

**United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois - CM/ECF NextGen 1.6.3 (Chicago)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-01401**

United States of America v. Crane Composites, Inc. et al
Assigned to: Honorable Manish S. Shah
Cause: 28:1331 Fed. Question: Anti-trust

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Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 410 Anti-Trust
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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03/17/2022	1	COMPLAINT filed by United Sates of America; (Stern, Lowell) (Entered: 03/17/2022)
03/17/2022	2	CIVIL Cover Sheet (Stern, Lowell) (Entered: 03/17/2022)
03/17/2022	3	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff United Sates of America by Lowell Robert Stern (Stern, Lowell) (Entered: 03/17/2022)
03/17/2022		CASE ASSIGNED to the Honorable Marvin E. Aspen. Designated as Magistrate Judge the Honorable Young B. Kim. Case assignment: Random assignment. (jk2,) (Entered: 03/17/2022)
03/17/2022		CLERK'S NOTICE: Pursuant to Local Rule 73.1(b), a United States Magistrate Judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action. If all parties consent to have the currently assigned United States Magistrate Judge conduct all proceedings in this case, including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings, all parties must sign their names on the attached Consent To form. This consent form is eligible for filing only if executed by all parties. The parties can also express their consent to jurisdiction by a magistrate judge in any joint filing, including the Joint Initial Status Report or proposed Case Management Order. (jk2,) (Entered: 03/17/2022)
03/21/2022	4	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Marvin E. Aspen: Initial status hearing is set for 6/2/2022 at 10:30 a.m. Mailed notice (ags) (Entered: 03/21/2022)
03/23/2022	5	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Grupo Verzatec S.A. de C.V., Stabilit America, Inc. by Carolyn Pelling Gurland (Gurland, Carolyn) (Entered: 03/23/2022)
03/23/2022	6	NOTIFICATION of Affiliates pursuant to Local Rule 3.2 by Grupo Verzatec S.A. de C.V., Stabilit America, Inc. (Gurland, Carolyn) (Entered: 03/23/2022)
03/24/2022	7	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Filing fee \$ 150, receipt number 0752-19279950. <i>for J. Mark Gidley</i> (Gurland, Carolyn) (Entered: 03/24/2022)
03/24/2022	8	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Filing fee \$ 150, receipt number 0752-19279963. <i>for Rebecca H. Farrington</i> (Gurland, Carolyn) (Entered: 03/24/2022)
03/24/2022	9	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Filing fee \$ 150, receipt number 0752-19279970. <i>for Kathryn J. Mims</i> (Gurland, Carolyn) (Entered: 03/24/2022)
03/25/2022	10	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Marvin E. Aspen: Motions to appear pro hac vice 7 , 8 , 9 are denied without prejudice. Each attorney is required to have his/her own CM/ECF account and to file his/her own motion to appear under that account. Information on how to obtain an e-filing account are on the Court's website at www.ilnd.uscourts.gov. Mailed notice (ags) (Entered: 03/25/2022)
03/27/2022	11	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Filing fee \$ 150, receipt number 0752-19285219. (Gidley, John) (Entered: 03/27/2022)
03/27/2022	12	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Filing fee \$ 150, receipt number 0752-19285222. (Farrington, Rebecca) (Entered: 03/27/2022)
03/27/2022	13	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice Filing fee \$ 150, receipt number 0752-19285229. (Mims, Kathryn) (Entered: 03/27/2022)
03/28/2022	14	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Marvin E. Aspen: Motions to appear pro hac vice 11 , 12 , 13 are granted. Attorneys John Mark Gidley, Rebecca H. Farrington, and Kathryn J. Mims are added as counsel for Grupo Verzatec S.A. de C.V. and Stabilit America, Inc. Mailed notice (ags) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
03/28/2022	15	WAIVER OF SERVICE returned executed by United States of America. Grupo Verzatec S.A. de C.V. waiver sent on 3/22/2022, answer due 5/23/2022. (Stern, Lowell) (Entered: 03/28/2022)

