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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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KATHRYN TOWNSEND GRIFFIN, HELEN  
MCDONALD, and THE ESTATE OF  
CHERRIGALE TOWNSEND,

Plaintiffs,

17 Civ. 5221 (LLS)

- against -

ORDER

EDWARD CHRISTOPHER SHEERAN, p/k/a  
ED SHEERAN, ATLANTIC RECORDING  
CORPORATION, d/b/a ATLANTIC  
RECORDS, SONY/ATV MUSIC  
PUBLISHING, LLC, and WARNER MUSIC  
GROUP COPORATION, d/b/a ASYLUM  
RECORDS,

Defendants.

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On counsels' submissions of October 2 and 14, 2020, the trial of this action is deferred until next spring. At present there is no prospect of certainty that the trial will go forward as scheduled. On the contrary, the number of courtrooms renovated for trials is small, criminal cases have priority, and trial-ready civil cases are fed in to gaps left by unexpected pleas. On the other hand, it seems reasonable to expect that conditions will have improved by next spring.

At plaintiffs' request, the deadlines in the present pre-trial order are vacated, to be reset with regards to a spring trial. However, any party may file any of those of its

submissions which do not require joint input, at any time convenient to that party.

So ordered.

Dated: October 15, 2020  
New York, New York

*Louis L. Stanton*  
LOUIS L. STANTON  
U.S.D.J.