



January 10, 2014

Honorable J.P. Stadtmueller  
U.S. District Court  
Easter District of Wisconsin  
Federal Courthouse  
517 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

via ECF

Re: *Watson v. King-Vassel*, Case No. 11-CV-236

Dear Judge Stadtmueller:

Through Document No. 189 in the above referenced matter, the parties have stipulated to the dismissal of this action. This letter is inquire as to whether the Court believes the separate document setting forth additional terms of settlement are required to be filed under last month's Court of Appeals Opinion by Judge Posner in *Goesel v. Boley Intern. (H.K.) Ltd.*, --- F.3d ---- (7th Cir. 2013), 2013 WL 6800977.

The passage in *Goesel* that makes me think the separate settlement document is required to be filed is where it states, "rulings made earlier in the case that by favoring one side or the other influenced the terms of settlement" is an exception to the general rule that a settlement made without any court action is not required to be filed.

In this case, the settlement was the result of this Court's remarks at the December 3, 2013, Final Pretrial Conference, reinforced by this Court's January 6, 2014, Order, Document No. 188.

Neither party is eager to have the separate document filed with the Court, but if the Court decides it should be filed, it will be filed.

Sincerely,

/s James B. Gottstein

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