint [10-1] (lal) (Entered: 08/09/1999)
09/02/1999	15	AGREED MOTION by defendants NV Landing Prt, Elgin Riverboat, RBG Ltd for extension of time to file a brief in opposition to plaintiffs' motion for class certification; Notice of motion (eav) (Entered: 09/13/1999)
09/09/1999	16	MINUTE ORDER of 9/9/99 by Hon. George M. Marovich: Defendants' agreed motion for extension of time to file a brief in opposition to plaintiffs' motion for class certification is granted. [15-1] Response to motion for class certification due by 9/28/99 [8-1]; reply due by 10/26/99. Mailed notice (eav) (Entered: 09/13/1999)
09/28/1999	17	MOTION by defendant Elgin Riverboat for leave to file, instanter, a brief in excess of 15 pages; Notice of motion; Memorandum in opposition with Affidavit of Sharon McGill (Attachments) (eav) (Entered: 10/06/1999)
10/05/1999	18	MINUTE ORDER of 10/5/99 by Hon. George M. Marovich: Defendants motion for leave to file, instanter, a brief in excess of 15 pages in opposition to plaintiffs' motion for class certification is granted. [17-1] Telephoned notice (eav) (Entered: 10/06/1999)
10/25/1999	19	AGREED MOTION by plaintiffs for extension of time to file a reply memorandum to defendants' brief in opposition to plaintiffs' motion for class certification; Notice of motion (eav) (Entered: 11/08/1999)
11/04/1999	20	MINUTE ORDER of 11/4/99 by Hon. George M. Marovich : Plaintiff's

		agreed motion for extension of time is granted. [19-1] Reply to defendant's brief in opposition to plaintiff's motion for class certification due by 11/11/99. [8-1] No notice (eav) (Entered: 11/08/1999)
11/12/1999	21	REPLY MEMORANDUM by plaintiff in support of motion for class certification [8-1] (Attachments) (eav) (Entered: 11/16/1999)
11/22/1999	22	MOTION by defendant Elgin Riverboat for leave to file, instanter, sur- response in opposition to motion for class certification; Notice of motion (eav) (Entered: 12/03/1999)
12/01/1999	23	MINUTE ORDER of 12/1/99 by Hon. George M. Marovich: Grand Victoria's motion for leave to file instanter, sur-response in opposition to motion for class certification is granted. [22-1] Sur-reply to be filed by 12/8/99. No notice (eav) (Entered: 12/03/1999)
12/01/1999	24	SUR-RESPONSE by defendant Elgin Riverboat in opposition to plaintiffs' motion for class certification [8-1] (eav) (Entered: 12/03/1999)
12/08/1999	25	SURREPLY memorandum by plaintiffs in support of their motion for class certification [8-1] (las) (Entered: 12/10/1999)
02/01/2000		EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORDER of 02/01/00: Case reassigned to Hon. Joan B. Gottschall. (nlf) (Entered: 02/04/2000)
03/11/2000		SCHEDULE set on 3/11/00 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Status hearing set to 9:30 4/25/00. Mailed notice (rj) (Entered: 03/11/2000)
03/27/2000	<u>26</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 3/27/00 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Status hearing set for 04/18/00 at 9:30 a.m. The plaintiffs' motion for class certification is granted [8-1] with modification for reasons stated in the attached order, and the court certifies the following class: All African-Americans who were qualified for employment as "dealers" who applied for positions as "dealers" at the Grand Victoria casino, but who were no hired from 12/25/97 to the present. Status is set for 04/18/00, at 9:30 a.m. (Entered Order) Mailed notice (hp) (Entered: 03/29/2000)
04/18/2000		SCHEDULE set on 4/18/00 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Status hearing held and continued to 9:30 5/25/00. In court notice (rj) (Entered: 04/24/2000)
04/27/2000	27	MOTION by defendants for leave to file appearance of Jane M. McFetridge, Mairen C. Kelly, Kevin V. Dunphy as counsel; Notice of filing (fce) (Entered: 05/01/2000)
04/27/2000	28	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for defendants Grand Victoria, NV Landing Prt, PG Inv by Jane M. McFetridge, Mairen C. Kelly, Kevin Vincent Dunphy (fce) (Entered: 05/01/2000)
05/05/2000	<u>29</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 5/5/00 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Motion by Jane M. McFetridge, Mairen C. Kelly, Kevin V. Dunphy for leave to appear appearance as counsel for Defendants Elgin Riverboard Resort d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino, Nevada Landing Partnership and PG Investors is granted.

