UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

LAFAYETTE DIVISION

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|       |  | Civil No. |       |
| Plaintiff |  |
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| VS. | Magistrate Judge | Whitehurst |
|       | BY CONSENT OF THE PARTIES |
| Defendant |

**BENCH TRIAL ORDER**

 IT IS ORDERED that the parties shall submit the following along with the Pretrial Order:

 (1) Each party’s proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, with page-specific citations for supporting jurisprudence as to each claim, remedy, defense, and allegation. The conclusions of law from plaintiff are to contain each claim made against each defendant, the basis in law relied upon for those claims, any jurisprudential gloss upon the statute or code article relied upon with the page cite of the specific language relied upon, which supports or interprets plaintiff’s claim. Plaintiff is to cite the standard or burden of proof it must prove as to each claim, including any right to attorneys’ fees. Defendants are to respond to plaintiff’s claims in the same format, if possible, and additionally, cite any affirmative defenses relied upon. The findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be submitted in WordPerfect or Word format via e-mail to whitehurst\_orders@lawd.uscourts.gov.

 (2) The parties shall deliver two bench books to Judge Whitehurst’s chambers for use by the judge and law clerk at trial. The bench books should be tabbed and indexed with a cover sheet on which each party is to state all objections to the admissibility of exhibits. A third copy of the bench book shall be placed at the witness stand on the morning of the trial for use by testifying witnesses. The original exhibits must be entered into evidence at trial. Exhibits must also be submitted on CD-ROM.

 (3) Each party’s witness list with the name, address, and brief description of the expected testimony of each witness the party will call and a statement as to whether the witness will be brought to trial or presented by deposition.

 THUS DONE AND SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at Lafayette, Louisiana.

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 CAROL B. WHITEHURST

 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE