Discovery

The Court regularly convenes a conference for scheduling discovery at the beginning of the action. The time given for discovery generally depends on the complexity of the case and on what the parties need. Once the dates are set, the Court adheres to those dates. The Court requires disclosure of witnesses prior to the discovery cutoff.

The Court requires parties to meet before discovery motions to narrow the areas of disagreement. Discovery motions are generally referred to a Magistrate Judge. As to disputes arising during a deposition, the Court prefers that the matter be handled by the attorneys without the Court's intervention. If the Court's intervention is required, the parties can call the Court and put the dispute on the record if the Court is available. The Court allows the parties to extend the discovery cutoff date by stipulation as long as it does not have an effect on the other dates set by the pretrial order.