

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT
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RE: *City of Detroit, Michigan*,
Petitions for Permission to Appeal Under 28 U.S.C. § 158(D)(2)
Case Nos. 13-116, 13-118, 14-101/102/103/104/105

Dear Counsel,

The panel to which these appeals are assigned has requested that I advise you that it will consult with the Honorable Gerald Rosen in his capacity as Judicial Mediator for the underlying bankruptcy proceeding. The panel's purpose is to ascertain the general status and time frame of any settlement negotiations in that case. The panel will advise Judge Rosen that he should not tell the panel any position taken by any party during mediation or reveal any information about the conduct of any party during mediation. Although the panel will inquire as to whether progress is being made, the panel will advise Judge Rosen not to communicate to the panel any reason(s) for progress or lack of progress in any discussions or any reasons for the ultimate outcome of negotiations. While information about the progress of the mediation may be taken into account in making procedural decisions relating to the appeals, the panel's communication with Judge Rosen will not be taken into account in considering the merits of any issues presented. The panel intends to keep the content of its communication with Judge Rosen confidential and will ask that Judge Rosen do so as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,



Deborah S. Hunt, Clerk

c: Hon. Gerald Rosen