

Motion Practice

Oral argument is heard on dispositive motions unless the Court specifically rules that the motion will be decided on the briefs. The Court will issue a notice setting a hearing date. The Court allows only 10 minutes per side on oral argument unless permission is granted prior to the hearing. Oral argument is heard on non-dispositive motions only if so ordered. Non-dispositive motions are routinely referred to a Magistrate Judge. The Court follows [L.R. 7.1](#) for timing and length of responsive briefs. The Court prepares its own orders with respect to motions unless counsel is instructed to prepare the order at the hearing on the motion. Discovery in prisoner civil rights cases and habeas corpus motions are routinely referred to a Magistrate Judge.

One "courtesy" copy of all dispositive motion papers (including responses and replies) and accompanying exhibits must be submitted directly to the judge's chambers on paper. Any exhibits must be properly tabbed and all papers firmly bound. Do not submit pleadings using a three-ring black binder.