

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JOHN J. KORESKO, V and : CIVIL ACTION  
PENNMONT BENEFIT SERVICES, INC. :  
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v. :  
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JEFF BLEIWEIS; RAYMOND ANKNER, CJA :  
AND ASSOCIATES, INC.; and :  
THE TRAVELERS LIFE AND ANNUITY CO. : NO. 04-00769

ORDER AND OPINION

JACOB P. HART  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATE: November 22, 2004

After reviewing both parties' November 19, 2004, submissions to court with respect to Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Discovery from Defendant Travelers and for Sanctions, I have concluded that, while Travelers' approach to discovery has been less than constructive in some respects, Travelers has, at this point, provided adequate responses to all of Plaintiffs' interrogatories. I will treat all of Travelers' representations (a) in its formal discovery responses; (b) in its November 19, 2004, letter to counsel for Plaintiffs; and (c) in its November 19, 2004, letter to Court, as sworn and binding interrogatory answers.

I note that many of the interrogatories, as to which the parties' seemingly endless squabbles continue, are the sort of vague and poorly drafted requests that inevitably bring out the worst in lawyers. I believe that Plaintiffs should have resorted to the time-honored technique of obtaining this information in depositions, rather than killing a forest-worth of trees drafting undecipherable interrogatories, then killing another forest drafting motions complaining about the answers they received.

Further, I will not compel Travelers to respond to Plaintiffs' Interrogatory No. 15. Plaintiffs have not shown that the requested material is relevant to their case. I therefore enter the following:

ORDER

AND NOW, this 22d day of November, 2004, upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Discovery and for Sanctions, docketed in this case as Document No. 63, and of Defendants' response thereto, and after telephonic conversation and review of the subsequent submissions of the parties, it is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion is DENIED and her request for sanctions is also DENIED.

BY THE COURT:

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JACOB P. HART  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE