

Criminal Cases: Pretrial

All pretrial motions, responses, and replies must be filed before the Final Pretrial Hearing, so counsel must closely follow the deadlines in [E.D. Mich. Local Rule 7.1\(e\)](#). *See also* [E.D. Mich. Local Criminal Rule 12.1](#).

At the Final Pretrial Hearing, counsel must be prepared to discuss all matters that will promote a fair and expeditious trial, including but not limited to:

1. anticipated evidentiary issues,
2. length of trial,
3. stipulations that moot foundational witness testimony,
4. stipulations for uncontested facts,
5. stipulations for certain exhibits,
6. peremptory challenges, and
7. special arrangements (e.g., disability accommodation for witnesses, A/V needs, interpreters).

The Court will also request an outline of any effective plea offers from the Assistant United States Attorney and solicit the defendant's and defense counsel's confirmations that a plea offer was rejected.