STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

MARK L. GREBNER,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 24-000157-MZ

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY and BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, in their official capacity, jointly and separately,

Hon. James Robert Redford

Defendants.

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NOTICE OF TRIAL AND PRETRIAL ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Trial** will begin on **Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.**, and will continue into April 29, 2026, if necessary, at the State of Michigan building/Michigan Court of Appeals courtroom located at 350 Ottawa, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
2. Thirty days (30) before trial, i.e., no later than **Friday, March 27, 2026**, the parties must jointly prepare and file with the Court a Final Pretrial Statement providing the following:

    a) **Plaintiff's Theory:** Statement of claim or claims, including legal theories.
    b) **Defendant's Theory:** Statement of defense or defenses, including legal theories.
    c) **Uncontested Facts:** A stipulation of all uncontested facts (including admissions).
    d) **Contested Facts:** A statement of the contested facts.
    e) **Relevant Law:** A list of the elements for each cause of action (with citation to authority).
    f) **Witnesses:** The names of all witnesses (including experts) intended to be called at trial.
    g) **Depositions:** A list of all depositions to be used at trial.
    h) **Damages:** An itemized statement of specific damages.
3. All **Exhibits** will be provided to the Court no later than **Friday, March 27, 2026**, in the manner indicated below:

    a) The parties will meet and confer to prepare and assemble a joint Exhibit Book which contains all exhibits which will be offered at trial.
    b) Each exhibit and each page of each exhibit will be identified; for example: Plaintiff's Exhibit 1, Page 1 of 10; Plaintiff's Exhibit 1, Page 2 of 10, etc.

c) The parties shall generate and place in the Exhibit Book a joint Exhibit Chart that appears similar to the following:

Plaintiff's Exhibit List					
Exhibit No.	**Description**	**Witness to be Offered Through**	**Date Offered**	**Date Admitted or Rejected**	**Other**
1	Contract between parties	Jane Smith	by stipulation	by stipulation	
2	Expert's Chart of Damages	John Jones	by stipulation	by stipulation	

d) Section 1 of the Exhibit Book shall be plaintiff's stipulated exhibits; Section 2 of the Exhibit Book shall be defendant's stipulated exhibits; Section 3 of the Exhibit Book shall be plaintiff's contested exhibits; and Section 4 of the Exhibit Book shall be defendant's contested exhibits.

e) Absent conditions of a truly exceptional nature and not able to have been anticipated before trial, if a party offers an exhibit at trial that is not in an Exhibit Book as described in (d) above, the exhibit shall not be admitted or allowed for any use at trial, including cross-examination and impeachment.

f) The Exhibit Book shall be prepared in both a physical book as well as a digital version (thumb drive, etc.). The parties shall provide the Court with three copies of the Exhibit Book: one each for the judge, the judge's law clerk, and the Court of Claims Clerk's Office; as well as three digital versions.

4. Any **pretrial, nondispositive motions** must be filed no later than **March 31, 2026**. Any response, if any, to such motions must be filed no later than **April 3, 2026**. Oral argument(s) will be heard on such motions on **Thursday**, **April 9, 2026**, at **8:30 a.m.** and continuing until all motions have been argued. Oral arguments will take place at the Michigan Court of Appeals courtroom located at 350 Ottawa, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Counsel presenting arguments must appear in-person and all others may appear either in-person or via Zoom.

5. Fourteen days before trial, parties who intend to present evidence or otherwise utilize courtroom computer technology must consult the Court of Claims' Courtroom Technology team. For contact information, please see: https://www.courts.michigan.gov/4a483b/siteassets/court-of-claims/coc-courtroom-technology.pdf

6. It is the parties' duty to notify the Court of any settlement by noon on the last business day before trial.

7. (a) Once the taking of testimony has begun, witnesses for plaintiff will be required to be present in the Grand Rapids State of Michigan building and available to testify commencing at 8:30 a.m., on April 28, 2026, until the close of all proofs. Defendants' witnesses will be required to be present in the Grand Rapids State of Michigan building and available to testify commencing at 1:00 p.m., on April 28, 2026, until the close of all proofs.

(b) If a party intends to present testimony via Zoom, the parties will sign a stipulation to that effect and submit a proposed stipulated order to the Court listing all witnesses the parties are seeking to be allowed to testify via Zoom on or before **April 14, 2026**. If the parties do not both stipulate to

Zoom testimony, then the witness will be required to be present in person to testify unless otherwise ordered and allowed by the Court.

8. An adjournment or recess will not be granted because a witness or evidence is not ready or present. Any witness who is not present and ready to testify will be deemed waived.
9. Trial briefs shall be filed seven days before trial, on or before **April 21, 2026.**
10. Following a bench trial, the Court may require the parties to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.
11. Parties are encouraged to seek mediation in this matter.

Date: February 9, 2026

James Robert Redford,
Judge, Court of Claims

