



MAGISTRATE JUDGE KARYN L. BASS EHLER
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STANDING ORDER FOR INITIAL JOINT STATUS REPORTS

This case has been referred to Magistrate Judge Bass Ehler. In cases when the Court requires an initial joint status report, counsel are encouraged to meet in person or by videoconference and should work cooperatively to prepare the joint 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. A date to exchange Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) disclosures or confirmation that the information already has been exchanged.
- b. A date to issue written discovery requests or confirmation that the parties already have exchanged written discovery.

- 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.
- d. If the parties anticipate expert discovery, a proposed schedule for Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) expert disclosures, rebuttal expert reports, and a final date for completion of all expert discovery. If the parties agree on staggered expert discovery, the proposed schedule should set out those dates.
- e. Any existing pretrial or trial dates set by the assigned district judge.

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. 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 settlement discussions have not taken place, state why that is so, and what needs to occur before settlement discussions would be appropriate and potentially fruitful (*i.e.*, ruling on any pending motions, completion of particular discovery, focused damages discovery or analyses etc.).

6. Consent to the Magistrate Judge.

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.

If all parties do not consent, then simply state that not all parties consent pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c); do not identify any particular party by name, or 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.

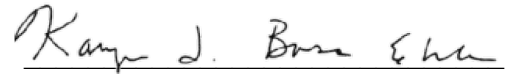
8. Trial.

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.

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

It is so ordered.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karyn L. Bass Ehler", written in black ink.

Karyn L. Bass Ehler

United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: June 24, 2026