

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

LABNET INC., d/b/a Worklaw Network
et al.,

Case No. 0:16-cv-00844-PJS/KMM

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR; EDWARD HUGLER,¹ in his
official capacity as Acting Secretary of
Labor; and ANDREW AUERBACH,²
in his official capacity as Acting Director,
Office of Labor-Management Standards,

Defendants.

JOINT STATUS REPORT

In its order dated December 7, 2016, the Court ordered the parties to “file a status report informing the Court of the Department of Labor’s plans with respect to the Persuader Rule and the defense of this litigation” on or before March 1, 2017. Order [ECF No. 100] at 3. Defendants respectfully notify the Court that new leadership at the Department of Labor is currently in the process of arriving at the agency, and plans to continue to assess the issues raised by this litigation. Accordingly, Defendants are not presently in a position to provide a further response to the Court’s questions at this time. With the Court’s permission, Defendants respectfully request that they be permitted to

¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d)(1), Edward Hugler is automatically substituted for his predecessor, Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor.

² Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d)(1), Andrew Auerbach is automatically substituted for his predecessor, Michael J. Hayes, Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards.

file an additional status report on or before May 1, 2017. Plaintiffs respectfully inform the Court that they do not oppose this request by Defendants.

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