

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

In the matter of)	
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Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Corporation,)	
a corporation, and)	Docket No. 9315
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ENH Medical Group, Inc.,)	
a corporation.)	
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JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND PARTIES' TIME TO FILE PRE-TRIAL BRIEFS

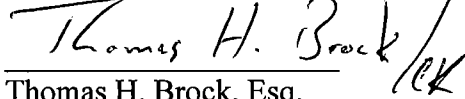
Complaint Counsel and Counsel for Respondents, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Corporation ("ENH") and ENH Medical Group, Inc. (collectively the "Parties"), jointly move to extend the time to file the Parties' pre-trial briefs. Currently, the Parties' pre-trial briefs are due on January 19, 2005. The Parties seek, by this motion, to extend the time to file their pre-trial briefs to January 27, 2005.

The extension of the Parties' time to file their pre-trial briefs is warranted to allow the Parties sufficient time to depose each other's respective experts, who all have extremely limited schedules to be deposed, over and during the holiday season. The experts' limited schedules have caused three depositions to be scheduled for the week of January 17, 2005, the week the pre-trial briefs are now due. An extension of the time to file the pre-trial briefs by 8 days will allow both Parties adequate time to prepare their pre-trial briefs after the close of expert depositions, which is now scheduled for January 21, 2005.

The Parties submit this proposal to the Court after reviewing the initial Scheduling Order, dated March 24, 2004. In that Order, the Court directed the Parties to file their pre-trial briefs only twelve days before the commencement of trial. If this joint motion were granted, the Parties will file their pre-trial briefs a full two weeks before the trial. Nevertheless, if this proposed change is inconvenient for the Court, the Parties respectfully request the Court to extend the time to file their pre-trial briefs until sometime after January 21, 2005, the last day of expert depositions.

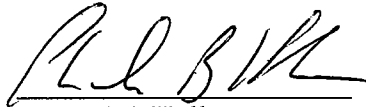
WHEREFORE, for these and such other reasons as may appear just to the Court, the Parties request that this Joint Motion to Extend Parties' Time to File Pre-trial Briefs be granted, and that the attached Order be entered.

Respectfully Submitted,



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ORDER

Upon consideration of the Joint Motion to Extend Parties' Time to File Pre-trial Briefs and the Court being fully informed, it is this _____ day of December, 2004 hereby

ORDERED that the Motion be GRANTED and that the Parties shall file their pre-trial briefs on January ____, 2005.

The Honorable Stephen J. McGuire
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
Federal Trade Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

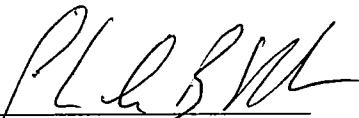
I hereby certify that on December 22, 2004, copies of the foregoing *Joint Motion to Extend Parties' Time to File Pre-trial Briefs* were served (unless otherwise indicated) by email and first class mail, postage prepaid, on:

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