Disputes Arising During Depositions

The Court recognizes that in some circumstances, a same-day resolution to a dispute during a deposition can save the litigants time and expenses. If, in the judgment of at least one of the parties at the deposition, the Court's same-day intervention would further the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of the matter, and if the dispute reasonably can be presented briefly and orally, such party is welcome to telephone chambers to request a same-day hearing. The Court expects that this will be the exception and not the rule, but the Court will make every attempt to make itself available on that same day. If a hearing is not conducted at the time of the call or later in the day, the parties should continue the deposition and reserve the disputed issue for determination. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(c)(2). All same-day hearings shall be conducted on the record as transcribed by the retained private court reporter, with the hearing transcript prepared and filed on an expedited basis to ensure public access.