

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

EEOC

Plaintiff

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vs.

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Civil Action No.: RWT-09-2573

Freeman

Defendant

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**SCHEDULING ORDER**

This scheduling order is being entered pursuant to Local Rule 103.9. Any inquiries concerning the schedule should be directed to my chambers, not to the Clerk's Office. Any party who believes that any deadline set forth in this Scheduling Order is unreasonable may request in writing a modification of the Order or that a conference be held for the purpose of seeking a modification of the Order, and any such request must be made on or before the first date set forth in Paragraph I below. Thereafter, **the schedule will not be changed except for good cause.**

This case is subject to electronic filing. Please familiarize yourself with the procedures for electronic filing available at: [www.mdd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov). You must use the electronic filing system for filing documents with the Clerk and sending case related correspondence to chambers. **When you electronically file a document that, including attachments, is 15 pages or longer, you must also provide me a paper copy of the document and a paper copy of the notice of electronic filing.** The paper copy should be sent to the Clerk's Office, not directly to my chambers.

I. DEADLINES

May 5, 2010:

Deadline for request for modification of initial Scheduling Order

May 12, 2010:

Joint request for early settlement/ADR conference (This request will not postpone discovery unless otherwise ordered.)

May 12, 2010:	Initial report whether there is unanimous consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge
May 12, 2010:	Deadline for conference re discovery of electronically stored information. (If either or both parties intend to take such discovery, before the conference counsel should review the Suggested Protocol for Discovery of Electronically Stored Information prepared by a Joint bench/bar committee published on the court's website.)
June 14, 2010:	Moving for joinder of additional parties and amendment of pleadings
June 28, 2010:	Plaintiff's Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures re experts
July 27, 2010:	Defendant's Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures re experts
August 10, 2010:	Plaintiff's rebuttal Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures re experts
August 17, 2010:	Rule 26(e)(2) supplementation of disclosures and responses
September 10, 2010:	Discovery deadline; submission of status report
September 17, 2010:	Requests for admission
October 12, 2010:	Dispositive pretrial motions deadline

## II. DISCOVERY

### Initial Disclosures

This is an action in which Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) disclosures need not be made.

### Discovery Conference

This action is exempted from the requirements of the first sentence of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d) and from Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f). However, you are encouraged to confer with one another immediately in order to: (a) identify the issue(s), (b) set a discovery plan, (c) determine if the

case can be resolved before your clients incur further litigation expense, and (d) establish a cordial professional relationship among yourselves.

### Procedure

All the provisions of Local Rule 104 apply, including the following:

- a. All discovery requests must be served in time to assure that they are answered before the discovery deadline. An extension of the deadline will not be granted because of unanswered discovery requests.
- b. The existence of a discovery dispute as to one matter does not justify delay in taking any other discovery. The filing of a motion to compel or a motion for a protective order will not result in a general extension of the discovery deadline.
- c. No discovery materials, including Rule 26(a)(1) and Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures, should be filed with the court.
- d. Motions to compel shall be filed in accordance with Local Rule 104.8 and the applicable CM/ECF procedures.
- e. Please be familiar with the Discovery Guidelines of this Court which are Appendix A to the Local Rules. Appendix D contains guidelines for form discovery requests and confidentiality orders that may be helpful to you.

### III. STATUS REPORT

The parties shall file on the day of the discovery deadline a status report covering the following matters:

- a. Whether discovery has been completed;
- b. Whether any motions are pending;
- c. Whether any party intends to file a dispositive pretrial motion;
- d. Whether the case is to be tried jury or non-jury and the anticipated length of trial;
- e. A certification that the parties have met to conduct serious settlement negotiations; and the date, time and place of the meeting and the names of all persons participating therein;

f. Whether each party believes it would be helpful to refer this case to another judge of this court for a settlement or other ADR conference, either before or after the resolution of any dispositive pretrial motion;

g. Whether all parties consent, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to have a U.S. Magistrate Judge conduct any further proceedings in this case, either before or after the resolution of any dispositive pretrial motion, including trial (jury or non-jury) and entry of final judgment.

h. Any other matter which you believe should be brought to the court's attention.

#### IV. DISPOSITIVE PRETRIAL MOTIONS

If more than one party intends to file a summary judgment motion, the provisions of Local Rule 105.2.c apply.

After motions and responses thereto have been filed, I will advise you if a hearing is to be scheduled.

#### V. STATUS AND PRETRIAL CONFERENCES

I will set a scheduling conference after the status report has been filed, unless that report indicates that one or more of you intends to file a dispositive pretrial motion. In the latter event I will not set a scheduling conference until after I have ruled upon the motion (or the dispositive pretrial motion deadline passes without the anticipated motion being filed).

At the scheduling conference:

a. I will set a deadline for submitting the pretrial order, motions in limine, proposed voir dire questions and proposed jury instructions;

b. I will set a pretrial conference date and a trial date; and

c. I will ask you whether a settlement conference or other ADR conference with a judicial officer would be useful, and whether all parties would consent to trial (jury or non-jury) before a U.S. Magistrate Judge. **Please confer with your client about these matters before the conference so that you are in a position to respond.**

