

MAGISTRATE JUDGE KARYN L. BASS EHLER

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Chicago, Illinois

STANDING ORDER FOR INITIAL JOINT STATUS REPORTS

This case has been assigned to Magistrate Judge Bass Ehler. In order to make the initial status hearing as productive as possible, the parties are required to file a joint status report at least three business days before the initial status hearing unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Counsel are encouraged to meet in person or by videoconference to discuss the joint status report. Trading dueling draft reports by email without any other communication is discouraged.

The joint status report shall contain the following information and be no more than five pages:

1. Description of Claims and Relief Sought.

a. Describe the claims and defenses raised by the pleadings. Make sure to include the basis for federal jurisdiction.

b. State the relief sought, including an itemization of damages.

2. Referral Cases.

Describe the matter(s) referred to the magistrate judge.

3. Discovery Schedule.

Identify any existing discovery deadlines. If no discovery schedule exists and the case is referred for discovery supervision, the parties should confer and submit the following information:

a. The deadline for Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) disclosures.

b. A date to issue written discovery requests.

c. A fact discovery completion date. For claims involving medical conditions, fact discovery ordinarily includes treating physician depositions. The parties shall indicate whether the proposed date includes treating physician depositions. The parties need not include expert discovery dates. The Court will set expert discovery deadlines at the conclusion of fact discovery.

d. Any existing pretrial or trial dates.

4. Consideration of Issues Concerning Electronically Stored Information (“ESI”).

State whether the parties anticipate or are engaged in ESI discovery, and, if so, what agreements have been reached regarding ESI and whether there are any areas of disagreement.

Please note the Court has adopted the Principles of the Seventh Circuit Electronic Discovery Pilot Program and the parties should be familiar with them. In a patent case, the Court will apply the Local Patent Rules for Electronically Stored Information.

5. Settlement.

- a. Describe the status of any settlement discussions.
- b. State whether the parties believe a settlement conference would be productive at this time, and if not, briefly explain why.
- c. If no settlement discussions have taken place, state why that is so, and what needs to occur before settlement discussions would be appropriate and potentially fruitful (i.e., ruling(s) on pending motion(s), completion of particular discovery, focused damages discovery or analysis, etc.).

6. Magistrate Judge Consent.

State whether all parties will consent to have Judge Bass Ehler conduct all further proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73. **Note:** if all parties do not consent, then please state simply that not all parties consent pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c); do not identify any particular party by name, whether that party consents or not, in a mixed-consent situation. See Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73(b)(1).

7. Pending Motions.

Indicate the status of any pending motions.

8. Trial.

In consent cases, state whether a jury trial is requested, the date when the parties expect to be ready for trial, and the probable length of trial.

9. Other Matters.

State any other matters that should be brought to the Court's attention for scheduling purposes.

SO ORDERED.

Karyn L. Bass Ehler
United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: May 7, 2026