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03/28/2022	16	WAIVER OF SERVICE returned executed by United States of America. Stabilit America, Inc. waiver sent on 3/22/2022, answer due 5/23/2022. (Stern, Lowell) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
03/28/2022	17	WAIVER OF SERVICE returned executed by United States of America. Crane Company waiver sent on 3/22/2022, answer due 5/23/2022. (Stern, Lowell) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
03/28/2022	18	WAIVER OF SERVICE returned executed by United States of America. Crane Composites, Inc. waiver sent on 3/22/2022, answer due 5/23/2022. (Stern, Lowell) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
03/28/2022	19	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Grupo Verzatec S.A. de C.V., Stabilit America, Inc. by John Mark Gidley (Gidley, John) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
03/28/2022	20	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Grupo Verzatec S.A. de C.V., Stabilit America, Inc. by Rebecca H. Farrington (Farrington, Rebecca) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
03/28/2022	21	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Grupo Verzatec S.A. de C.V., Stabilit America, Inc. by Kathryn J. Mims (Mims, Kathryn) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
03/28/2022	22	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Crane Company, Crane Composites, Inc. by Michael Edward Martinez (Martinez, Michael) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
03/29/2022	23	MOTION by Plaintiff United States of America for order <i>Joint Motion for Entry of Proposed Stipulated Protective Order</i> (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order Proposed Stipulated Protective Order)(Stern, Lowell) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
03/30/2022	24	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Marvin E. Aspen: Motion for entry of protective order 23 is granted. Enter Order. Mailed notice (ags) (Entered: 03/30/2022)
03/30/2022	25	PROTECTIVE ORDER signed by the Honorable Marvin E. Aspen on 3/30/2022. Mailed notice (ags) (Entered: 03/30/2022)
03/30/2022	26	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff United States of America by Tai Snow Milder (Milder, Tai) (Entered: 03/30/2022)
04/05/2022	27	<i>Defendants' Joint</i> ANSWER to Complaint by Crane Company, Crane Composites, Inc., Grupo Verzatec S.A. de C.V., Stabilit America, Inc.(Gidley, John) (Entered: 04/05/2022)
04/07/2022	28	MOTION by Defendants Crane Company, Crane Composites, Inc., Grupo Verzatec S.A. de C.V., Stabilit America, Inc. JOINT MOTION for the Advancement of the Initial Status Conference <i>to April 14, 2022</i> (Gidley, John) (Entered: 04/07/2022)
04/08/2022	29	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORDER: Case reassigned to the Honorable Manish S. Shah for all further proceedings. Honorable Marvin E. Aspen no longer assigned to the case. Signed by Executive Committee on 4/8/2022. (bg,) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
04/11/2022	30	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Crane Company, Crane Composites, Inc. by Jason Charles Semmes (Semmes, Jason) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
04/12/2022	31	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Manish S. Shah: The motion to advance the initial status conference 28 is granted in part. The court strikes the 6/2/22 status hearing. The parties shall file a joint initial status report with their proposals for an initial case schedule by 4/15/22. The court will either convene a status conference or enter a scheduling order after it reviews the report. A template for the Initial Status Report, setting forth the information required, may be found at http://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov/Judges.aspx by clicking on Judge Shah's name and then again on the link entitled 'Initial Status Conferences.' Notices mailed. (psm,) (Entered: 04/12/2022)

