

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

Plaintiff,

Plaintiff(s),

Civil Action No. XX-CV-XXXXX

vs.

HON. MARK A. GOLDSMITH

Defendant,

Defendant(s).

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ORDER REGARDING TELEPHONIC SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

You are ordered to participate in a telephonic scheduling conference **Date, Time @ Time**. in the above-captioned matter.

Attorney for Plaintiff shall initiate the conference call and then include the Court when all parties are available by calling 313/234-5240. The use of cellular phones is prohibited.

Prior to the conference, please review the Court's standard Case Management and Scheduling Order, located on the Court's website at www.mied.uscourts.gov, by clicking on Judicial Officers, District Judges, Judge Mark A. Goldsmith, Form Orders, Case Management and Scheduling Order.

Also prior to the scheduling conference, Plaintiff is required to initiate a conference with opposing counsel for the purpose of preparing a joint discovery plan in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f). The joint discovery plan must be filed on the docket **at least five business days** prior to the scheduling conference. The joint discovery plan must address the following matters:

- a brief summary of the case
- the basis for subject matter jurisdiction
- the relationship of this case to other cases
- contemplated amendment(s) of pleadings to add or delete claims, defenses, or parties
- anticipated discovery disputes and discovery progress
- facilitation/arbitration/case evaluation
- anticipated motion practice
- settlement

In addition, the plan **must set forth proposed dates** for all of the deadlines set forth in the Court's standard Case Management and Scheduling Order, except for the following: motion cut-off dates, settlement conference date, due date for the final pretrial order, date for final pretrial conference, and trial date. In submitting proposed dates, counsel should bear in mind the Court's standard case timeline:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Initial Disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)	Four weeks after issuance of the scheduling order
Lay Witness List	Six weeks before close of discovery
Exhibit List	Six weeks before close of discovery
Expert Witness List and Disclosure under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) - Plaintiff	Six weeks before close of discovery
Expert Witness List and Disclosure under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) - Defendant	Two weeks before close of discovery
Close of Discovery – Fact and Expert	In general, three months (for cases not requiring much discovery), six months (standard), or seven to nine months (for complex matters).
Early Settlement Conference	At close of discovery, before dispositive motion and expert-related motion deadline
Dispositive Motions & Motions to Limit/Exclude Expert Testimony	30 days after close of discovery
All Other Motions, Including Motions in Limine	Six weeks before the final pretrial conference
Final Settlement Conference	Six months after the dispositive motion cutoff date
Joint Final Pretrial Order	Two weeks before final pretrial conference
Final Pretrial Conference	Two weeks before trial
Trial	Four to six weeks after the final settlement conference

While the Court typically affords counsel wide latitude in fashioning deadlines for the first six events listed in the chart above, the Court is not inclined to deviate significantly from its general case timeline in setting deadlines for the remaining events, unless the circumstances of a particular case require it.

After review of the submitted joint discovery plan, the Court will determine whether the above-scheduled conference is needed. If the Court determines that a conference is not needed, the Court will issue an order cancelling the above-scheduled conference and a scheduling order will be issued. If the Court determines that a conference is needed, no scheduling order will be issued and the currently scheduled conference will proceed. You should assume the conference will proceed unless you are notified otherwise.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____
 Detroit, Michigan

 MARK A. GOLDSMITH
 United States District Judge