**JOINT INITIAL STATUS REPORT**

This case has been assigned to the calendar of Judge Georgia N. Alexakis. The parties are directed to meet pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and conduct a planning conference. At least seven business days prior to the initial status in this case, please file a Joint Initial Status Report containing the following information.

If the defendant(s) have not been served by the initial status date set by Judge Alexakis, counsel for plaintiff must contact the Courtroom Deputy to reschedule the status hearing and the date for filing the Joint Initial Status Report.

1. **Nature of the Case:** 
   1. Identify (names and contact information) all attorneys of record for each party, including the lead trial attorney.
   2. Briefly describe the nature of the claims asserted in the complaint and any counterclaims and/or third party claims.
   3. Briefly identify the major legal and factual issues in the case.
   4. State the relief sought by any of the parties. Estimate/quantify the damages, if any.
2. **Jurisdiction:** Explain why the Court has subject matter jurisdiction over plaintiff(s)’ claim(s).

* 1. Identify all federal statutes on which federal question jurisdiction is based.
  2. If jurisdiction over any claim 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, individual partners/members must be identified and the state(s) in which those individual partners/members of the business unit are citizens must be identified. If any partners or members are themselves partnerships or LLCs, the rule applies to their partners or members, too.

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). Establishing existence of diversity jurisdiction requires the disclosure of the identity of the members of an LLC, partnership, and other business entities that are not corporations as well as each member’s citizenship. *See, e.g.*, *Thomas v. Guardsmark, LLC*, 487 F.3d 531, 534 (7th Cir. 2007).

**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 Joint Initial Status Report.

1. **Status of Service:** Identify any defendant(s) not yet served.
2. **Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge:**
3. Have counsel informed their respective clients about the possibility of proceeding before the assigned Magistrate Judge for all purposes, including trial and entry of final judgment?
4. Do all parties unanimously consent to that procedure?
5. **Motions:** 
   1. Briefly describe any pending motions.
   2. State whether the defendant(s) anticipate responding to the complaint by filing an answer or by means of motion.
6. **Case Plan:**
   1. Submit a proposal for a discovery plan, including the following information[[1]](#footnote-1):
      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 add parties;
      5. A fact discovery completion date;
      6. If there will be expert discovery, an expert discovery completion date, including dates for the delivery of expert reports; and
      7. A proposed date for the filing of dispositive motions (the Court encourages parties to review its standing orders on Summary Judgment).
   2. With respect to trial, indicate the following: Whether a jury trial is requested; and if so, the estimated length.
7. **Status of Settlement Discussions:**
   1. Indicate whether any settlement discussions have occurred;
   2. Indicate whether a settlement demand has been made;
   3. Describe the status of any settlement discussions; and
   4. Whether the parties request a settlement conference.
8. **Other**
9. Is there anything else that plaintiff(s) wants the Court to know?
10. Is there anything else that defendant(s) wants the Court to know?

1. For patent cases, the proposed schedule should follow the schedule set forth in the Local Patent Rules. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)