

[CASE CAPTION]

**INITIAL STATUS REPORT FOR NEW CASE**

This case has been assigned to the calendar of Judge LaShonda A. Hunt. The parties are directed to meet pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and conduct a planning conference, and file a joint Initial Status Report for New Case, containing the following information:

**I. The Nature of the Case:**

- A. Identify (names and contact information) for all attorneys of record for each party, including the lead trial attorney.
- B. Briefly describe the nature of the claims asserted in the complaint and any counterclaims and/or third-party claims.
- C. Briefly identify the major legal and factual issues in the case.
- D. State the relief sought by any of the parties.

**II. Jurisdiction:** Explain why the Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the plaintiff(s)' claim(s).

- A. Identify all federal statutes on which federal question jurisdiction is based.
- B. If jurisdiction over any claims is based on diversity or supplemental jurisdiction:
  - 1. State whether/why the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional threshold or whether there is a dispute regarding the amount in controversy (and, if so, the basis of that dispute).
  - 2. Identify the state of citizenship of each named party. For unincorporated associations, LLCs, partnerships, and other business entities that are not corporations, the state(s) in which any individual members of the business unit are citizens must be identified.

**NOTE 1:** Individuals are citizens of the state where they are domiciled; that may or may not be the state where they currently reside. See *Heinen v. Northrop Grumman Corp.*, 671 F.3d 669, 670 (7th Cir. 2012).

**NOTE 2:** A supplement to the statement of the basis for federal jurisdiction shall be filed within 14 days of any change in the information provided in the Initial Status Report.

**III. Status of Service:** Identify any defendants that have not been served.

**IV. Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge:** Confirm that counsel have advised the parties that they may proceed before a Magistrate Judge if they consent unanimously and advise whether there is, or is not, unanimous consent.

**V. Motions:**

- A. Briefly describe any pending motions.
- B. State whether the defendant(s) anticipate responding to the complaint by filing an Answer or by means of motion.

**VI. Case Plan:**

- A. Submit a proposal for a discovery plan, including the following information<sup>1</sup>:
  - 1. The general type of discovery needed;
  - 2. A date for Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures;
  - 3. First date by which to issue written discovery;
  - 4. Deadline to amend pleadings and join parties;
  - 5. A fact discovery completion date;
  - 6. An expert discovery completion date, including dates for the delivery of expert reports; and
  - 7. Whether either party anticipates filing dispositive motions. Please note that a schedule is typically set once all discovery is complete.
- B. With respect to trial, indicate the following:
  - 1. Whether a jury trial is requested; and
  - 2. The probable length of trial.

**VII. Status of Settlement Discussions:**

- A. Indicate whether any settlement discussions have occurred;
- B. Describe the status of any settlement discussions; and

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<sup>1</sup> For patent cases, the proposed schedule should follow the schedule set forth in the Local Patent Rules.

C. Whether the parties request a settlement conference.