

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

SALITA PROMOTIONS CORP.,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHOHJAHON ERGASHEV and  
OLEG BOGDANOV,

Defendants.

Case No. 20-12547  
Honorable Laurie J. Michelson

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**ORDER REGARDING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS [30]**

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Junior welterweight boxer Shohjahon Ergashev entered into an exclusive promotional agreement with Salita Promotions Corporation in 2017. This litigation centers around Salita's claim that Ergashev and his manager have breached the agreement. Significant judicial resources have already been expended in this case. The Court has ruled on a motion for temporary restraining order and, following an evidentiary hearing, a motion for preliminary injunction as a result of Ergashev's participation in fights in Russia that were not promoted by Salita. Both motions were handled on an expedited basis.

The Defendants did not participate in these proceedings despite being notified of them. But they have now filed a motion to dismiss. The parties submitted a proposed stipulated order regarding the briefing schedule for the motion, as well as a request for expedited ruling. The Court has already issued two rulings on an expedited basis. Presumably the arguments raised in Defendants' motion to dismiss could have been raised in response to the two requests for emergency injunctive relief. After all, if the complaint fails to state a claim or there is an issue with personal jurisdiction, this would impact Salita's likelihood of success on the merits.

Thus, the parties request that Plaintiff Salita Promotions Corp. be given until March 24, 2021, to respond to Defendants Shohjahon Ergashev and Oleg Bogdanov's Motion to Dismiss and Defendants be given until March 31, 2021 to file their Reply Brief is **GRANTED**. The request for expedited ruling is **DENIED**. The Court will rule on the motion to dismiss in due course.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 18, 2021

s/Laurie J. Michelson  
LAURIE J. MICHELSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE