

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

XXXXX,

Plaintiff(s),

Case no. xx-xxxxx

v.

Honorable John Corbett O'Meara

XXXXX,

Defendant(s).

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE OR FILING RULE 26(f) PLAN

You are hereby scheduled to appear on: _____ (**unless a Rule 26(f) Plan is filed**) before Honorable John Corbett O'Meara, 200 E. Liberty Street, Suite 400, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, for a scheduling conference.

Prior to the above date, Plaintiff is directed to convene a conference with all counsel for the purpose of preparing a joint discovery plan in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f), and LR 5.1.1. If a joint discovery plan is agreed upon, it must be electronically filed with the Court at **least three days prior to the scheduling conference.**

IF A RULE 26(f) PLAN IS FILED, THE SCHEDULING CONFERENCE WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CANCELLED AND A SCHEDULING ORDER WILL BE ISSUED BY THE COURT.

If the parties cannot agree upon a plan, each side should bring a proposed plan to the conference, and be prepared to discuss the following:

1. A brief summary of the case and issues
2. Subject matter jurisdiction
3. Relationship, if any, to other cases
4. Amount of time necessary for the discovery process - generally up to six months from the date of the conference is allowed by the Court
5. Necessity of amendments to pleadings; additional parties, third-party complaints, expert testimony, etc.
6. Anticipated motions
7. Use of Case Evaluation (see L.R. 16.3) or other methods of alternate dispute resolution.

Please note:

DISCOVERY: Counsel should commence the discovery process immediately and not wait for receipt of the Scheduling Order.

PRACTICE GUIDELINES: Judge O'Meara's practice guidelines are available on the Court's website.

<http://www.mied.uscourts.gov/practices/Omeara/toc.htm>

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this order was served upon counsel of record electronically or by U.S. Mail.

s/William Barkholz
Case Manager