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Discovery disputes will be referred to a Magistrate Judge. After the parties have met and conferred, the parties shall prepare a joint letter of not more than eight (8) pages explaining the dispute. Up to twelve (12) pages of attachments may be added. The joint letter must be electronically filed under the Civil Events category of "Motions and Related Filings > Motions--General > Discovery Letter Brief." The Magistrate Judge to whom the matter is assigned will advise the parties of how that Judge intends to proceed. The Magistrate Judge may issue a ruling, order more formal briefing, or set a telephone conference or a hearing. After a Magistrate Judge has been assigned, all further discovery matters shall be filed pursuant to that Judge's procedures.

Motions for Summary Judgment: Absent permission from the Court, all case-dispositive motions in a case will be briefed and heard together, on the case-dispositive motion hearing cut-off date, or on an earlier available date agreed to by the parties. Multiple parties should file joint briefs if possible. If Plaintiffs wish to file a motion for summary judgment, they shall do so six (6) weeks before the cut-off date. If Defendants wish to file a cross motion as well as an opposition to the motion, any cross-motion shall be contained within the opposition to the motion, which may contain up to twenty-five (25) pages in total, and shall be filed fourteen (14) days after the filing of the motion. The reply to the motion shall include the opposition to any cross-motion, may contain up to fifteen (15) pages in total, and shall be filed seven (7) days after the filing of the opposition. A reply to any cross-motion may contain up to fifteen (15) pages, and shall be filed seven (7) days after the filing of the opposition. If Plaintiffs do not file a motion for summary judgment, Defendants may file one five (5) weeks before the case-dispositive motion hearing cut-off date and the schedule in Local Rule 7-3 shall apply.

Civil motion calendar is conducted on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. Parties need not reserve a hearing date for civil motions; however, parties must check the legal newspapers or the Court's website at www.cand.uscourts.gov for unavailable dates.

A Further Case Management Conference will be held on the case-dispositive motion hearing cut-off date, whether or not dispositive motions are filed.

Dated: 

CLAUDIA WILKEN
United States District Judge