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Standing Order Requiring Initial Status Report for Cases Filed On or After 12/1/07
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In all new cases assigned to Judge Dow's calendar (as distinguished from cases transferred from other judges to Judge Dow's initial calendar), counsel are directed to confer, prepare, and file a joint status report, not to exceed five pages, no later than two business days prior to the initial status conference. (In the unlikely event parties cannot agree on a joint statement concerning any issue, they should note their respective positions; however, the status report should not exceed five pages in any event.) If defendant's counsel has not yet filed an appearance, the status report should be prepared by plaintiff's counsel and noted accordingly. **Please e-file the status report and deliver one courtesy copy to Courtroom Deputy Theresa Kinney in Room 1914.**

1. In the joint status report, please provide the following information:
 - A. The attorneys of record for each party, including the attorney(s) expected to try the case.
 - B. The basis for federal jurisdiction.
 - C. The nature of the claims asserted in the complaint and any counterclaim.
 - D. The name of any party who or which has not been served, and any fact or circumstance related to non-service of process on such party.
 - E. The principal legal issues.
 - F. The principal factual issues.
 - G. Whether a jury trial has been demanded by any party.
 - H. A brief description of any discovery that has been taken and of the discovery anticipated to be required, and suggested dates for discovery deadlines and cutoff. Parties are reminded of their discovery obligations under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and Local Rule 26.1.

- I. If reasonably ascertainable at this early stage of the case, the earliest date the parties would be ready for trial and the estimated length of trial.
 - J. Whether the parties consent unanimously to proceed before a Magistrate Judge.
 - K. The status of any settlement discussions.
 - L. Whether the parties request a settlement conference.
2. The initial status conference will be set by minute order and ordinarily will be held approximately 60 days after the filing of the complaint.

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Dated: January 9, 2009

Robert M. Dow, Jr.
United States District Judge