## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

## GENERAL ORDER 17-0005

IT APPEARING THAT the full court met in executive session on November 15, 2016 and approved the implementation of a three-year Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot (MIDP) program in the Northern District of Illinois; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT the full Court's approval allows judges to determine whether they want to participate in the pilot program; therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT a MIDP standing order be issued and all judges who have opted to participate in the MIDP program use the standing order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the MIDP program be implemented in the Northern District of Illinois for cases filed on or after June 1, 2017; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Clerk of Court shall enter the MIDP standing order in all applicable civil cases assigned to judges participating in the MIDP program during the duration of the pilot.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT

Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this <u>2700</u> day of April, 2017