

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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Enter name(s),

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. Enter case number

Enter name(s),

Defendants.

Case Management Report in Patent Cases

The parties have agreed on the following dates and discovery plan pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f) and Local Rule 3.02(a):

DEADLINE OR EVENT (with Court recommended time frame)	AGREED DATE
Mandatory Initial Disclosures (pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(1) as amended effective December 1, 2000) [no later than date of Preliminary Pretrial Conference]	
Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement [within 1 week of above if not already completed]	
Motions to Add Parties or Amend Pleadings [3 months after CMR meeting]	
Disclosure of Infringement Contentions [1 month after CMR meeting]	
Disclosure of Non-Infringement and Invalidity Contentions [within 1 month of above]	
Initial Identification of Disputed Claim Terms [within 1 month of above]	

DEADLINE OR EVENT (with Court recommended time frame)	AGREED DATE
Proposed Claim Term Constructions [within 1 month of above]	
Joint Claim Construction Statement [within 2 weeks of above]	
Technology Tutorial Conference [within 2 - 4 weeks of above] (if requested, insert date; otherwise, leave blank)	
Plaintiff's Claim Construction Brief [within 1 month of above]	
Defendant's Response Brief [within 1 month of above]	
Joint Pre-Hearing Statement [within 1 week of above]	
Claim Construction Hearing [within 3 weeks of above]	
Disclosure of Intent to Rely on Advice of Counsel as a Defense; Amendment of Infringement, Non-Infringement and Invalidity Contentions; and Disclosure of Expert Reports on Issues Where the Party Bears the Burden of Proof [no sooner than 3 months and no later than 5 months of above]	
Disclosure of Rebuttal Expert Reports [within 1 month of above]	
Fact Discovery Deadline [within 2 months of Amendments]	
Expert Discovery Deadline [within 1 month of above]	
Deadline for moving for class certification; if applicable. See Fed R. Civ. P. 23 (c)	
Dispositive Motions [within 2 months of above and at least 4 - 5 months prior to trial]	

DEADLINE OR EVENT (with Court recommended time frame)	AGREED DATE
Parties' Deadline to Meet and Confer <i>In Person</i> to Prepare Joint Final Pretrial Statement [10 days prior to deadline for the final pretrial statement]	
Parties' Deadline for Filing Joint Final Pretrial Statement (<i>Including</i> Voir Dire Questions, a Single Set of Jointly-Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form (also email to chambers_FLMD_Dalton@flmd.uscourts.gov), Witness Lists, Exhibit Lists with Objections on Approved Form); Trial Briefs	
Parties' Deadline for Filing All Other Motions Including Motions <i>In Limine</i> [All requests to limit evidence shall be included in a single motion not to exceed 25 pages without leave of Court. Responses are limited to 20 pages without leave of Court.]	
Final Pretrial Conference [Court will set a date approximately 3 weeks before trial]	
Trial Term Begins [the goal is trial within 2 years; trial term <i>must not</i> be less than 4 months after dispositive motions deadline (unless filing of such is waived.)]	
Estimated Length of Trial [trial days]	
Jury / Non-Jury	
<p>Mediation</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Deadline: Mediator: : Address: Telephone:</p> <p>[Absent arbitration, mediation is mandatory; either 2 -3 months after CMR meeting or just after discovery deadline]</p>	
All Parties Consent to Proceed Before Magistrate Judge	Yes ___ No ___

I. Meeting of Parties in Person

Lead counsel must meet in compliance with Local Rule 3.02 (a)(1). Pursuant to Local Rule 3.02(a)(1), a meeting was held on _____(date) at ____ (time) and was attended by:

Name	Counsel for (if applicable)
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II. Pre-Discovery Initial Disclosures of Core Information

Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A)-(D) Disclosures

The parties ____ have exchanged ____ agree to exchange (check one) information described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A)-(D) by _____ (date).

Below is a description of information disclosed or scheduled for disclosure:

III. Electronic Discovery

The Court will enter a separate Order regarding electronic discovery. The parties may move to modify the Court’s standard Order by separate motion within two (2) weeks of its issuance.

IV. Agreed Discovery Plan for Plaintiffs and Defendants

A. Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement

This Court has previously ordered each party, governmental party, intervenor, non-party movant, and Rule 69 garnishee to file and serve a Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement using a mandatory form. No party may seek discovery from any source before filing and serving a Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement. A motion, memorandum, response, or other paper “including emergency motion” is subject to being denied or stricken unless the filing party has previously filed and served its Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement. Any party who has not already filed and served the required certificate is required to do so immediately.

Every party that has appeared in this action to date has filed and served a Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement, which remains current:

_____ Yes _____ No

Certificate will be filed by _____ (party) on or before _____ date).

B. Discovery Not Filed

The parties shall not file discovery materials with the Clerk except to support a motion. The parties further agree as follows:

C. Limits on Discovery

Absent leave of Court, the parties may take no more than ten depositions per side

(not per party). Fed.R.Civ.P. 30(a)(2)(A); Fed.R.Civ.P. 31(a)(2)(A). Absent leave of Court, the parties may serve no more than twenty-five interrogatories, including sub-parts. Fed.R.Civ.P. 33(a). Absent leave of Court or stipulation of the parties each deposition is limited to one day of seven hours. Fed.R.Civ.P. 30(d)(2). The parties may agree by stipulation on other limits on discovery. The Court will consider the parties' agreed dates, deadlines, and other limits in entering the scheduling order. Fed.R.Civ.P. 29. In addition to the deadlines in the above table, the parties have agreed to further limit discovery as follows:

1. Depositions
2. Interrogatories
3. Document Requests
4. Requests to Admit
5. Supplementation of Discovery

D. Discovery Deadline

Each party shall timely serve discovery requests so that the rules allow for a response prior to the discovery deadline. The Court may deny as untimely all motions to compel filed after the discovery deadline. In addition, the parties agree as follows:

E. Disclosure of Expert Testimony

On or before the dates set forth in the above table for the disclosure of expert reports, the parties agree to fully comply with Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(a)(2) and 26(e). Expert testimony on direct examination at trial will be limited to the opinions, basis, reasons, data, and other information disclosed in the written expert report disclosed pursuant to this order. Failure to disclose such information may result in the exclusion of all or part of the testimony of the expert witness. The parties agree on the following additional matters pertaining to the disclosure of expert testimony:

VI. Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

A. Mediation

Absent arbitration or a Court order to the contrary, the parties in every case will participate in Court-annexed mediation as detailed in Chapter Four of the Court's Local Rules. The parties have agreed on a mediator from the Court's approved list of mediators as set forth in the table above and have agreed to the date stated in the table above as the last date for mediation. The list of mediators is available from the Clerk and is posted on the Court's web site at <http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov>.

B. Other Alternative Dispute Resolution

The parties intend to pursue the following other methods of alternative dispute resolution:

Date: _____

Signature of Counsel (with information required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a)) and Signature of Unrepresented Parties.

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