

Discovery

The Court has a standing Scheduling Order that is entered in each case following the initial scheduling conference, which sets the discovery cutoff date. The Court will not order discovery to take place after that date. Parties may request an extension of the discovery cutoff date by calling the Court Clerk and submitting a proposed stipulated order. Requests for reasonable extensions that are submitted timely are granted more often than not. The parties are expected to submit discovery issues, including motions and ad hoc disputes to the Magistrate Judge.

The Court requires the initial disclosures described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1). The Court's standing Scheduling Order includes the Court's requirements concerning the final pretrial order, and provides that a party's failure to comply with the disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) and (3) will result in the exclusion of testimony and/or exhibits at trial. The Court does not enforce the stay of discovery contemplated by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d) pending the conference contemplated by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f).