Civil Cases: B. Scheduling

Except in *pro se* cases and *pro se* prisoner cases, oral argument is generally heard on dispositive motions that are referred for Reports and Recommendations and non-dispositive motions that are referred for hearing and determination.

In instances where the Court has issued a briefing schedule on a motion, that schedule applies. In all other instances, the parties should follow Local Civil Rule 7.1(e).

Except when requested by the Court (e.g., confirming an adjournment or withdrawal of a motion), letters are not to be sent to the Court. Letters directed to the Court, even if copied to the opposing counsel, may be deemed improper communications and may be returned to the sender.

In general, out of town counsel may not appear by telephone. In the event of inclement weather or other circumstances, counsel should immediately contact the Court.