

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN  
48<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

BLANCHE HUDSON and PAT FOSTER,  
  
Plaintiffs,

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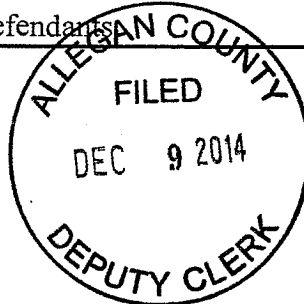
vs.

JOHN KLEUESSENDORF and JOHN  
BENSON,

Assigned to Circuit Judge  
**Kevin Cronin**  
P38915  
Case No. 13-52422-NZ

Defendants

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**ORDER ON MOTION TO COMPEL**

At a session of said Court held in the  
County Building in the City and County  
Of Allegan, State of Michigan, on the  
9 day of December 2014

Present: The Honorable Kevin Cronin, Circuit Judge.

This Court, having reviewed the court file, finds and ORDERS the following:

1. The Court has reviewed the case of *Dibbern v. University of Michigan* (2014 WL 4964463) referenced by the Plaintiffs in their motion to compel privilege log documents.
2. The Court finds that the issues presented in *Dibbern* do not stand for the proposition that a third-party paying for the fees of an opposing party is analogous to a voluntary disclosure of private communications to warrant a waiver of the attorney-client privilege.
3. THEREFORE it is ORDERED that any amount of attorney's fees paid to defense counsel by third parties not involved in this suit, including neighbors of the defendant, are protected by the attorney-client privilege.
4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Plaintiffs' motion is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED.

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Kevin Cronin, Circuit Judge.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that on this date, the above parties were personally served or mailed by ordinary mail a copy of this notice.

12/10/14  
Date

Signature