

Conferences

When a case has been referred for all pretrial proceedings or for all discovery, the court may hold a status, scheduling, or discovery conference as needed. If counsel believe that a conference would be productive, counsel may request such a conference by calling the courtroom deputy. This conference will require the personal appearances of all counsel of record.

In a particular case, where discovery disputes appear to multiply needlessly or where many motions are filed, the court may set the matter for a general discovery conference or direct the parties to conduct a Rule 26(f) conference prior to the meeting with the magistrate judge.