## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,	) Case No. 3:24-cv-968-JPG
Plaintiff,	)
vs.	) )
SIS-BRO, INC.,	) ) )

Defendant.

## **MANDATORY MEDIATION REFERRAL ORDER**

## **GILBERT**, District Judge:

The above captioned action has been identified as a Non-Exempt Civil Case subject to automatic referral into the Court's Mandatory Mediation Program.<sup>1</sup> Counsel are **DIRECTED** to review the Court's Mandatory Mediation Plan prior to the Rule 16 conference, which is available at:

http://www.ilsd.uscourts.gov/Mediation/MediationMain.aspx.

## Please note the following:

- Counsel shall confer about the Mandatory Mediation Program and shall attempt to agree upon a mediator as part of their discussion of "the possibilities for promptly settling or resolving the case" pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f).
- Unless otherwise ordered, the following mediation deadlines shall apply:
  - o The parties shall have **28 days** from the date they submit the Joint Report and Proposed Scheduling and Discovery Order via email to Judge Gilbert in which to select a mediator and file a stipulation with the Court regarding their selection.
  - O The mandatory two-hour mediation session shall be completed no later than 30 days before the discovery cut-off date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the Southern District of Illinois, all civil actions shall be automatically referred into the Court's Mandatory Mediation Program except those cases that have been designated as exempt pursuant to § 2.1(A)(2) of the Mandatory Mediation Plan.

o The **mandatory mediation proceedings** shall be completed no later than **15 days** after the discovery cut-off date.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**DATED: 4/11/2024** 

/s/ J. Phil Gilbert
J. Phil Gilbert

United States District Judge