

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION

OPEN RIVERS MEDIA GROUP
INC. d/b/a OPEN RIVERS
PICTURES; ALVIN WILLIAMS; and
TAMMY WILLIAMS

Plaintiffs,

v.

SOUTHERN FILM REGIONAL
CENTER LLC; DOMINIC "NIC"
APPLEGATE; GATES INDUSTRIES
LLC; MAURICE ANDERSON;
RATLIFF ENTERTAINMENT LLC;
AND THEOPHILUS RATLIFF

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION
No. 1:15-CV-00724-SCJ

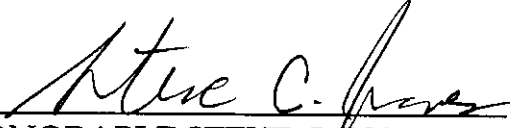
ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Defendants' Motion for Leave of Court to File Counterclaims During Stay, (Doc. No. [19]), Emergency Motion and Request for Immediate Ruling on Their Motion for Leave of Court to File Counterclaims (Doc. No. [20]), and Motion for Leave to File Reply Brief in Support of Defendants' Emergency Motion and Request for Immediate Ruling on Their Motion for Leave of Court to File Counterclaims (Doc. No. [22]). Having reviewed these motions and the parties' other filings in this case, including Plaintiff's Response Opposing Defendants' Motion for Leave of Court

to File Counterclaims During Stay (Doc. No. [21]),¹ the Court hereby rules as follows:

- Defendants' Motion for Leave of Court to File Counterclaims During Stay (Doc. No. [19]) is **GRANTED**, and the counterclaims Defendants have recited therein are deemed to have been filed as of May 20, 2015, with the exception that Plaintiffs shall have until twenty-one (21) days after the Court rules on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (Doc. No. [7]) in which to file a reply by answer or motion to those counterclaims;
- Defendants' Emergency Motion and Request for Immediate Ruling on Their Motion for Leave of Court to File Counterclaims (Doc. No. [20]), and Motion for Leave to File Reply Brief in Support of Defendants' Emergency Motion and Request for Immediate Ruling on Their Motion for Leave of Court to File Counterclaims (Doc. No. [22]) are **DENIED AS MOOT**; and
- all activity in this case (including discovery) shall remain **STAYED** pending the Court's ruling on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (Doc. No. [7]).

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 27th day of May, 2015.


HONORABLE STEVE C. JONES
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ As Defendants have observed (see Doc. No. [22], p. 2), Plaintiffs' Response was not timely filed. Although the Court has nevertheless considered the arguments raised in Plaintiffs' Response, Plaintiffs are warned that failure to meet filing deadlines, and in particular to meet Court-ordered deadlines, will not be tolerated going forward.