

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION**

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Plaintiff,

v.

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Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 1: __-cv-0__

SCHEDULING ORDER

FRCP = Federal Rules of Civil Procedure FPC = Final Pretrial Conference JPO = Joint Pretrial Order

1. Trial: Estimated time to try: _____ days. Bench Jury
If the estimated length of trial is more than five business days, each party must provide specific and itemized time limits for each witness listed in the Joint Pretrial Order (“JPO”).

2. Parties must comply with FRCP 15 in amending pleadings.

3. New party joinder deadline: 180 days from complaint or, in a removed case, notice of removal
Furnish a copy of this scheduling order to new parties.

4. The plaintiff’s expert designation and expert report deadline: 180 days before discovery deadline
See FRCP 26(a)(2)(D); Local Rule 9(A)(4).

5. The defendant’s expert designation and expert report deadline: 120 days before discovery deadline
See FRCP 26(a)(2)(D); Local Rule 9(A)(5).

6. Discovery completion deadline: 90 days before JPO deadline
Every disclosure under FRCP 26(a)(1) or (a)(3) and every discovery request, response, or objection must be signed by at least one attorney of record in the attorney’s own name — or by the party personally, if unrepresented — and must state the signer’s address, email address, and telephone number. See FRCP 26(g).

Additionally, a party may move for an order compelling disclosure or discovery. The motion must include a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or tried to confer with the person or party failing to make disclosure or discovery to help obtain it without court action. See FRCP 37(a)(1). Failure to comply with this rule may result in sanctions and the payment of reasonable expenses and attorney’s fees under FRCP 37(a)(5).

7. The parties’ mediation and status report deadline: 30 days after JPO

- 8. Dispositive motions deadline: 30 days after discovery deadline
See FRCP 56(b).
- 9. Non-dispositive motions deadline: 30 days after discovery deadline
Responses to dispositive and non-dispositive motions are due 21 days after the motions are filed. See Local Rule 6(C)(2)
- 10. Daubert motions/motions to exclude expert deadline: 60 days before JPO
- 11. Joint pretrial order (“JPO”) (including witness/exhibit lists) deadline: 60 days before FPC
All parties must file the joint pretrial order on time. The following applies only to 8 U.S.C. § 1503 cases: Any testifying witness must execute an affidavit; the parties will submit all affidavits as part of the joint pretrial order. See Exhibits A, B. At trial, the parties will be placed on time limits for direct and cross-examination. The Court will initiate questions to every witness before direct examination. See Exhibit C.
- 12. Objections to exhibit or witness lists deadline: 15 days after JPO
All objections must include copies of the disputed exhibit and legal authority.
- 13. Responses to objections to exhibit and witness lists deadline: 30 days after JPO
- 14. Motions in limine deadline: 15 days after JPO
- 15. Responses to motions in limine deadline: 30 days after JPO
- 16. Final Pretrial Conference (“FPC”) set for 2:00 P.M.: Please contact Judicial Assistant for FPC date
- 17. Jury Selection is set for 10:30 A.M.: Please contact Judicial Assistant for trial date

Approved:

Attorney-in-Charge, Plaintiff(s)

Date

Attorney-in-Charge, Defendant(s)

Date

Signed on this the _____ day of _____, 202__.

Rolando Olvera
United States District Judge