

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

[Plaintiff's Name],)		
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Plaintiff,)		
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v.)	Civil Action No.	-cv- (TSC)
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[Defendant's Name],)		
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Defendant.)		

SCHEDULING ORDER

1. DEADLINES:

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties shall adhere to the following deadlines:

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| Deadline to Exchange Initial Disclosures | _____ |
| Deadline to Amend the Pleadings | _____ |
| Deadline to Join Additional Parties | _____ |
| Plaintiff's Rule 26(a)(2) Expert Disclosures | _____ |
| Defendant's Rule 26(a)(2) Expert Disclosures | _____ |
| End of Discovery ¹ | _____ |

¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule 26, the proposed discovery plan must include: "any issues about disclosure, discovery, or preservation of electronically stored information, including the forms or forms in which it should be produced." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(C).

Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment due²

Plaintiff's Response due

Defendant's Reply due

2. DEPOSITIONS AND INTERROGATORIES:³

Absent agreement of the parties or Order of the Court to the contrary, the parties shall be limited to no more than **ten (10) depositions** and no more than **twenty-five (25) interrogatories** per side.

3. DISCOVERY DISPUTES:

Counsel shall confer in good faith in an effort to resolve any discovery dispute. If counsel are unable to resolve the dispute, they shall contact chambers to arrange for a telephone conference with the Court and must **JOINTLY** submit, via email to chambers, a clear, concise description of the issues in dispute, along with each party's position on the disputed issues. Once a telephone conference is scheduled, not less than twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled start time, counsel must **JOINTLY** email Courtroom Deputy Sara Moser sarah_moser@dcd.uscourts.gov and provide the court with a SINGLE landline telephone number at which all the parties can be reached for the telephone conference.

Counsel shall not file any discovery-related motion without a prior telephone conference with the Court and opposing counsel.

Counsel are hereby notified that a party who does not prevail in a discovery dispute may be ordered to pay the costs involved, including reasonable attorney's fees.

4. REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEDIATOR:⁴

If at any point the parties desire to engage in mediation, with a Magistrate Judge or through the Mediation Program of the Circuit Executive's Office, the parties shall file a joint

² The parties may propose an alternative briefing order for dispositive motions. **However, the parties shall avoid proposing a schedule that contains submission of simultaneous dispositive cross-motions.**

³ The parties shall include any proposed changes to this section in their proposed order.

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motion captioned “Joint Motion for Mediation.”

Date: October 14, 2016

TANYA S. CHUTKAN
United States District Judge