

INITIAL STATUS REPORT

This case has been assigned to the calendar of District Judge Mary M. Rowland. The parties are directed to meet pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and hold a planning conference.

At least five business days (unless otherwise ordered) before the initial status conference, counsel shall confer, prepare, and file a **joint** status report, not to exceed five pages. If defense counsel has not yet filed an appearance, plaintiff's counsel should prepare the status report. The report shall provide the following information in the following format:

I. Nature of the Case

A. Identify the attorneys of record for each party. Note the lead trial attorney and any local counsel.

B. State the basis for federal jurisdiction. If federal question, identify all federal statutes on which such jurisdiction is based. If based on diversity, specify citizenship or domicile of all parties, and whether the parties agree that the amount in controversy exceeds the required threshold.

Note: Parties should review Seventh Circuit case law about the difference between “residence” and “citizenship” for purposes of diversity jurisdiction. Further, if any party is an unincorporated association, partnership or a limited liability company and the basis of jurisdiction is diversity, counsel must identify the name and citizenship(s) of each and every partner/member of each such entity.

C. Briefly describe the nature of the claims asserted in the complaint and the counterclaims and/or third-party claims and/or affirmative defenses.

D. Describe the relief sought by the plaintiff(s).

E. State the major legal and factual issues anticipated in the case.

F. List the names of any parties who have not yet 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.

G. Propose a date by which plaintiff(s) must amend pleadings and/or add parties.

II. Discovery and Pending Motions

- A. Describe the general type of discovery needed.
- B. Provide dates for: (1) Rule 26(a)(1) disclosures; (2) issuing the first-set of written discovery requests; (3) fact discovery completion.
- C. At this time, do the parties anticipate there will be expert discovery?
- D. Briefly describe any currently pending motions or anticipated motions.
- E. State whether the parties agree to service of pleadings and other papers by electronic means under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b)(2)(E).

III. Trial

- A. State whether there has been a jury demand.
- B. Provide the date by which the parties anticipate being ready for trial.
- C. Estimate the length of trial.

IV. Consent and Settlement Discussions

- A. The court strongly encourages parties to consent to the jurisdiction of the Magistrate Judge. State whether all parties unanimously consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge.
- B. State whether any settlement discussions have occurred and the status of any settlement discussions. (Do not provide any particulars of any demands or offers that have been made.)
- C. State whether the parties request a settlement conference at this time.