Motion Practice

The Court strictly enforces the requirements of Eastern District of Michigan Local Rule 5.1 and Local Rule 7.1 and the Electronic Filing Policies and Procedures for all motions.

The Court requires strict compliance with LR 7.1(a), which requires moving parties to seek concurrence before filing a motion. The Court requires that a good-faith effort be made to obtain concurrence, which normally involves actual contact with opposing counsel. If no actual conversation occurs, the moving party must show that reasonable efforts were undertaken to conduct a conference and specifically describe those efforts in the motion papers. The outcome of the conference must be stated. All of this must be documented specifically in the motion papers.

Hearings are held on most motions, usually on Wednesday afternoons.