04/15/2022	32	STATUS Report <i>Joint Initial Status Report</i> by United States of America (Attachments: # 1 Supplement Joint Proposed Scheduling and Case Management Order, # 2 Exhibit Exhibit A - Timing Agreement)(Stern, Lowell) (Entered: 04/15/2022)
04/18/2022	33	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Manish S. Shah: Telephone status hearing is set for 4/21/2022 at 10:00 a.m. Parties to the case, members of the public, and the media, may participate in/listen to these proceedings by dialing 1-888-204-5984 and using access code 9146677. Persons granted remote access to proceedings are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, and rebroadcasting of court proceedings. Violation of these prohibitions may result in sanctions, including removal of court issued media credentials, restricted entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the Court. Notices mailed. (psm,) (Entered: 04/18/2022)
04/20/2022	34	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Crane Company, Crane Composites, Inc. by Allen Russell Bachman (Bachman, Allen) (Entered: 04/20/2022)
04/21/2022	37	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Manish S. Shah: Telephone status hearing held. Bench trial is set for 10/4/22 at 9:30 a.m. The court will reserve nine business days for trial in this matter. Discovery is open. Scheduling order with interim deadlines to follow. Notices mailed. (psm,) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/22/2022	35	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS held on 04/21/22 before the Honorable Manish S. Shah. Order Number: 43086. Court Reporter Contact Information: Colleen_Conway@ilnd.uscourts.gov or 312.435.5594. IMPORTANT: The transcript may be viewed at the court's public terminal or purchased through the Court Reporter/Transcriber before the deadline for Release of Transcript Restriction. After that date it may be obtained through the Court Reporter/Transcriber or PACER. For further information on the redaction process, see the Court's web site at www.ilnd.uscourts.gov under Quick Links select Policy Regarding the Availability of Transcripts of Court Proceedings. Redaction Request due 5/13/2022. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 5/23/2022. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 7/21/2022. (Conway, Colleen) (Entered: 04/22/2022)
04/22/2022	36	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Crane Company, Crane Composites, Inc. by Andrew Keith Mann (Mann, Andrew) (Entered: 04/22/2022)
04/26/2022	38	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Manish S. Shah: The court adopts the parties' case management order, [32-1], to the extent it is agreed and except as follows: Trial will begin on 10/4/22 and the court will set aside 10/4/22 through 10/14/22 for trial. The court is scheduled to preside over a criminal jury trial starting 10/17/22, so the presentation of evidence in this case must conclude by 10/14/22. As the trial date approaches, the court will discuss moving the start date to 10/3/22, as well as the daily schedule of in-court time, with the parties. Each side shall exchange a preliminary list of trial witnesses (including experts) by 5/31/22. Each side is limited to 20 witnesses (excluding experts). Each side shall exchange final trial witness lists on 7/15/22. Each side is limited to 20 witnesses (excluding experts) on the final list, and may disclose no more than 5 witnesses not previously disclosed in the preliminary list. A party may move to bar a new witness based on a showing that the disclosure was an unfair surprise or if not enough time remains to adequately depose the new witness. Initial expert reports shall be simultaneously disclosed 8/12/22, and all fact discovery must be completed by 8/15/22. Rebuttal expert reports are due 8/25/22. The court will consider whether to allow reply expert reports after the parties exchange their first round of reports. Initial exhibit and deposition designations shall be

		exchanged 9/6/22, and objections and counter-designations shall be exchanged 9/9/22. Notice to non-parties of the designation of their documents and witness deposition designations is due 9/9/22. All parties shall complete their efforts to confer over exhibits, deposition designations (including counter-counter-designations), and confidentiality, including with non-parties, by 9/14/22. Expert discovery closes 9/16/22. Evidentiary motions in limine (no more than 3 per party), substantive motions to narrow issues for trial (1 per party), and any trial briefs (effectively opening statements, 1 per party) are due 9/22/22. All briefs are limited to 15 pages each. Any briefs in opposition to pretrial motions are due 9/26/22. Also on 9/26/22, the parties shall file a joint statement outlining disputes over exhibits, depositions, and confidentiality. A pretrial conference is set for 9/28/22 at 1:30 p.m. A status hearing is set for 7/21/22 at 11:00 a.m. Notices mailed. (psm,) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
05/06/2022	39	NOTIFICATION of Affiliates pursuant to Local Rule 3.2 by Crane Company, Crane Composites, Inc. (<i>CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</i>) (Martinez, Michael) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
05/10/2022	40	Crane's Objections and Responses to Plaintiff United States' First Request for Production of Documents by Crane Company, Crane Composites, Inc. (Martinez, Michael) (Entered: 05/10/2022)
05/16/2022	41	ATTORNEY Appearance for Defendants Crane Company, Crane Composites, Inc. by Brian Joseph Smith (Smith, Brian) (Entered: 05/16/2022)
05/17/2022	42	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff United States of America by Marissa Doran (Doran, Marissa) (Entered: 05/17/2022)
05/17/2022	43	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff United States of America by James Robert Duncan, III (Duncan, James) (Entered: 05/17/2022)
05/17/2022	44	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff United States of America by Sean Kevin Carman (Carman, Sean) (Entered: 05/17/2022)
05/20/2022	45	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff United States of America by John M. Briggs (Briggs, John) (Entered: 05/20/2022)
05/26/2022	46	STIPULATION of Dismissal (Stern, Lowell) (Entered: 05/26/2022)
05/26/2022	47	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Manish S. Shah: Pursuant to the stipulation of d tion of costs. All /2022)