

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

JOHN ADAIR,)
 PLAINTIFF,)
vs.) CASE NO. CJ-2023-6121
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STATE FARM FIRE and CASUALTY)
COMPANY and TIM CUSTER)
INSURANCE AGENCY INC.,)
))
 DEFENDANTS.)

JACOB COX,)
 PLAINTIFF,)
vs.) CASE NO. CJ-2024-7630
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STATE FARM FIRE and CASUALTY)
COMPANY and ELIZABETH GALLERY,)
))
 DEFENDANTS.)

CHRISTOPHER PRUITT,)
 PLAINTIFF,)
vs.) CASE NO. CJ-2024-7828
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STATE FARM FIRE and CASUALTY)
COMPANY and JIM MOORE,)
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 DEFENDANTS.)

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

HAD ON THE 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026

BEFORE THE HONORABLE C. BRENT DISHMAN

DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 likely be of benefit to appoint a discovery master -- I'm
2 trying to rephrase -- whether it outweighs the burden or
3 expense.

4 MS. WHITTEN: Plaintiffs are willing to bear the
5 burden as well, Your Honor. We have explicitly stated
6 plaintiffs are willing to bear the burden of three separate
7 special discovery masters if this Court is not inclined to
8 consolidate these three cases for judicial economy.

9 THE COURT: Well, tell me -- give me a big picture
10 idea of what this case --

11 MR. DELIGANS: Judge, may --

12 THE COURT: -- where this case is headed, because
13 you gave me this article from Oklahoma Watch, that's
14 interesting. Like I think we're early in this case and
15 discovery is just an issue, but is it heading into a
16 situation where State Farm is going to say "no" or put up
17 road blocks and then I'm going to have to do this later?

18 MR. DELIGANS: Judge, may I say something?

19 THE COURT: You may.

20 MR. DELIGANS: You know, you asked when we
21 started, you know, why now, why now when there's not all
22 this pending in front of me. The reason is for efficiency,
23 judicial efficiency, efficiency of the parties, efficiency
24 of the litigants.

25 I don't know the other lawyers. I know Lance and

1 ruling. I have enough to make a decision, but I've enjoyed
2 this bunch of good lawyers arguing in front of me. It's
3 nice.

4 Okay. I'm going to grant the discovery master
5 part of the motion. I would prefer it be one discovery
6 master over all three cases.

7 I'm not going to consolidate, and the reason I'm
8 not going to consolidate is because I think there are too
9 many differences when you name the individual agents as a
10 defendant. All those situations are going to be factually
11 different. So if there's -- well, I'll just leave it at
12 that.

13 MR. DELIGANS: Judge --

14 THE COURT: So discovery master granted.
15 Consolidation denied.

16 Yes, sir.

17 MR. DELIGANS: Thank you.

18 Can we have a timeframe on the discovery master?
19 You know, the parties generally have to agree on things. If
20 you can tell how this hearing's gone, you know --

21 THE COURT: As far as picking a discovery master?

22 MR. DELIGANS: Yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: Does 30 days work for everybody?

24 MR. DELIGANS: I would -- I would prefer two
25 weeks.