

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

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT	)	
OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 07-cv-0172-MJR
	)	
PEARLE PHILLIPS, and	)	
WALGREEN COMPANY,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

MEMORANDUM and ORDER

REAGAN, District Judge:

Upon reviewing the complaint and pleadings in this matter, it is apparent that this cause of action has common plaintiffs with, and is based upon virtually identical factual and legal issues as, Case No. 05-cv-0440-GPM, a cause of action presently before Chief Judge Patrick Murphy.

The Seventh Circuit has recognized that related cases filed within the same United States District Court should be handled by a single District Judge. *See, e.g., Smith v. Check-N-Go of Illinois*, 200 F.3d 511, 513 n.1 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999); *Blair v. Equifax Check Services*, 181 F.3d 832, 839 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999).

Accordingly, the undersigned Judge hereby **TRANSFERS** this case to Chief Judge Murphy. On all future pleadings in this case, counsel shall use the suffix “-GPM” rather than “-MJR.” This transfer does not grant or in any way rule on the motion to intervene (Doc. 5) or the

motion to consolidate this case with Case No. 05-cv-0440-GPM (Doc. 8). The undersigned Judge leaves the determination of those issues to Chief Judge Murphy.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.**

**s/ Michael J. Reagan**  
**MICHAEL J. REAGAN**  
**United States District Judge**