

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Clerk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Columbia

Voting: Chief Judge Howell, Judges Kollar-Kotelly, Boasberg, A.B. Jackson, Contreras, K.B. Jackson, Chutkan, Moss, Mehta, Kelly, McFadden, Hogan, Friedman, Walton, Bates and Leon.

#### **ORDER**

It is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2021\_ordered that effective immediately, the underlisted sections of the Local Rules are amended as follows, with the Clerk of Court being authorized to make technical and conforming changes as necessary.

[New language is underlined]

### **LCvR 16.3**

#### **DUTY TO CONFER**

## (d) REPORT TO THE COURT AND PROPOSED ORDER.

Not later than 14 days following the conference required by this Rule, the attorneys of record and all unrepresented parties that have appeared in the case shall submit to the Court a written report outlining the discovery plan and including a succinct statement of all agreements reached with respect to any of the 16 matters set forth in paragraph (c), a description of the positions of each party on any matters as to which they disagree, and a proposed scheduling order. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(1), however, the parties' report shall not indicate their respective positions on assignment to a magistrate judge unless all parties agree to such assignment. The report shall be submitted jointly, but the parties may submit alternative proposed orders that reflect any disagreements. The plaintiff shall have the duty to ensure timely filing of the report. If, by the time the report is due, any defendant has not responded to the plaintiff's proposed report or declines to join in the report, the plaintiff shall certify in the report that efforts were made to secure that defendant's participation.

If necessary to comply with its expedited schedule for Rule 16(b) conferences, a court may require the written report outlining the discovery plan be filed fewer than 14 days after the conference between the parties, or excuse the parties from submitting a written report and permit them to report orally on their discovery plan at the Rule 16(b) conference as per Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f).

FOR THE COURT:

Beryl A. Howell Chief Judge