

INITIAL STATUS REPORT FOR NEW CASE

This case has been assigned to the calendar of Judge Jeffrey I. Cummings. The parties are directed to meet pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and conduct a planning conference. At least **five business days** prior to the initial status hearing in this case, please file a **joint** Initial Status Report for New Case, **not to exceed five pages**, 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 the plaintiff is seeking and quantify the damages, if any. A ballpark estimate is acceptable – the purpose is simply to give the Court a feel for the case. This estimate will not be admissible.

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. If plaintiff has failed to complete service of process on all defendants, then counsel must describe the efforts to perfect service to date, and provide an estimate for completion of service consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4.

IV. 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 a motion.

V. Case Plan:

- A. Submit a proposal for a discovery plan, including the following information¹:
 - 1. The general type of discovery needed;
 - 2. A date for Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures;
 - 3. A date to issue initial written discovery requests;
 - 4. A proposed fact discovery completion date;
 - 5. A proposed deadline for amended pleadings; and
 - 6. Whether the parties anticipate expert discovery and, if so, a proposed schedule for the completion of expert discovery; and
- B. With respect to trial, indicate the following:
 - 1. Whether a jury trial is requested; and
 - 2. The probable length of trial.

VI. Consent and Settlement Discussions:

- A. The court strongly encourages the parties to consider consenting to the jurisdiction of the assigned Magistrate Judge. Confirm that counsel have advised the parties that they may proceed before a Magistrate Judge and state whether all parties unanimously consent to do so.

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

- B. Describe the status of any settlement discussions conducted to date (without including the particulars of any demands or offers that have been made) and advise whether the parties mutually request a settlement conference at this time.