		[27-1] No notice (tlm) (Entered: 05/08/2000)
05/25/2000		SCHEDULE set on 5/25/00 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Status hearing held and continued to 9:30 7/27/00. Mailed notice (rj) (Entered: 05/26/2000)
07/07/2000	30	MOTION by defendants to withdraw Freeborn & Peters as counsel for defendants; Notice (hp) (Entered: 07/13/2000)
07/12/2000	31	MINUTE ORDER of 7/12/00 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Motion by David C. Gustman and Mark W. Schroeder of Freeborn & Peters and Donna B. More of the More Law Group to withdraw their appearances as attorneys on behalf of defendants Elgin Riverboat Resort, d/b/a Grand Victoria Casino, Nevada Landing Partnership and RBG, L.P. is granted. [30-1] Mailed notice (hp) (Entered: 07/13/2000)
07/19/2000	32	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for defendants Elgin Riverboat Resort d/b/a Grand victoria Casino, Nevada Landing Partnership and PG Investors by Matt David Strubbe (hp) (Entered: 07/24/2000)
07/29/2000		SCHEDULE set on 7/29/00 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Status hearing held and continued to 9:30 9/28/00. No notice (ac) (Entered: 07/29/2000)
09/28/2000		SCHEDULE set on 9/28/00 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Status hearing held and continued to 9:30 10/26/00. In court notice (rj) (Entered: 09/28/2000)
10/19/2000	33	AGREED MOTION by plaintiffs to approve form of class notice (Attachment); Notice (hp) (Entered: 10/31/2000)
10/27/2000	34	MINUTE ORDER of 10/27/00 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Status hearing set for 01/18/01 at 9:30 a.m. Plaintiff's agreed motion to approve form of class notice is granted. [33-1] No notice (hp) (Entered: 10/31/2000)
01/18/2001		SCHEDULE set on 1/18/01 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Status hearing held and continued to 9:30 4/19/01. Mailed notice (rj) (Entered: 01/18/2001)
04/16/2001	36	MEMORANDUM by plaintiffs in opposition to defendant's motion to dismiss claims of deceased class member Yvonne Mason. (fce) (Entered: 05/17/2001)
04/19/2001		SCHEDULE set on 4/19/01 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Status hearing held and continued to 9:30 9/20/01. Discovery (non-expert) ordered closed on 9/17/01. In court notice (rj) (Entered: 04/19/2001)
04/24/2001	38	MOTION by plaintiffs' to authorize class notice to class members who applied on and after 6/20/00; Notice. (vmj) (Entered: 05/22/2001)
04/30/2001	39	MOTION by defendants' to compel answers to defendants' first set of interrogatories and first request for production of documents to plaintiff class members (Attachments); Notice. (vmj) (Entered: 05/22/2001)
05/01/2001	40	MOTION by defendants' to dismiss Plaintiff, Yvonne Mason pursuant to Rule 25(a)(1) FRCP (death of a party) and memorandum of law; Notice. (vmj) (Entered: 05/22/2001)

05/14/2001	35	MEMORANDUM by plaintiffs in opposition to motion to compel unnamed class members to answer interrogatories and to produce documents (Attachments). (fce) (Entered: 05/15/2001)
05/16/2001	37	RESPONSE and opposition by defendants to plaintiff's motion to authorize class notice to class members who applied on or after 6/20/00 (Attachments); Notice. (fce) (Entered: 05/18/2001)
05/18/2001	41	MINUTE ORDER of 5/18/01 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Answer brief to plaintiffs' motion to authorize class notice to class members who applied on and after 6/20/00 [38-1] due 6/4/01. Reply to answer brief due 6/18/01. Defendants' motion to compel answers to defendants' first set of interrogatories and first request for production of documents to plaintiff class members is denied [39-1] without prejudice. Defendants' to file reply to its motion to dismiss Plaintiff, Yvonne Mason pursuant to Rule 25(a)(1) FRCP (death of a party) and memorandum of law [40-1] by 6/4/01. Parties are required to meet and confer as suggested in open court. Hearing is set for 6/1/01 at 10:00 a.m. Mailed notice (vmj) (Entered: 05/22/2001)
05/29/2001	45	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for defendants by Joel W. Rice (jmp) (Entered: 06/07/2001)
06/01/2001		SCHEDULE set on 6/1/01 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Status hearing reset to 9:30 7/26/01. Hearing held. Pending close date of discovery is lifted. Discovery cut-off will be set at scheduled status hearing. In court notice (rj) (Entered: 06/05/2001)
06/04/2001	42	REPLY MEMORANDUM by plaintiffs in support of motion to authorize class notice to class members who applied on and after 6/20/00 [38-1] (eav) (Entered: 06/05/2001)
06/04/2001	43	REPLY by defendants in support of its motion to dismiss plaintiff Yvonne Mason [40-1]. (maf) (Entered: 06/06/2001)
06/04/2001	44	MEMORANDUM by defendants in support of theor response and opposition to plaintiffs' motion to authorize class notice to class members who applied on and after 6/20/00 [38-1]. (maf) (Entered: 06/06/2001)
