

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CENTRAL DIVISION

CARL ERIC OLSEN,	*	
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Plaintiff,	*	No. 4:07-cv-00023-JAJ-RAW
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v.	*	
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ALBERTO R. GONZALES, et al.,	*	PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR NOTIFICATION
	*	OF FILINGS AND TIME LIMITS
Defendants.	*	

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR NOTIFICATION OF FILINGS AND TIME LIMITS

Plaintiff Carl Olsen respectfully moves the Court to send him notices when the Defendants file pleadings that require a response from the Plaintiff.

The Plaintiff has not received notification of two filings by the Defendants.

A Motion to Dismiss was filed by Defendants John Sarcone and Dennis Anderson on March 19, 2007. The Plaintiff mentioned this in his Motion for Reconsideration of the Magistrate's denial of his Motion for Access to the ECF System filed on April 2, 2007. On April 3, 2007, the Defendants John Sarcone and Dennis Anderson mailed the Plaintiff a copy of their Motion to Dismiss. The Plaintiff was not prejudiced because these two Defendants simply adopted the Motion to Dismiss filed by the Defendant Thomas Miller, but easily could have been.

A Motion to Dismiss was filed by Defendants Alberto Gonzales and Karen Tandy on April 10. Although the Plaintiff received a copy of the Motion directly from counsel for these two Defendants, the Plaintiff never received a notice from the Court telling him how long he has to respond. On April 20, the Plaintiff called the Clerk of the Court and was told he had until April 27 to file a response.

If the Plaintiff had access to the ECF system just the same as the Defendants have access to it, the Plaintiff would be receiving electronic notices of these filings.

The Plaintiff now complains to the Court that the Plaintiff is being prejudiced by this unequal treatment because he feels that the Defendants have an unfair advantage over the Plaintiff.

The Plaintiff has contacted the Office of United States Senator Tom Harkin and has received the attached information from the Judicial Conference explaining how crucial it is that the courts move to electronic access to manage their case loads and move away from paper filing. In this case, the Clerk of the Court has to manually scan anything I file and place it in the ECF System. Scanned documents are much larger than documents converted directly from word processing programs to PDF. Denying access to the ECF is a waste of public funds and the limited resources of the Court.

The Plaintiff also contacted the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts which informed the Plaintiff that each court has the discretion to allow or deny access to the ECF System. The Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court to use that discretion wisely. Denying access to the ECF System presents the appearance of discrimination against pro se plaintiffs.

Therefore, for the reasons stated above, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court send him notices of filings and deadlines, or, in the alternative, grant his motion for reconsideration of his motion for access to the ECF System.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of April, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time was mailed by first class mail on this 22nd day of April, 2007 to each of the following defendants:

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