

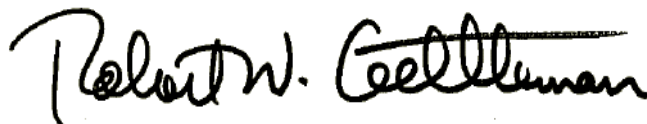
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

STANDING ORDER OF JUDGE GETTLEMAN REGARDING PROCEDURES IN
“SCHEDULE A” LITIGATION

1. This standing order applies to all “Schedule A” cases, defined as any case alleging that multiple defendants (commonly listed in an attachment to the complaint entitled “Schedule A”) engaged in copyright, patent, or trademark infringement.
2. Within 2 weeks of filing a “Schedule A” case, plaintiff shall file a memorandum, not to exceed 10 pages addressing the following topics:
 - a. Joinder. Plaintiff must demonstrate that defendants are properly joined under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 20.
 - b. Personal Jurisdiction. Plaintiff must demonstrate that this court can exercise personal jurisdiction over each defendant. See Liu v. Monthly, 170 F.4th 1090, 1093 (7th Cir. 2026) (explaining that “[i]n the context of Schedule A litigation, a defendant’s operation of an online store accessible in the forum state, combined with completed sales in the forum state, has been found sufficient to subject that defendant to personal jurisdiction,” but that “merely operating a website, even a highly interactive website, that is accessible from, but does not target, the forum state is not enough to sustain jurisdiction,” and holding that “the district court clearly erred in finding that sales took place in Illinois, and therefore legally erred in finding that it had personal jurisdiction over the [Schedule A] defendants” (internal quotation and citation omitted)).

- c. Service. Plaintiff must explain whether service will be or has been effectuated, and how that service complies with the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extra-Judicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matter (“Hague Convention”) and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Kangol LLC v. Hangzhou Chuanyue Silk Imp. & Exp. Co., No. 25-2205, ___ F.4th ___, 2026 WL 1502198, at *5–6 (7th Cir. May 29, 2026) (explaining that where the Hague Convention applies, “it sets out the permitted methods of service and excludes all others,” and holding “that the Hague Service Convention prohibits service by email in China.”)
3. In any “Schedule A” case where defendants are located abroad, in accordance with the Hague Convention, before or upon filing a motion for default judgment, plaintiff shall file a memorandum, not to exceed five pages, addressing:
- a. whether the addresses of defendants are known; and
 - b. if the addresses of defendants are not known, the efforts that plaintiff undertook to discover defendants’ addresses.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert W. Gettleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Gettleman" clearly legible.

Robert W. Gettleman
United States District Judge

DATE: June 23, 2026