06/15/2001	48	MOTION by defendants NV Landing Prt, Elgin Riverboat, RBG Ltd for leave to file, instanter, sur-reply memorandum in opposition to plaintiffs' motion to authorize class notice to class members who applied on or after 06/20/00; Notice. (mw) (Entered: 07/17/2001)
06/28/2001	<u>46</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 6/28/01 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Enter order on reverse side. The definition of the certified class is hereby amended to include: "All African-Americans who were qualified for employment as 'dealers' who applied for positions as 'dealers' at the Grand Victoria casino, but who were not hired from 12/25/1997 to a date two weeks prior to the scheduled pretrial conference in this action." Plaintiffs' motion to authorize class notice to class members who applied on or after 6/20/2000 [38-1] is granted for the reasons given on the reverse side of this minute order. Mailed

		notice (eav) (Entered: 06/29/2001)
07/03/2001	49	MOTION by plaintiffs to compel defendant to respond to request to admit (Attachments); Notice. (mw) (Entered: 07/17/2001)
07/09/2001	47	RESPONSE by defendants to plaintiff's motion to compel . [39-1] (tlm) (Entered: 07/11/2001)
07/10/2001	50	MOTION by defendants NV Landing Prt, Elgin Riverboat, RBG Ltd to compel plaintiffs' responses to long outstanding class-related discovery request (Attachments); Notice. (mw) (Entered: 07/17/2001)
07/11/2001		SCHEDULE set on 7/11/01 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Motion by Defendant for leave to file surreply memorandum in opposition and motion by Plaintiff to compel Defendant to respond to request to admit are continued to 9:30 7/13/01. Defendant's counsel was not available at the time the case was called. In court notice (rj) (Entered: 07/11/2001)
07/13/2001	<u>51</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 7/13/01 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: Motion by defendants' for leave to file instanter, sur-reply memorandum in opposition to plaintiffs' motion to authorize class notice to class members who applied on or after 06/20/00 is granted [48-1]. Motion by defendants' to compel plaintiffs' responses to long outstanding class-related discovery request [50-1] is granted to the extent that if it can't be produced plaintiff must come in on a motion as soon as possible. Plaintiff to respond to long outstanding class-related discovery request by 07/18/01. Plaintiff's motion to compel defendant to respond to request to admit [49-1] is denied without prejudice. Discovery supervision is referred to Magistrate Judge. Status hearing set for 07/26/01 at 9:30 a.m. is stricken. Mailed notice (mw) (Entered: 07/17/2001)
07/13/2001	52	SUR-REPLY by defendants NV Landing Prt, Elgin Riverboat, RBG Ltd in opposition to plaintiffs' motion to authorize class notice to class members who applied on or after 06/20/01. (mw) (Entered: 07/17/2001)
07/16/2001	<u>53</u>	REFERRAL ORDER of 7/16/01 The case is referred to the Hon. Martin C. Ashman from the Hon. Joan B. Gottschall for discovery supervision. (For further detail see order.) Mailed notice (mw) (Entered: 07/17/2001)
07/20/2001		SCHEDULE set on 7/20/01 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing set to 10:00 8/3/01 in courtroom 1386. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 07/20/2001)
08/01/2001	<u>54</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 8/1/01 by Hon. Joan B. Gottschall: After reconsidering the order entered on 6/28/01 in light of the defendants' recently filed surreply, the court concludes that the order should stand for the reason set forth on the reverse side of this minute order. Mailed notice. (fce) (Entered: 08/02/2001)
08/03/2001		SCHEDULE set on 8/3/01 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held. Settlement conference set for 2:00 9/12/01 in chambers 1366. All clients and parties with full authority to settle are to be physically present. Failure to have parties with full authority to settle present may result in the imposition of

		severe sanctions. (For further details see standing order distributed in open court). Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 08/03/2001)
09/18/2001		SCHEDULE set on 9/18/01 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Settlement conference reset to 2:00 11/6/01. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 09/18/2001)
09/27/2001		SCHEDULE set on 9/27/01 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Settlement conference of 11/6/01 is reset to 2:00 11/5/01. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 09/27/2001)
11/05/2001		SCHEDULE set on 11/5/01 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Settlement conference held. Case settled. Status hearing set to 10:00 11/20/01. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 11/06/2001)
11/05/2001	56	CONSENT by plaintiffs to exercise of jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge. (lc) (Entered: 11/13/2001)
