Motion Practice

Non-dispositive motions, and particularly discovery-related motions, typically are referred to a Magistrate Judge.

The Court will issue the notice of hearing upon receipt of the motion and supporting brief; the movant need not submit a notice of hearing. Courtesy copies are required. Extensions of the page limits set forth in E.D. Mich. LR 7.1 may be obtained upon the submission of a stipulated order or the filing of an ex parte motion, and are granted more often than not.

Oral argument is typically scheduled on all motions, except for motions to remand and motions which appear on their face to be frivolous.

The Court requires that the moving party submit a proposed order to all motions via Utilities. Strict compliance with the provisions of E.D. Mich. LR 7.1 concerning the seeking of concurrence is required.

The Court's standing Scheduling Order, which is issued at the initial scheduling conference, contains guidelines counsel are expected to follow in preparing and briefing motions for summary judgment.