



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge | Thomas G. Bruton, Clerk of Court

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Judge Iain D. Johnston

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! Scheduling Notice

Motions for Judge Johnston should not be set for presentment. Rather, the Court will schedule motions for presentment as needed.

! Important Information

Amended Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1(a)(2)

Parties to cases alleging diversity jurisdiction are alerted to amended Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1(a)(2), which requires each party to file a statement disclosing its citizenship.

The information on this and linked pages contains important information about my pretrial case management procedures. Please take the time to read it carefully. These policies and rules have been designed to facilitate the prompt efficient and equitable disposition of civil cases on my docket. The success of this court's trial procedures depends on your willingness to familiarize yourself with these materials and to act accordingly. Counsel will be expected to fully explain to the court any failure to comply with the court's pretrial procedures which include but are not limited to the following highlights:



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- lead counsel must appear at the initial status hearing prepared to discuss all aspects of the case including anticipated discovery;
- counsel must arrive to Court on time;
- counsel must appear in person for presentment of motions;
- counsel must not operate a vehicle and must be in a quiet location for telephonic status hearings;
- counsel cannot stipulate to extend any discovery deadline set in the case management order; and
- parties must provide notice to a non-party of any motion to enforce a subpoena on that non-party.

Relief may be obtained only by filing a motion with the court, not through calls to the Court's staff.

Courtesy paper copies must be mailed or delivered to Operations Specialist Yvonne Pedroza in Room 2200. Please do not bring courtesy copies to chambers: they will not be accepted and no confirmation signature will be available. We do not have capabilities for faxed or e-mailed courtesy copies. If providing courtesy copies is too onerous on a party, such as a pro se party, the party can request to be relieved of this requirement. A simple one page motion would work. Alternatively, a party can verbally request to be relieved from the requirement by asking at a status or motion hearing, including any proceeding before the Magistrate Judge.

DO NOT attempt to e-mail Judge Johnston directly. Proposed orders must be directed to Judge Johnston's proposed order inbox, and all other documents must be filed.

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