11/05/2001	57	CONSENT by defendants to exercise of jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge. (lc) (Entered: 11/13/2001)
11/06/2001	<u>55</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 11/6/01 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: All matters relating to the referral of this action having been resolved, the case is returned to the assigned judge. Terminating the case referral to Hon. Martin C. Ashman regarding [40-1]. No notice (lc) (Entered: 11/07/2001)
11/08/2001	<u>58</u>	REASSIGNMENT ORDER of 11/8/01: This case is reassigned to the Honorable Martin C. Ashman from the Honorable Joan B. Gottschall pursuant to Local Rule 73.1(b). Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 11/13/2001)
11/20/2001		SCHEDULE set on 11/20/01 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held and continued to 10:00 12/7/01. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 11/20/2001)
11/27/2001	<u>59</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 11/27/01 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Defendants' motion to dismiss party [40-1] is terminated as moot. No notice (lc) (Entered: 11/28/2001)
12/05/2001	<u>60</u>	AGREED MOTION by plaintiffs to approve form of class notice to class members who applied on and after 06/20/00 (Attachment); Notice. (lc) Modified on 12/07/2001 (Entered: 12/07/2001)
12/06/2001	<u>61</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 12/6/01 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiffs' agreed motion to approve form of class notice to class members who applied on and after 06/20/00 is granted [60-1]. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 12/07/2001)
12/07/2001		SCHEDULE set on 12/7/01 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held and continued to 10:00 1/25/02. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 12/07/2001)
01/25/2002		SCHEDULE set on 1/25/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held and continued to 10:15 2/20/02. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 01/25/2002)
02/20/2002		SCHEDULE set on 2/20/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held and continued to 10:00 3/12/02. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 02/20/2002)

03/12/2002		SCHEDULE set on 3/12/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held and continued to 2:00 3/15/02. No notice (is) (Entered: 03/12/2002)
03/15/2002	<u>62</u>	MOTION by defendants concerning class action settlement agreement (Attachments). (lc) Modified on 03/18/2002 (Entered: 03/18/2002)
03/15/2002	<u>63</u>	MOTION by plaintiffs to enforce settlement agreement . (lc) (Entered: 03/18/2002)
03/15/2002	<u>64</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 3/15/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiff's motion to enforce settlement agreement is denied [63-1] for the reasons stated in open court. Defendants' motion concerning class action settlement agreement is denied [62-1]. Status hearing held. No notice (lc) (Entered: 03/18/2002)
03/25/2002	<u>65</u>	MOTION by plaintiffs to appoint special representative for named plaintiff Yvonne Mason; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 04/01/2002)
03/28/2002	<u>66</u>	MEMORANDUM by defendants in opposition to plaintiffs' motion to appoint special representative for named plaintiff Yvonne Mason [65-1] (Attachment). (lc) (Entered: 04/01/2002)
03/29/2002	<u>67</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 3/29/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiffs' motion to appoint special representative for named plaintiff Yvonne Mason [65-1] is continued to 4/22/02 at 10:00a.m. Status hearing set for 4/22/02 at 10:00a.m. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 04/01/2002)
04/10/2002		SCHEDULE set on 4/10/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Settlement conference reset to 3:30 5/15/02. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 04/10/2002)
04/22/2002	<u>68</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 4/22/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiff's motion to appoint special representative for named plaintiff Yvonne Mason [65-1] is continued to 5/15/02 at 3:30p.m. Status hearing held. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 04/23/2002)
04/30/2002		SCHEDULE set on 4/30/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Settlement conference of 5/15/02 is reset to 11:00 5/29/02. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 04/30/2002)
05/01/2002	<u>69</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 5/1/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiffs' motion to appoint special representative for named plaintiff Yvonne Mason [65-1] set reset and continued to 5/29/02 at 11:00a.m. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 05/02/2002)
05/29/2002	<u>70</u>	ADDENDUM by plaintiffs to motion to appoint special representative for named plaintiff Yvonne Mason. (lc) (Entered: 05/30/2002)
