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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BEAUMONT DIVISION

STANDING ORDER MC-7 MOTION PRACTICE

The following standing order is hereby ADOPTED:

MC-7 STANDING ORDER MOTION PRACTICE

(a) MOTIONS

(1) A submission date may be extended, prior to the expiration of the submission period, by agreement of counsel except when the extension violates a court-imposed deadline. Counsel should immediately notify the court administrator of such an agreement in writing and attach an appropriate agreed order.

(2) The court believes that most discovery disputes, especially those dealing with: (A) scheduling; (B) the number, length, or form of oral or written questions; (C) the responsiveness of answers to oral or written questions; and (D) the mechanics of document production, including protective orders and the proper method of raising claims of privilege, can be resolved by counsel without the court's intervention.

The court will not hear emergency discovery motions unless moving counsel has utilized the discovery hotline, as outlined in Local Rule CV-26(e), and, if dissatisfied, has filed a timely objection to the magistrate judge's disposition of the matter.

(3) Motions for extending the discovery or motion deadline must be filed far enough in advance of the deadline to enable opposing counsel to respond before the deadline.

(4) Requests for oral argument on motions are not necessary. The court administrator will notify counsel if the court determines that oral argument would be beneficial. If oral argument is permitted, counsel may offer evidence and testimony only if leave is obtained from the court in advance.

(b) BRIEFS

(1) The court requires concise, pertinent, and well-organized briefs and memoranda of law. Citations to cases must include jump cites to the specific pages relied upon to support the party's position.

(2) Any brief, memorandum, or motion that cites authorities not found in the United States Code, United States Supreme Court Reporter, Federal Reporter, Federal Supplement, Federal Rules Decisions, Southwestern Reporter, or Vernon's Revised Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated should have attached as an appendix complete copies of such cases and the relevant portions of other non-case authorities.

(3) Copies of any affidavits, deposition testimony, or other discovery referred to in the motion should also be contained in the appendix. All appendices should contain a paginated table of contents.

This order applies to all pending cases and to those filed on or after the date of this order.

Signed at Beaumont, Texas, the 28th day of February, 2005.

MARCIA A. CRONE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE