

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
[MARSHALL / TEXARKANA] DIVISION**

[PLAINTIFF][, et al.,]

v.

[DEFENDANT][, et al.]

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Case No. [2 / 5]:00-CV-000-[JRG / RSP / JBB]

**SAMPLE DOCKET CONTROL ORDER FOR NON-PATENT CIVIL CASES
ASSIGNED TO JUDGE RODNEY GILSTRAP IN
THE MARSHALL AND TEXARKANA DIVISIONS**

In accordance with the scheduling conference held in this case, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

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| Date Provided by the Court | *Jury Selection – 9:00 a.m. in [Marshall / Texarkana], Texas |
| 4 Weeks Before Jury Selection | * If a juror questionnaire is to be used, an editable (in Microsoft Word format) questionnaire shall be jointly submitted to the Deputy Clerk in Charge by this date. ¹ |
| 5 Weeks Before Jury Selection | *Pretrial Conference – _____ [a.m. / p.m.] in [Marshall / Texarkana], Texas before [Judge Rodney Gilstrap / Judge Roy Payne / Judge Boone Baxter] ² |
| 6 Weeks Before Jury Selection | *Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i> . The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference. |

¹ The Parties are referred to the Court’s Standing Order Regarding Use of Juror Questionnaires in Advance of *Voir Dire*.

² The proposed DCO shall include this specific deadline. The deadline shall read, “10 days before Jury Selection,” and shall not include a specific date.

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| 6 Weeks Before Jury Selection | *File Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions, Joint Proposed Verdict Form, Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i> , Updated Exhibit Lists, Updated Witness Lists, and Updated Deposition Designations |
| 7 Weeks Before Jury Selection | *File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Shawn McRoberts, at shawn_mcroberts@txed.uscourts.gov. |
| 8 Weeks Before Jury Selection | File Motions <i>in Limine</i> The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury. |
| 8 Weeks Before Jury Selection | Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures |
| 9 Weeks Before Jury Selection | Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures |
| 11 Weeks Before Jury Selection | Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof |
| 12 Weeks Before Jury Selection | *Response to Dispositive Motions (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions). Responses to dispositive motions that were filed <u>prior</u> to the dispositive motion deadline, including <i>Daubert</i> Motions, shall be due in accordance with Local Rule CV-7(e), not to exceed the deadline as set forth in this Docket Control Order. ³ Motions for Summary Judgment shall comply with Local Rule CV-56. |

³ The parties are directed to Local Rule CV-7(d), which provides in part that “[a] party’s failure to oppose a motion in the manner prescribed herein creates a presumption that the party does not controvert the facts set out by movant and has no evidence to offer in opposition to the motion.” If the deadline under Local Rule CV-7(e) exceeds the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions, the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions controls.

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| 14 Weeks Before Jury Selection | <p>*File Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions)</p> <p>No motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.</p> |
| 14 Weeks Before Jury Selection | <p>*File Dispositive Motions</p> <p>No dispositive motion may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.</p> <p>Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. <u>Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances require more than agreement among the parties.</u></p> |
| 15 Weeks Before Jury Selection | Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery |
| 17 Weeks Before Jury Selection | Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses |
| 20 Weeks Before Jury Selection | Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery |
| 20 Weeks Before Jury Selection | Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof |
| 3 Weeks After Scheduling Conference | <p>*File Proposed Protective Order and Comply with Paragraphs 1 & 3 of the Discovery Order (Initial and Additional Disclosures)</p> <p>The Proposed Protective Order shall be filed as a separate motion with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.</p> |
| 2 Weeks After Scheduling Conference | <p>*File Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order</p> <p>The Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order shall be filed as separate motions with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.</p> |
| 1 Week After Scheduling Conference | Join Additional Parties |

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without an acceptable showing of good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Mediation: While certain cases may benefit from mediation, such may not be appropriate for every case. The Court finds that the Parties are best suited to evaluate whether mediation will benefit the case after the issuance of the Court’s claim construction order. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** the Parties to file a Joint Notice indicating whether the case should be referred for mediation **within fourteen days of the completion of fact discovery**. As a part of such Joint Notice, the Parties should indicate whether they have a mutually agreeable mediator for the Court to consider. If the Parties disagree about whether mediation is appropriate, the Parties should set forth a brief statement of their competing positions in the Joint Notice. Mediation shall be attended, in person, by named parties (if an individual) or by a fully authorized representative (if not an individual) and by lead counsel. Third party insurance carriers who may be obligated to indemnify a named party and/or who owe a defense to any party shall also attend mediation, in person, by means of a fully authorized representative. Non-compliance with these directives shall be considered an intentional failure to mediate in good faith.

Lead Counsel: The Parties are directed to Local Rule CV-11(a)(1), which provides that “[o]n the first appearance through counsel, each party shall designate a lead attorney on the pleadings or otherwise.” Additionally, once designated, a party’s lead attorney may only be changed by the filing of a Motion to Change Lead Counsel and thereafter obtaining from the Court an Order granting leave to designate different lead counsel. The true lead counsel should be designated early and should not expect to parachute in as lead once the case has been largely developed.

Motions to Compel: The Court will refuse to entertain any motion to compel discovery filed after the date of this Order unless the movant advises the Court within the body of the motion that counsel for the parties have first conferred in a good faith attempt to resolve the matter. See Eastern District of Texas Local Rule CV-7(h).

Motions for Continuance: The following will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

Amendments to the Docket Control Order (“DCO”): Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of a motion to amend the DCO. The motion to amend the DCO shall

include a proposed order that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines and the changes, if any, to those deadlines, rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.

Proposed DCO: The Parties' Proposed DCO should also follow the format described above under "Amendments to the Docket Control Order ('DCO')."

Joint Pretrial Order: The Parties in a case which has been consolidated for pre-trial purposes and which is moving towards a separate trial on the merits (subsequent to pre-trial) shall file, as an exhibit to the parties' Joint Pretrial Order, a list identifying all docket entries from the lead case that relate to the applicable member case.

Depositions as Evidence: All depositions to be read into evidence as part of the parties' case-in-chief shall be **EDITED** so as to exclude all unnecessary, repetitious, and irrelevant testimony; **ONLY** those portions which are relevant to the issues in controversy shall be read into evidence.

Trial: All parties must appear in person at trial. All non-individual (including but not limited to corporate) parties must appear at trial through the presence in person of a designated representative. Once they have appeared, any representative of a non-individual party shall not be replaced or substituted without express leave of Court.