05/29/2002	71	MINUTE ORDER of 5/29/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Settlement conference held. Case not settled. Plaintiffs' motion to appoint special representative for named plaintiff Yvonne Mason is granted [65-1] for the reasons stated in open court. Status hearing set for 6/14/02 at 10:00a.m. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 05/30/2002)

06/14/2002		SCHEDULE set on 6/14/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held and continued to 10:00 9/13/02. Fact discovery ordered closed on 11/29/02. Plaintiff's expert disclosures by 12/16/02. Defendant's expert disclosures by 12/30/02. Expert depositions by 1/31/03. Dispositive motions are due 2/28/03. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 06/17/2002)
07/26/2002	<u>72</u>	AGREED MOTION by plaintiff to approve form of class notice to class members who applied on and after 6/20/00 (Attachments); Notice of agreed motion (eav) (Entered: 07/30/2002)
07/29/2002	<u>73</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 7/29/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiff's agreed motion to approve form of class notice to class members who applied on and after 6/20/00 is granted. [72-1] Mailed notice (eav) (Entered: 07/30/2002)
09/13/2002		SCHEDULE set on 9/13/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held and continued to 10:00 12/4/02. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 09/13/2002)
11/27/2002	<u>75</u>	MOTION by plaintiffs to extend discovery cutoff dates; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 12/05/2002)
12/02/2002	<u>74</u>	RESPONSE by defendant Elgin Riverboat to plaintiffs' motion to extend discovery cutoff dates. (lc) (Entered: 12/04/2002)
12/04/2002	<u>76</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 12/4/02 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiffs' motion to extend discovery cutoff dates is granted [75-1]. Defendants' oral motion to stay the class is denied. Fact discovery closure is extended to 01/31/03. All dates are extended by forty-five days. Status hearing held and continued to 2/10/03 at 10:00a.m. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 12/05/2002)
01/31/2003	<u>83</u>	MOTION by plaintiff to strike answer to complaint (Attachments); Notice. (lc) (Entered: 02/11/2003)
02/03/2003	77	TRANSCRIPT of proceedings for the following date(s): 12/4/02 Before Honorable Martin C. Ashman. (fce) (Entered: 02/04/2003)
02/06/2003	<u>78</u>	RESPONSE by defendant Elgin Riverboat to plaintiffs' motion to strike answer to complaint and request for sanctions (Attachments); Notice. (lc) (Entered: 02/10/2003)
02/06/2003	<u>79</u>	MOTION by defendant Elgin Riverboat for leave to file, instanter, memorandum of law in excess of fifteen page limit; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 02/11/2003)
02/06/2003	<u>80</u>	MOTION by defendant Elgin Riverboat to modify the class definition . (lc) (Entered: 02/11/2003)
02/06/2003	<u>81</u>	MOTION by defendant Elgin Riverboat to decertify the class . (lc) (Entered: 02/11/2003)
02/06/2003	82	APPENDIX filed by defendant Elgin Riverboat in support of motion to decertify the class [81-1] (lc) (Entered: 02/11/2003)
02/10/2003	<u>84</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 2/10/03 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Brief in support of

		defendants' motion to decertify the class [81-1] and to modify the class definition [80-1] due 02/18/03. Answer brief to motion due 03/25/03. Reply to answer brief due 4/15/03. Status hearing held. Oral argument on defendants' motion to deceritfy the class set for 4/30/03 at 10:30a.m. Defendants' motion for leave to file, instanter, memorandum of law in excess of fifteen page is granted up to twenty pages [79-1]. Plaintiffs' motion to strike answer to complaint is denied as stated in open court [83-1]. Briefing schedule on motion for summary judgment is vacated. Dates on disclosure of experts is vacated. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 02/11/2003)
02/18/2003	<u>85</u>	REVISED MEMORANDUM of Law by defendants in support of motion to decertify the class (Attachments); Notice. (lc) (Entered: 02/20/2003)
02/20/2003	<u>86</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 2/20/03 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Oral argument on defendants' motion to decertify the class [81-1] and to modify the class definition [80-1] of 04/30/03 is reset to 05/14/03 at 10:30a.m. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 02/21/2003)
02/20/2003	<u>87</u>	MOTION by plaintiff to strike defendant's revised memorandum in support of motion to decertify class (Attachments); Notice. (lc) (Entered: 03/06/2003)
02/28/2003	<u>88</u>	RESPONSE by defendant Elgin Riverboat to plaintiffs' motion to strike defendant's revised memorandum in support of motion to decertify class [87-1]; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 03/06/2003)
