Conferences

After the Answer is filed, in civil cases only, the Court sets a scheduling conference. The motion cutoff date, discovery cutoff date, final pretrial date, and trial date are set at this initial conference. Upon special request by an out-of-town counsel, the scheduling conference may be conducted by telephone. Under request of counsel, in cases with a jury, a settlement conference may be held separate from the Final Pretrial Conference.

The Court requires a RICO case statement for RICO cases. Amendments to pleadings may be permitted in a RICO case depending on the case. Particularized calculations of damages may be required depending on the case. The Court does not allow an out-of-state counsel not admitted in the Eastern District to practice, even upon a special motion.