

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
ESTIMATED PATENT CASE SCHEDULE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Scheduled Time</u>	<u>Total Time After Complaint</u>
<u>Service of Complaint</u>		
<u>Answer or Other Response to Complaint</u> (FRCP 4)		7 weeks (assumes 30-day extension)
<u>Joint Scheduling Order</u> (LPR 1.2)	7 days After Rule 26(f) conference	
<u>Initial Disclosures of Both Parties (with no patent infringement counter-claim) / Commencement of Fact Discovery</u> (LPR 2.1, LPR 1.3)	14 days After Answer or other Responsive Pleading	9 weeks
<u>Initial Infringement Contentions</u> (LPR 2.2)	14 days After Initial Disclosures	11 weeks
<u>Initial Non-Infringement, Unenforceability and Invalidity Contentions</u> (LPR 2.3)	14 days After Initial Infringement Contentions	13 weeks
<u>Initial Response To Non-Infringement and Invalidity Contentions</u> (LPR 2.5)	14 days After Initial Non-infringement and Invalidity Contentions	15 weeks
<u>Final Infringement, Unenforceability and Invalidity Contentions</u> (LPR 3.1(a)(2))	21 weeks After Initial Infringement Contentions	32 weeks
<u>Final Non-infringement, Enforceability and Validity Contentions</u> (LPR 3.2)	28 days After Final Infringement Contentions	36 weeks
<u>Exchange of Claim Terms Needing Construction and Proposed Construction</u> (LPR 4.1(a))	14 days After Final Non-infringement Contentions	38 weeks
<u>Opening Claim Construction Brief</u> (LPR 4.2(a))	35 days After Exchange of Claims Terms	43 weeks

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<u>Responsive Claim Construction Brief</u> (LPR 4.2(c))	28 days After Opening Claim Construction Brief	47 weeks
<u>Reply Claim Construction Brief</u> (LPR 4.2(d))	14 days After Responsive Claim Construction Briefs	49 weeks
<u>Joint Claim Construction Chart</u> (LPR 4.2(f))	7 days After Reply Claim Construction Brief	50 weeks
<u>Claim Construction Hearing</u> (LPR 4.3)	28 days After Reply Claim Construction Brief	54 weeks
<u>Claim Construction Ruling</u>	Approximately six weeks	60 weeks
<u>Close of Fact Discovery</u> (LPR 1.3)	42 days After Claim Construction Ruling	66 weeks
<u>Expert Reports of Parties with Burden of Proof</u> (LPR 5.1(b))	28 days After Close of Fact Discovery	70 weeks
<u>Rebuttal Expert Reports</u> (LPR 5.1(c))	28 days After Initial Expert Reports	74 weeks
<u>Completion of Expert Witness Depositions</u> (LPR 5.2)	28 days After Rebuttal Expert Reports	78 weeks
<u>Final Day for Filing Dispositive Motions</u> (LPR 6.1)	28 days After Close of Expert Discovery	82 weeks