

Honorable Richard A. Jones

PROCEDURE UPON NOTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT

In most cases, the Court will take one of two courses when parties notify it of settlement. If the parties agree, the Court will enter a standard order of post-settlement dismissal, which will contain the language excerpted below. This is the Court's preferred course of action.

The other option is, if the parties request, the Court will impose a deadline (a month or less from the notification of settlement) for the parties to submit a stipulated dismissal. If the parties do not submit a stipulated dismissal by that deadline, the Court will enter its standard order of post-settlement dismissal.

The Court's standard order of post-settlement dismissal will contain essentially the following language:

The parties have notified the Court that they have reached a settlement of this case. The Court accordingly **DISMISSES** this case with prejudice and without court-ordered costs or attorney fees to any party. If the parties are unable to perfect their settlement, they may move to reopen this case within 60 days of this order.