

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 20-CV-81205-RAR

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**COMPLETE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS
GROUP, INC. d/b/a/ PAR FUNDING, et al.,**

Defendants.

REFERRAL FOR SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

THIS MATTER comes before the Court *sua sponte* and is **REFERRED** for purposes of a settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart. Counsel shall confer and contact Magistrate Judge Reinhart's Chambers **within five (5) days** of this Order to schedule the settlement conference. The settlement conference must take place **before December 3, 2021**. Except as provided under Local Rule 16.2.E, the appearance of counsel and each party, or representatives of each party with full authority to enter into a full and complete settlement¹, is mandatory.

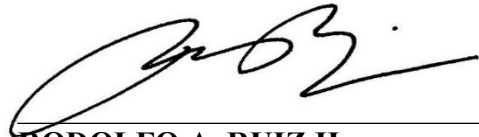
All discussions, representations, and statements made at the settlement conference shall be confidential and privileged. If the case is settled in whole or in part at the settlement conference,

¹ The Court recognizes that the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") is in a different position than other parties given that only the SEC Commissioners may approve a final settlement agreement. Accordingly, the Court will allow a senior representative from the Commission's Miami Regional Office to attend the settlement conference, provided said representative has the authority to negotiate a settlement that can be recommend to the Commission for possible approval.

counsel shall promptly notify the Court by filing a notice of settlement signed by counsel of record within **three (3) days** of the conference.

Failure to comply with **ANY** of these procedures may result in the imposition of appropriate sanctions, including but not limited to the dismissal of this action or entry of default.

DONE AND ORDERED in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 22nd day of October, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodolfo A. Ruiz II', written over a horizontal line.

RODOLFO A. RUIZ II
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE