

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 99-8707-CIV-DIMITROULEAS

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMISSION,

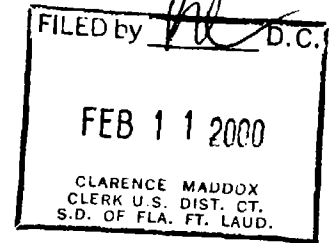
Plaintiff,

vs.

INTRACOASTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.,
and ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, INC.,

Defendants.

DOROTHY HENDERSON SWAIN,
Plaintiff/Intervenor.



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CASE NO. 99-8053-CIV-DIMITROULEAS ✓

DOROTHY HENDERSON SWAIN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

INTRACOASTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS,
INC., a Florida corporation, d/b/a ST. MARY'S
HOSPITAL,

Defendant.

ORDER CONSOLIDATING THE ACTIONS

THIS CAUSE is before the Court upon the Motion to Consolidate, joined by all parties, filed herein on February 8, 2000. The Court has reviewed the pleadings filed to date, and after due consideration, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

Consolidation

1. The above-captioned actions (the "Actions") and any other actions filed as related to any of these actions are hereby consolidated into one action (hereinafter, the "Consolidated

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Action”) for all purposes, pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

This Order (the “Order”) shall apply as specified to the Consolidated Action and to each case that relates to the same subject matter that is subsequently filed in this Court or transferred to this Court and is consolidated with the Consolidated Action.

Master Docket and Master File

2. A Master File is hereby established for this proceeding. The Master File shall be 99-8707 CIV-DIMITROULEAS. From this point on, the Clerk shall file all pleadings in the Master File and note such filings on the Master Docket. An original of this Order shall be filed by the Clerk in the Master File, with copies placed in each of the other fifteen cases styled above.

Caption of the Case

3. Every pleading filed in the Consolidated Action shall have the following caption:

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Newly-filed or Transferred Actions

4. This Court requests the assistance of both plaintiffs’ counsel and defendants’ counsel in calling to the attention of the Clerk of this Court the filing or transfer of any case that might properly be consolidated as part of the Consolidated Action. When a case that arises out of the same subject matter of the Consolidated Action is hereinafter filed in this

Court or transferred from another Court, upon notice to the Clerk of this Court, the Clerk's Office shall:

- a. File a copy of this Order in the separate file for such action;
 - b. Mail a copy of this Order to the attorneys for the plaintiff(s) in the newly-filed or transferred case and to any new defendant(s) in the newly-filed or transferred case; and
 - c. Make the appropriate entry in the Master Docket for the Consolidated Action.
5. Each new case that arises out of the subject matter of the Consolidated Action which is filed in this Court or transferred to this court, shall be consolidated with the Consolidated Action and this Order shall apply thereto, unless a party objects to consolidation, as provided for herein, or objects to any provision of this Order, within ten (10) days after the date upon which a copy of this Order is served on counsel for such party, by filing an application for relief, and if this Court deems it appropriate to grant such application. Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed as a waiver of the defendants' right to object to consolidation of any subsequently-filed or transferred related action.


Conclusion

It is **FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

1. The Motion to Consolidate is hereby **GRANTED**;
2. Case number 99-CIV-8707-WPD shall be consolidated with 99-CIV-8053-WPD;
3. All pleadings hereinafter shall bear the following case number, 99-CIV-8707-DIMITROULEAS;
4. The Court hereby Vacates the scheduling Order previously submitted, and orders the parties to submit an updated Joint Scheduling Report within ten (10) days of the filing of this Order;
5. Case Number 99-CIV-8053-DIMITROULEAS, shall be closed for administrative

purposes; All pending motions in the consolidated cases are hereby **DENIED AS MOOT**, given the rulings entered herein.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida,
this 11 day of February, 2000.


WILLIAM P. DIMITROULEAS
United States District Judge

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