

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
_____ DIVISION

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Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. H-_____
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_____ ,	§	
Defendant.	§	

PATENT CASE SCHEDULING ORDER TEMPLATE

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the following schedule and the Rules of Practice for Patent Cases in the Southern District of Texas will apply in this case:

0	[Date to be provided by Court]	Scheduling Conference
1	<p><u>The following time frames are suggestions and parties may agree to alter them as the case requires.</u></p> <p>[2 weeks after Scheduling Conf.]</p>	<p>PRELIMINARY INFRINGEMENT CONTENTIONS Comply with P.R. 3-1 and P.R. 3-2. After this date, it is necessary to obtain leave of court to add and/or amend infringement contentions, pursuant to Patent Rule (P.R.) 3-7.</p> <p>JOIN ADDITIONAL PARTIES OR ADD NEW PATENTS AND/OR CLAIMS It is not necessary to file a motion to join additional parties before this date. Thereafter, it is necessary to obtain leave of court.</p>
2	[6 weeks after # 1]	<p>PRELIMINARY INVALIDITY CONTENTIONS Comply with P.R. 3-3 and 3-4. <u>After this date</u>, it is necessary to obtain leave of Court to add and/or amend invalidity contentions, pursuant to P.R. 3-7.</p> <p>INEQUITABLE CONDUCT ALLEGATIONS Before this date, it is not necessary to file a motion for leave to add inequitable conduct allegations. Thereafter, it is necessary to obtain leave of court to add inequitable conduct allegations.</p>

3	[2 weeks after # 2]	EXCHANGE PROPOSED TERMS AND CLAIM ELEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION Comply with P.R. 4-1.
4	[3 weeks after # 3]	EXCHANGE PRELIMINARY CLAIM CONSTRUCTIONS AND EXTRINSIC EVIDENCE Comply with P.R. 4-2.
5	[9 weeks after # 2]	JOINT CLAIM CONSTRUCTION AND PREHEARING STATEMENT Comply with P.R. 4-3.
6	[matches # 5]	AMEND PLEADINGS It is not necessary to file a Motion for Leave to Amend before the deadline to amend pleadings.
7	[21 weeks after Scheduling Conf.]	DISCOVERY DEADLINE ON CLAIM CONSTRUCTION ISSUES <i>See</i> P.R. 4-4.
8	[1 week after # 7]	TECHNOLOGY TUTORIAL DEADLINE Provide Court with technology tutorials (optional).
9	[3 weeks after # 7]	OPENING CLAIM CONSTRUCTION BRIEF Comply with P.R. 4-5(a)(1).
10	[2 weeks after # 9]	RESPONSIVE CLAIM CONSTRUCTION BRIEF Comply with P.R. 4-5(a)(2).
11	[1 week after # 10]	REPLY CLAIM CONSTRUCTION BRIEF Comply with P.R. 4-5(a)(3).
12	[1 week <i>before</i> Markman Hearing]	JOINT CLAIM CONSTRUCTION CHART Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) and (c).
13	[approx. 15 weeks after # 5]	CLAIM CONSTRUCTION (MARKMAN) HEARING at _____.m. at the United States District Court, Courtroom _____, _____, Texas.

14	[<i>Markman</i> ruling within 6 weeks after <i>Markman</i> hearing]	Court’s Decision on Claim Construction (<i>Markman</i> Ruling) <u>(If ruling is late, parties may seek amendment of remaining dates in Scheduling Order.)</u>
15	[4 weeks after <i>Markman</i> Ruling (# 14)]	DEADLINE FOR FINAL INFRINGEMENT CONTENTIONS AND TO AMEND PLEADINGS ON INFRINGEMENT CLAIMS NOTE: Except as provided in P.R. 3-6, if the amendment would affect preliminary or final infringement contentions, a motion must be made under P.R. 3-7 irrespective of whether the amendment is made before this deadline.
16	[1 week after # 15]	PRIVILEGE LOGS/WILLFULNESS Comply with P.R.3-8 All parties furnish privilege logs by this date.
17	[2 weeks after # 15]	DEADLINE FOR FINAL INVALIDITY CONTENTIONS AND TO AMEND PLEADINGS ON INVALIDITY CLAIMS. NOTE: Except as provided in P.R. 3-6, if the amendment would affect preliminary or final invalidity contentions, a motion must be made under P.R. 3-7 irrespective of whether the amendment is made before this deadline.
18	[5 weeks after #17]	COMPLETION OF FACT DISCOVERY Written discovery requests are NOT timely if they are served so close to this deadline that under the Fed. R. Civ. P. the response would not be due until after this deadline.
19	[7 weeks after # 17]	DESIGNATION OF EXPERTS AND REQUIRED REPORTS OTHER THAN CLAIM CONSTRUCTION AND ATTORNEYS’ FEES Party with burden of proof (“BOP”) on non-construction and fees issues shall comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(A-C).
20	[4 weeks after # 19]	DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIVE EXPERTS AND REQUIRED REPORTS Party not having BOP on non-construction and fees issues shall comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(A-C).
21	[4 weeks after # 20]	COMPLETION OF EXPERT DISCOVERY

22	[4+ weeks after # 21]	DISPOSITIVE AND NON-DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS DEADLINES (INCLUDING DAUBERT MOTIONS)
23	[at least 2 weeks before Docket Call]	JOINT PRETRIAL ORDER AND MOTION IN LIMINE DEADLINE The Joint Pretrial Order will contain the pretrial disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 26(a)(3), Local Rules and this Court's procedures. Plaintiff is responsible for timely filing the complete Joint Pretrial Order. Failure to file a Joint Pretrial Order timely may lead to dismissal or other sanction in accordance with the applicable rules.
24	[18.5 mos. after Scheduling Conf.]	DOCKET CALL/ FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE at the United States District Court, Courtroom _____, _____, Texas.
25	MEDIATION is REQUIRED prior to Docket Call,	MEDIATION TO BE COMPLETED BY THIS DATE The parties must select a mediator for this case. The parties and mediator must comply with S.D. TEXAS LOCAL RULE 16.
26		JURY SELECTION AND TRIAL commences, subject to Court's criminal docket

SIGNED at _____, Texas, this ____ day of _____, 202_.

[JUDGE'S NAME]
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE