

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

Plaintiff(s),

v.

Case No. _____

Hon. Bernard A. Friedman

Defendant(s).

SCHEDULING ORDER

This case having come before the Court pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16, the Court enters the following schedule controlling the progress of this case:

Witness: _____ All witnesses to be called at trial shall be listed by
_____.

Discovery: All discovery shall be completed by _____.

Mediation: This case shall be referred to the Mediation Tribunal Association (Case Evaluation) on _____.

Motions: No motions, other than trial motions *in limine*, may be filed after _____
_____.

Final Pretrial Conference: The final pretrial conference is scheduled for _____.

A proposed Joint Pretrial Order signed by counsel for all parties will be submitted to the Court one (1) week prior to the final pretrial conference. The requirements of such a pretrial order, as set forth in Local Rule 16.2, are attached. Compliance with these requirements is mandatory.

Note: Because the main focus will be on settlement, counsel must bring their clients with them to this conference. (See "Further Instructions" on reverse side.) If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call one of my law clerks or my case manager at (313) 234-5170.

Trial (Jury/Bench): Trial is scheduled to commence _____.

Other Matters: _____

Dated: _____
Detroit, Michigan

BERNARD A. FRIEDMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Final Pretrial Conference

FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS:

If the client is a governmental entity, counsel is expected to bring the entity's chief administrative official. If the client is a corporation, counsel is expected to bring the corporation's president, CEO, or vice-president for finance; in-house counsel may attend, but must be accompanied by one of these other, non-lawyer representatives. If a client has insurance coverage, counsel is expected to bring a claims representative who has full authority to settle the claim in the full amount of plaintiff's demand. **THESE CLIENT REPRESENTATIVES MUST PERSONALLY ATTEND THE PRETRIAL CONFERENCE; IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT THAT THEY BE "AVAILABLE BY TELEPHONE."** Failure to strictly comply with this requirement will result in the imposition of appropriate sanctions, including dismissal of the complaint, entry of a default judgment and requiring the disobedient party to pay all of the costs incurred by the other parties in attending the conference and/or in reconvening the conference at a later date.