

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

ETHEL WILLIAMS, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	No. 05 C 4673
vs.)	Judge Hart
)	
PAT QUINN, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to this Court’s instructions, the parties respectfully submit this Joint Status Report regarding settlement of this case.

On September 24, 2009, this matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Denlow for the purpose of holding a settlement conference. On October 27, 2009, the settlement conference was held and since then the parties have appeared twice before Magistrate Judge Denlow to report on the progress of settlement negotiations. On February 4, 2010, Magistrate Judge Denlow returned this case back to this Court.

The parties have reached a settlement in principle. As soon as practicable, the parties will meet with other interested parties to discuss the proposed settlement agreement. The parties then expect to file a motion for preliminary approval of the settlement agreement within 21 days or at another date set by the Court.

Dated: February 18, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Benjamin S. Wolf, an attorney, hereby certify that on the 18th day of February, 2010, I served to a true and correct copy of the foregoing **JOINT STATUS REPORT** to all counsel of record via ECF.

By: /s/ Benjamin S. Wolf