03/04/2003	89	MINUTE ORDER of 3/4/03 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Oral argument held. Plaintiffs' motion to strike defendant's revised memorandum in support of motion to decertify class is denied [87-1]. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 03/06/2003)
03/25/2003	90	NOTICE by plaintiffs' counsel of change of address (lc) (Entered: 03/26/2003)
03/25/2003	91	MEMORANDUM by plaintiffs in opposition to motion to decertify the class [81-1] (Attachments). (lc) (Entered: 03/26/2003)
04/15/2003	92	REPLY brief by defendants in support of motion to modify the class definition [80-1]; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 04/16/2003)
04/15/2003	93	REPLY Memorandum of Law by defendants to motion to decertify the class [81-1] (Attachments). (lc) (Entered: 04/16/2003)
04/17/2003	<u>94</u>	NOTICE by plaintiffs Lisa Ellis, Yvonne Mason, Marcia English counsel of change of address (lc) (Entered: 04/21/2003)
05/14/2003	95	MINUTE ORDER of 5/14/03 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Oral argument held. Defendants' motion to modify the class definition [80-1] and motion to decertify the class [81-1] are taken under advisement. Ruling to be made by mail. No notice (lc) (Entered: 05/15/2003)
06/10/2003	<u>96</u>	SUPPLEMENTAL SUBMISSION by defendants to motion to decertify the class [81-1] (Attachment); Notice. (lc) (Entered: 06/11/2003)

07/17/2003	97	TRANSCRIPT of proceedings for the following date(s): 05/14/03 before The Honorable Martin C. Ashman. (lc) (Entered: 07/18/2003)
08/21/2003	<u>98</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 8/21/03 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Defendants' motion to decertify the class is granted [81-1]. Defendants' motion to amende the class definition is denied [80-1] to include only those applicants who auditioned is denied as moot. Entered Memorandum Opinion and Order. Mailed notice by judge's staff (lc) (Entered: 08/22/2003)
09/25/2003	<u>99</u>	CERTIFIED copy of Order dated 09/22/03 from the 7th Circuit: It is ordered that #1 is denied. (03-8013) (lc) (Entered: 09/26/2003)
09/30/2003		SCHEDULE set on 9/30/03 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing set to 10:00 10/8/03. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 09/30/2003)
10/08/2003		SCHEDULE set on 10/8/03 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held. Dispositive motion is due 12/10/03. Response is due 1/7/04. Reply is due 1/21/04. Oral argument on dispositive motion set for 10:30 2/5/04. Plaintiff is to send notice of uncertified class to all members. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 10/08/2003)
11/21/2003	<u>100</u>	AGREED MOTION by defendant Elgin Riverboat for extension of time to file dispositive motion; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 11/25/2003)
11/24/2003	<u>101</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 11/24/03 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Defendat's agreed motion for extension of time to file dispositive motion is granted [100-1]. Plaintiffs' response to be filed by 01/26/04. Reply due 02/09/04. Oral argument on dispositive motion is reset to 02/19/04 at 10:30a.m. Oral argument of 02/05/04 is stricken. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 11/25/2003)
11/24/2003	102	TRANSCRIPT of proceedings for the following date(s): 03/15/02 before The Honorable Martin C. Ashman. (lc) (Entered: 11/25/2003)
12/19/2003	103	MOTION by defendant for summary judgment; Memorandum of Law in support; Statment; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 12/22/2003)
12/19/2003	104	DOCUMENTS by defendants attached in support of defendants' statement of undisputed material facts pursuant to Local Rule 56.1. (lc) (Entered: 12/22/2003)
12/19/2003	<u>106</u>	MOTION by plaintiffs Lisa Ellis, Marcia English to withdraw attorneys Singer and Flaxman; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 01/14/2004)
01/12/2004	105	STIPULATION by parties to dismiss as to claims of Derrick Denson and representative claims of Shemina Lewis; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 01/14/2004)
01/13/2004	<u>107</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 1/13/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Motion of attorneys Singer and Flaxman to withdraw as counsel for plaintiffs Ellis and English is granted [106-1]. Pursuant to the stipulation to dismiss as to claims of Derrick Denson and representative claims of Shemina Lewis, the claims of Derrick Denson and Shemina Lewis, as representative of the estate of Yvonne

		Mason, are dismissed with prejudice and without costs, each party to bear its own costs and fees. Briefing schedule on defendant's motion for summary judgment is stayed. Oral argument of 02/19/04 is stricken. Plaintiffs Lisa Ellis and Marcia English are given twenty days up to and including 02/03/04 to obtain counsel. Status hearing set for 2/13/04 at 10:00a.m. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 01/14/2004)	
