

b. Location of Depositions. Any party or representative (officer, director, or managing agent) of a party filing a civil action in this district court must ordinarily be required, upon request, to submit to a deposition at a place designated within this district. Exceptions to this general rule may be made on order of the Court. A defendant who becomes a counterclaimant, cross-claimant, or third-party plaintiff shall be considered as having filed an action in this Court for the purpose of this provision.

c. Discovery Cut Off. All discovery in this case shall be initiated so that it will be completed on or before _____, 200___. The Court encourages the parties to serve and respond to contention interrogatories early in the case. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the limitations on discovery set forth in Local Rule 26.1 shall be strictly observed.

d. Disclosure of Expert Testimony. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, they shall file their initial Fed.R.Cv.P. 26(a)(2) disclosures of expert testimony on or before ninety days before the date of the completion of discovery; and they shall file a supplemental disclosure to contradict or rebut evidence on the same subject matter identified by another party sixty days before the date for the completion of discovery. To the extent any objection to expert testimony is made pursuant to the principles announced in Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc., 509 U.S. 579 (1993), it shall be made by motion no later than the deadline for dispositive motions set forth herein, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

e. Discovery Disputes. Should counsel find they are unable to resolve a discovery dispute, the party seeking the relief shall contact chambers at (302) 573-

6001 to schedule a telephone conference. Not less than forty-eight hours prior to the conference, the party seeking relief shall file with the Court a letter agenda not to exceed two pages outlining the issues in dispute. Should the Court find further briefing necessary upon conclusion of the telephone conference, the Court shall order the party seeking relief to file with the Court a three page letter, exclusive of exhibits, describing the issues in contention. The responding party shall file within five days from the date of service of the opening letter an answering letter of no more than three pages. The party seeking relief may then file a reply letter of no more than two pages within three days from the date of service of the answering letter.

4. Application to Court for Protective Order. Should counsel find it will be necessary to apply to the Court for a protective order specifying terms and conditions for the disclosure of confidential information, counsel should confer and attempt to reach an agreement on a proposed form of order and submit it to the Court within ten days from the date of this Order.

Any proposed order should include the following paragraph:

Other Proceedings. By entering this order and limiting the disclosure of information in this case, the Court does not intend to preclude another court from finding that information may be relevant and subject to disclosure in another case. Any person or party subject to this order who becomes subject to a motion to disclose another party's information designated "confidential" pursuant to this order shall promptly notify that party of the motion so that the party may have an opportunity to appear and be heard on whether that information should be disclosed.

5. Papers Filed Under Seal. When filing papers under seal, counsel should deliver to the Clerk an original and one copy of the papers.

6. Settlement Conference. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, this matter is referred to the United States Magistrate for the purpose of exploring the possibility of a settlement. The Magistrate Judge will schedule a settlement conference with counsel and their clients to be held within ninety days from the date of this Order.

7. Interim Status Report. On _____, 200__, counsel shall submit a letter to the Court with an interim report on the nature of the matters in issue and the progress of discovery to date.

8. Status Conference. On _____, 200__, the Court will hold a Rule 16(a), (b) and (c) conference by telephone with counsel beginning at _____ .m. Plaintiff's counsel shall initiate the telephone call. If all parties agree that there is nothing to report, nor anything to add to the interim status report or to this order, they may so notify the Court in writing before the conference is scheduled to occur, and the conference will be taken off of the Court's calendar.

9. Case Dispositive Motions. All case dispositive motions, an opening brief, and affidavits, if any, in support of the motion shall be served and filed on or before _____, 200__. Briefing will be presented pursuant to the Court's Local Rules.

10. Applications by Motion. Except as otherwise specified herein, any application to the Court shall be by written motion filed with the Clerk. Unless otherwise requested by the Court, counsel shall not deliver copies of papers or correspondence to Chambers. Any non-dispositive motion should contain the statement required by Local Rule 7.1.1.

11. Pretrial Conference. On _____, 200__, the Court will hold a Final Pretrial Conference in Chambers with counsel beginning at _____.m. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties should assume that filing the pretrial order satisfies the pretrial disclosure requirement of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3). Thirty days before the joint proposed pretrial order is due, plaintiff's counsel shall forward to defendant's counsel a draft pretrial order containing the information plaintiff proposes to include in the draft. Defendant's counsel shall, in turn, provide to plaintiff's counsel any comments on the plaintiff's draft as well as the information defendant proposes to include in the proposed pretrial order. Motions *in limine* shall not be separately filed. Any *in limine* requests shall be set forth in the proposed pretrial order. Each party shall be limited to five *in limine* requests, unless otherwise permitted by the Court. Briefing shall not be submitted on *in limine* requests, unless otherwise permitted by the Court. The parties shall file with the Court the joint proposed final pretrial order with the information required by the form of Final Pretrial Order which accompanies this Scheduling Order on or before _____, 200__.

12. Jury Instructions, Voir Dire, and Special Verdict Forms. Where a case is to be tried to a jury, pursuant to Local Rules 47 and 51 the parties should file proposed voir dire, instructions to the jury, and special verdicts and interrogatories three full business days before the final pretrial conference.

13. Trial. This matter is scheduled for a ___ day ___ trial beginning at 10:00 a.m. on _____, 200___. For the purpose of completing pretrial preparations, counsel should plan on each side being allocated a total of ___ hours to present their case.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE