
THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH

<p>ACT Education Corp. f/k/a ACT, Inc.</p> <hr/> <p>Plaintiff,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">vs.</p> <p>Scott Hildebrandt, an Individual, d/b/a EKnowledge a/k/a eKnowledge, LLC, a/k/a eKnowledge Group, Inc.</p> <hr/> <p>Defendant.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Scheduling Order Continuance</p> <p>Case No. 2:24-cv-00703-JNP-CMR</p> <hr/> <p>Case Number: <i>(including assigned judge initials and referred magistrate judge initials, if applicable)</i></p> <p>Jill N. Parrish</p> <hr/> <p>District Judge</p> <p>Cecilia M. Romero</p> <hr/> <p>Magistrate Judge</p>
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Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b), the Local Rules of Practice, and the Order to Propose Schedule, if applicable, an Attorney Planning Meeting has been held and the Attorney Planning Meeting Report has been completed.

Having read the information and documents submitted by both parties, the court finds that this case raises many complex and important issues necessitating specialized legal assistance. Also, the issues raised will impact not only this Defendant, but possibly a significant portion of the general public. Additionally, there is an enormous asymmetry in resources, expertise, and information between the parties.

The court, therefore, finds that this continuance will NOT jeopardize Plaintiff's case or cause Plaintiff to suffer any identifiable harm. However, without expert legal counsel, both the Defendant and the general public's interest identified by Defendant will be significantly jeopardized.

Therefore, pursuant to the court's broad authority to ensure the interests of justice are maintained, and competent legal representation being fundamental to those interests, the requested continuance is necessary.

Good cause having been presented by the Defendant that a continuance of the Scheduling Conference should be granted to allow Defendant reasonable time to arrange expert representation, the court rules that the judicially overseen Scheduling Conference will be **continued to a date no sooner than May 30, 2025.**

Between now and the next scheduled conference, Defendant shall exercise his best efforts to secure sufficient resources to retain competent counsel or obtain representation from a public interest firm with expertise in the issues raised by this case.

The court will maintain continuing review of Defendants progress and will make further orders consistent with these findings and rulings.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

BY THE COURT:

Cecilia M. Romero
U.S. Magistrate Judge