02/12/2004		SCHEDULE set on 2/12/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Oral argument stricken. No notice (is) (Entered: 02/12/2004)	
02/13/2004	<u>108</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 2/13/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiff's respond to defendant's motion for summary judgment [103-1] to be filed on or befo 04/13/04. Reply due 5/11/04. Oral argument on defendant's motion for summary judgment [103-1] set for 5/20/04 at 11:00a.m. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 02/17/2004)	
02/18/2004	109	MINUTE ORDER of 2/18/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Entered Memorandum Opinion and Order. Mailed notice by judge's staff (lc) (Entered: 02/19/2004)	
03/25/2004	<u>110</u>	MOTION by defendant for reassignment of related cases (Attachments); Notice. (lc) (Entered: 04/07/2004)	
04/06/2004	111	MINUTE ORDER of 4/6/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Defendants' motion for reassignment of related cases is denied without prejudice for the reasons stated in open court [110-1]. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 04/07/2004)	
04/14/2004	112	MINUTE ORDER of 4/14/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Oral argument on defendant's motion for summary judgment [103-1] is reset to 5/21/04 at 11:00 a.m. Oral argument of 5/20/04 is stricken. Mailed notice (vmj) (Entered: 04/15/2004)	
05/12/2004	113	MINUTE ORDER of 5/12/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Oral argument of 05/21/04 on defendant's motion for summary judgment [103-1] is stricken. Defendant's motion for summary judgment [103-1] is taken under advisement. Ruling to be made by mail. Mailed notice by judge's staff (lc) (Entered: 05/13/2004)	
06/29/2004	<u>115</u>	MOTION by plaintiffs to allow late response to motion for summary judgment . (lc) (Entered: 07/07/2004)	
06/29/2004	<u>116</u>	MOTION by plaintiff to file appearance instanter; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 07/07/2004)	
07/01/2004	<u>114</u>	RESPONSE by defendants in opposition to plaintiff's motion to allow late response to motion for summary judgment; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 07/02/2004)	
07/06/2004	<u>117</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 7/6/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiff's motion to file appearance instanter [116-1] and plaintiff's motion to allow late response to motion for summary judgment [115-1] are entered and continued to 7/9/04 at 10:00a.m. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 07/07/2004)	

07/09/2004	<u>118</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 7/9/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiffs' motion file appearance instanter is granted [116-1]. Plaintiffs' motion to allow late response to motion for summary judgment is granted [115-1]. Plaintiffs' response to defendant's motion for summary judgment [103-1] to be filed by 07/30/04. Reply due 08/13/04 [103-1]. Oral argument on defendant's motion for summary judgment set for 09/01/04 at 10:30a.m. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 07/12/2004)	
07/09/2004	119	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for plaintiffs Lisa Ellis, Marcia English by Anderson J. Ward (lc) (Entered: 07/12/2004)	
07/20/2004	120	TRANSCRIPT of proceedings for the following date(s): 02/13/04 before The Honorable Martin C. Ashman. (lc) (Entered: 07/21/2004)	
08/02/2004	122	MOTION by plaintiffs for leave to voluntarily dismiss without prejudice; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 08/10/2004)	
08/05/2004	121	RESPONSE by defendant Elgin Riverboat to plaintiffs' motion for leave to voluntarily dismiss without prejudice; Notice. (lc) (Entered: 08/09/2004)	
08/09/2004	123	MINUTE ORDER of 8/9/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Plaintiffs' motion for leave to voluntarily dismiss without prejudice is denied for the reasons stated in open court [122-1]. Defendants' motion for summary judgment [1031] is taken under advisement. Ruling to be made by mail. Oral argument of 09/01/04 is vacated. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 08/10/2004)	
09/21/2004	124	MINUTE ORDER of 9/21/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Defendant Elgin Riverboat Resort's motion for summary judgment is granted [103-1] and this case is dismissed terminating case. Entered Memorandum Opinion and Order. Mailed notice by judge's staff (lc) (Entered: 09/22/2004)	
09/21/2004	<u>125</u>	ENTERED JUDGMENT (lc) (Entered: 09/22/2004)	
10/20/2004	<u>127</u>	PETITION to intervene; Notice of motion (eav) (Entered: 10/27/2004)	
10/25/2004	<u>126</u>	MEMORANDUM by defendant Elgin Riverboat Resort in opposition to petition to intervene; Notice (cdy) (Entered: 10/26/2004)	
