

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
[MARSHALL / TYLER / TEXARKANA] DIVISION**

[PLAINTIFF][, et al.,]

v.

[DEFENDANT][, et al.]

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Case No. [2 / 6 / 5]:00-CV-000-[JRG /
RSP / JDL / KNM / CMC]

**SAMPLE DOCKET CONTROL ORDER FOR PATENT CASES
ASSIGNED TO JUDGE RODNEY GILSTRAP AND JUDGE ROY PAYNE**

In accordance with the scheduling conference held in this case, it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

Date Provided by the Court	*Jury Selection – 9:00 a.m. in [Marshall / Tyler / Texarkana], Texas
<u>45</u> Weeks Before Jury Selection	*Pretrial Conference – _____ [a.m. / p.m.] in [Marshall / Tyler / Texarkana], Texas before [Judge Rodney Gilstrap / Judge Roy Payne / Judge John Love / Judge Nicole Mitchell/ Judge Caroline Craven]
<u>56</u> Weeks Before Jury Selection	*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i> . The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference.
<u>56</u> Weeks Before Jury Selection	*File Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions, Joint Proposed Verdict Form, Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i> , Updated Exhibit Lists, Updated Witness Lists, and Updated Deposition Designations
<u>67</u> Weeks Before Jury Selection	*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Shelly Holmes, at shelly_holmes@txed.uscourts.gov.

78 Weeks Before Jury Selection	File Motions <i>in Limine</i> The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.
78 Weeks Before Jury Selection	Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
89 Weeks Before Jury Selection	Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
1011 Weeks Before Jury Selection	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof
<u>12</u> Weeks Before Jury Selection	<u>*Response to Dispositive Motions (including Daubert Motions). Responses to dispositive motions that were filed prior to the dispositive motion deadline, including Daubert Motions, shall be due in accordance with Local Rule CV-7(e), not to exceed the deadline as set forth in this Docket Control Order.¹ Motions for Summary Judgment shall comply with Local Rule CV-56.</u>
1614 Weeks Before Jury Selection	*File Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions) No motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.
1814 Weeks Before Jury Selection	*File Dispositive Motions No dispositive motion may be filed after this date without leave of the Court. Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. <u>Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances require more than agreement among the parties.</u>
1815 Weeks Before Jury Selection	Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery

¹The parties are directed to Local Rule CV-7(d), which provides in part that “[a] party’s failure to oppose a motion in the manner prescribed herein creates a presumption that the party does not controvert the facts set out by movant and has no evidence to offer in opposition to the motion.” If the deadline under Local Rule CV 7(e) exceeds the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions, the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions controls.

20 17 Weeks Before Jury Selection	Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses
22 20 Weeks Before Jury Selection	Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery
22 20 Weeks Before Jury Selection	Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof
4 Weeks After Claim Construction Hearing	Deadline to Complete Mediation The parties are responsible for ensuring that a mediation report is filed no later than 5 days after the conclusion of mediation.
3 Weeks After Claim Construction Hearing	Comply with P.R. 3-7 (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)
Date Provided by the Court	*Claim Construction Hearing – _____ [a.m. / p.m.] in [Marshall / Tyler / Texarkana], Texas before [Judge Rodney Gilstrap / Judge Roy Payne / Judge John Love / Judge Nicole Mitchell/ Judge Caroline Craven]
2 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(d) (Joint Claim Construction Chart)
3 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(c) (Reply Claim Construction Brief)
4 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) (Responsive Claim Construction Brief)
6 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	Comply with P.R. 4-5(a) (Opening Claim Construction Brief) and Submit Technical Tutorials (if any) Good cause must be shown to submit technical tutorials after the deadline to comply with P.R. 4-5(a).
6 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production and Exchange Privilege Logs Counsel are expected to make good faith efforts to produce all required documents as soon as they are available and not wait until the substantial completion deadline.
8 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	Comply with P.R. 4-4 (Deadline to Complete Claim Construction Discovery)

9 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	File Response to Amended Pleadings
11 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	*File Amended Pleadings It is not necessary to seek leave of Court to amend pleadings prior to this deadline unless the amendment seeks to assert additional patents.
12 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	Comply with P.R. 4-3 (Joint Claim Construction Statement)
15 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	Comply with P.R. 4-2 (Exchange Preliminary Claim Constructions)
18 Weeks Before Claim Construction Hearing	Comply with P.R. 4-1 (Exchange Proposed Claim Terms)
6 Weeks After Scheduling Conference	Comply with P.R. 3-3 & 3-4 (Invalidity Contentions)
3 Weeks After Scheduling Conference	*File Proposed Protective Order and Comply with Paragraphs 1 & 3 of the Discovery Order (Initial and Additional Disclosures) The Proposed Protective Order shall be filed as a separate motion with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.
2 Weeks After Scheduling Conference	*File Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order The Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order shall be filed as separate motions with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.
1 Week After Scheduling Conference	Join Additional Parties
3 Days After Scheduling Conference	*File Notice of Mediator
2 Weeks Before Scheduling Conference	Comply with P.R. 3-1 & 3-2 (Infringement Contentions)

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Notice of Mediator: The parties are to jointly file a notice that identifies the agreed upon mediator or indicates that no agreement was reached. If the parties do not reach an agreement, the Court will appoint a mediator. The parties should not file a list of mediators to be considered by the Court.

Summary Judgment Motions, Motions to Strike Expert Testimony, and Daubert Motions: For each motion, the moving party shall provide the Court with two (2) copies of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, surreply), excluding exhibits, in D-three-ring binders, appropriately tabbed. All documents shall be single-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. For expert-related motions, complete digital copies of the relevant expert report(s) and accompanying exhibits shall be submitted on a single flash drive. These copies shall be delivered as soon as briefing has completed.

Indefiniteness: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

Motions for Continuance: The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

Amendments to the Docket Control Order (“DCO”): Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of a motion to amend the DCO. The motion to amend the DCO shall include a proposed order that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines and the changes, if any, to those deadlines, rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.

Proposed DCO: The Parties' Proposed DCO should also follow the format described above under “Amendments to the Docket Control Order (‘DCO’).”

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