

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE HURRICANE SANDY CASES

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**ORDER**

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THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO:

**ALL RELATED CASES**

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The Chief Judge having asked the undersigned to evaluate and make a recommendation regarding how to best handle all Hurricane Sandy cases, and to determine if there is a way not only to properly relate those cases involving the same piece of property and same plaintiff to the same judge, but to also determine whether there are any logical groupings of cases for discovery and settlement purposes; it is hereby

**ORDERED** that counsel representing any plaintiffs in these related cases file on or before January 17, 2014 a schedule of all the cases that counsel has currently filed in Brooklyn or Central Islip, or which they intend to file, listing each claim by plaintiff, by property address, by docket number and judges' initials and by type of policy - wind damage, flood damage or both, in accordance with the form attached hereto, to be submitted via ECF in pdf format and emailed in Excel format to the following address [Previn\\_Waran@nyed.uscourts.gov](mailto:Previn_Waran@nyed.uscourts.gov); and it is further

**ORDERED** that on or before January 24, 2014 counsel representing any plaintiffs in these related cases file a letter in accordance with Local Rule 50.3.1(d) explaining how counsel proposes to group the cases listed in the form. Among other things, counsel should consider the similarity of facts and legal issues that might result in a substantial saving of judicial resources if the cases are assigned to the same judge and magistrate judge. If there are cases that present the same legal

question involving a specific coverage exclusion, for example, please indicate which cases implicate that exclusion. In addition, if counsel is aware of any groups of cases that might be amenable to early mediation, or if there are cases where mediation has already been attempted without success, a list of those cases should be included as well; and it is further

**ORDERED** that counsel for any defendants in these related cases file on or before January 31, 2014 a response to the proposals.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
January 14, 2014

/S/ CHERYL L. POLLAK  
Cheryl L. Pollak  
United States Magistrate Judge

/S/ GARY R. BROWN  
Gary R. Brown  
United States Magistrate Judge

/S/ RAMON E. REYES  
Ramon E. Reyes, Jr.  
United States Magistrate Judge