10/26/2004	128	MINUTE ORDER of 10/26/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Oral argument held on petitioners' petition to intervene. Said motion is granted for the reasons stated in open court. [127-1] Mailed notice (eav) (Entered: 10/27/2004)	
10/26/2004	129	NOTICE OF APPEAL by petitioner Tamela Q Simmons, petitioner Dorothy N Burks, petitioner Katrina Dismuke Cureton, petitioner Ramona Camprindo, petitioner Robert Curtington, petitioner Darryl W Donahue, petitioner Donna D Jackson, petitioner Delores Miller, petitioner Keith Moody, petitioner Evelyn D Norris, petitioner Wellington Okoh, petitioner Noelle Olivier, petitioner James Reaves, petitioner Jennifer Thomas, petitioner Tamara R Turner, petitioner Lawrence D Williams judgment entered [125-1], Scheduling order terminating case. [124-1], all Entered Memorandum Opinion	

		and Order. [124-2], motion minute order [124-3], Scheduling order Entered Memorandum Opinion and Order. [98-1], motion minute order [98-2] (Fee Due) (dj) (Entered: 10/27/2004)	
10/27/2004		TRANSMITTED to the 7th Circuit the short record on appeal [129-1] . Mailed notice to all counsel. (dj) (Entered: 10/27/2004)	
10/28/2004		SCHEDULE set on 10/28/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing set to 10:00 11/22/04. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 10/28/2004)	
10/28/2004		RECEIPT #10216963 for payment of notice of appeal in the amount of \$255.00. (dj) (Entered: 10/29/2004)	
11/01/2004	130	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of receipt of short record on appeal [129-1] USC 04-3780 (las) (Entered: 11/02/2004)	
11/01/2004	<u>131</u>	CIRCUIT Rule 3(b) Notice (las) (Entered: 11/02/2004)	
11/19/2004		TRANSMITTED to the 7th Circuit the long record on appeal no. 04-3780 consisting of 2 volumes of pleadings, 4 transcripts and 7 loose pleadings. [129-1], appeal [129-1] Mailed notice to all counsel. (dj) (Entered: 11/19/2004)	
11/22/2004		SCHEDULE set on 11/22/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held and continued to 10:00 12/1/04. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 11/22/2004)	
12/01/2004		SCHEDULE set on 12/1/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held and continued to 10:00 12/3/04. Mailed notice (is) (Entered: 12/01/2004)	
12/03/2004	<u>132</u>	BILL OF COSTS submitted (lc) (Entered: 12/06/2004)	
12/03/2004		COSTS taxed bill of costs [132-1] for defendants NV Landing Prt, Elgin Riverboat in the amount of \$ 10,703.11 against plaintiffs. (lc) (Entered: 12/06/2004)	
12/03/2004	<u>133</u>	AFFIDAVIT of Joel W. Rice. (lc) (Entered: 12/06/2004)	
12/03/2004	<u>134</u>	MEMORANDUM by defendant Elgin Riverboat in support bill of costs [0-0] Notice. (lc) (Entered: 12/06/2004)	
12/03/2004	<u>135</u>	ITEMIZATION by defendant Elgin Riverboat of bill of costs (Attachments). (lc) (Entered: 12/06/2004)	
12/03/2004	<u>136</u>	MINUTE ORDER of 12/3/04 by Hon. Martin C. Ashman: Status hearing held. Hearing no objections, bill of costs is approved. Judgment having been entered in this action on 09/22/04 against Lisa Ellis, et al, costs are taxed in the amount of \$10,703.11 and included in the judgment. Filed bill of cost. Mailed notice (lc) (Entered: 12/06/2004)	
12/21/2004	137	TRANSCRIPT of proceedings for the following date(s): 10/26/04 appeal [129-1] before The Honorable Martin C. Ashman. (lc) (Entered: 12/23/2004)	
01/03/2005		TRANSMITTED to the 7th Circuit supplement to appeal no. 04-3780	

		consisting of: One volume of transcript. Mailed notice to all counsel. (lc) (Entered: 01/03/2005)	
02/17/2005	138	LETTER from the Seventh Circuit returning the record on appeal in USCA no. 04-3780 consisting of two volumes of pleadings, seven volumes of loose pleadings and 5 volumes of transcripts. (mjc,) (Entered: 02/22/2005)	
02/17/2005	139	MANDATE of USCA dated 01/26/05 regarding notice of appeal [129]; We further note that the parties make no argument that the papers filed by appellants on October 20, 2004, should be treated as a notice of appeal under Smith v. Barry, 502 U.S. 244 (1992). This appeal is dismissed. USCA No. 04 3780. (mjc,) (Entered: 02/22/2005)	
01/05/2006	140	PRAECIPE by defendants against plaintiff Lisa Ellis in the amount of \$10,703.11 (Exhibits). (cdy,) . (Entered: 01/05/2006)	
01/05/2006		FOUR CERTIFIED ORIGINAL WRITS of execution with a copy of praccipe issued to the U.S. Marshal's Office for service as to Lisa Ellis (cdy,). (Entered: 01/05/2006)	
01/10/2006	<u>141</u>	PRAECIPE by defendants against plaintiff Marcia English in the amount of \$10,703.11 (Exhibits) (cdy,) . (Entered: 01/10/2006)	
01/11/2006		FOUR CERTIFIED ORIGINAL WRITS of execution with copy of praecipe issued to the U.S. Marshal's Office for service as to Marcia English. (cdy,). (Entered: 01/11/2006)	
04/20/2006	<u>142</u>	WRIT of Execution by U.S. Marshals Service returned Unexecuted as to Marcia English. (eav,) (Entered: 04/24/2006)	
04/20/2006	<u>143</u>	WRIT of Execution by U.S. Marshals Service, unexecuted as to Lisa Ellis (eav) (Entered: 04/24/2006)	

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