Discovery

The Court has a standard pretrial or scheduling order entered in each case. The standard pretrial order requires that parties exchange witness lists. The discovery cutoff date is set at the scheduling conference. Parties may be given between two months and eight months to complete discovery depending upon the type of case. Although the Court rarely strikes or limits expert testimony, it will do so where a party fails to provide a report. The Court also sets a deadline for serving the first set of interrogatories and/or request for production of documents and sets a deadline for filing a motion to compel with respect to said discovery. The Court adheres to the requirements of E.D. Mich. LR 37.1 concerning narrowing areas of disagreement on discovery disputes. Discovery motions may be referred to the Magistrate pursuant to a standing order of the Court. Before the discovery cutoff date, discovery may be extended by motion only. After the discovery cutoff, discovery will almost never be extended.