Motion Practice

The Court requires strict compliance with E.D. Mich. LR 7.1(a), which obligates moving parties to seek concurrence before filing any motion. A moving party must certify compliance with this obligation by setting forth in the first paragraph of every motion one of the following statements or one substantially similar:

a. The undersigned counsel certifies that counsel personally spoke to, or met with, opposing counsel, explaining the nature of the relief to be sought by way of this motion and seeking concurrence in the relief; opposing counsel expressly denied concurrence.
b. The undersigned counsel certifies that counsel communicated in writing with opposing counsel, explaining the nature of the relief to be sought by way of this motion and seeking concurrence in the relief; opposing counsel thereafter expressly denied concurrence.
c. The undersigned counsel certifies that counsel communicated in writing with opposing counsel, explaining the nature of the relief to be sought by way of this motion and seeking concurrence in the relief, and three business days have lapsed without opposing counsel expressly agreeing to the relief, orally or in writing.
d. The undersigned counsel certifies that counsel made no attempt or a limited attempt to seek concurrence in the relief requested by this motion because of the following exceptional circumstances. [Set forth the exceptional circumstances with specificity.]

The above statements shall be modified appropriately where one or more parties is unrepresented. The failure to certify compliance with this paragraph will result in the motion being struck.

The Court enforces the page limit set forth by E.D. Mich. LR 7.1(d)(3) and does not routinely grant requests to file longer briefs. Requests to file an oversized brief must be made by motion, in which the moving party sets forth specific reasons justifying the need for additional pages.

The Court does not issue a briefing schedule; rather, it follows the time limits set forth in E.D. Mich. LR 7.1(e). Requests for extensions of time must be made by motion and are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The parties shall not submit courtesy copies to the Court unless specifically requested.

If the Court deems a hearing necessary, a notice of hearing will issue with the specific date and time.

The Court has detailed instructions with regard to motions for summary judgment, which can be found in the Court's Case Management and Scheduling Order.

When citing to unpublished cases, use Westlaw (not Lexis).