

Judge ROBIN SCHMIDT

STANDING ORDER ON DISCOVERY ORDERS AND CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES

In accordance with IL.S.Ct. Rule 218, the Court shall hold a case management conference within 35 days after the pleadings are issue, and in no event, more than 182 day following the filing of the complaint.

At the initial case management conference, a scheduling order will be entered. The deadlines outlined in the Case Management Order (CMO) shall be strictly enforced. If any party seeks a continuance of any deadline, a written motion must be filed with the Court prior to the expiration of the deadline in order for the Court to consider the request.

All CMOs shall make every attempt to comply with Illinois Supreme Court M.R. 31228 imposing time standards for case closure in Illinois trial courts effective July 1, 2022.

Case Type/Category	% Complete	Time in Months to Completion	Time in Days to Completion
Complex:			
ED	75%	18 months	548 days
FC (date of filing to			
LA final order or	90%	24 months	731 days
CH judgment)			
PR	98%	36 months	1096 days
General:	75%	18 months	548 days
AR			
GC (date of filing	90%	24 months	731 days
LM to final order or			
MR judgment)	98%	36 months	1096 days
(date of filing	75%	6 months	183 days
GR to appointment			
of guardian)	98%	12 months	365 days
CF	75%	18 months	548 days
(date of filing to			
sentencing/dismissal)	90%	24 months	731 days
	98%	30 months	913 days

Failure of any party to promptly seek enforcement of the CMO shall constitute a waiver of the requested discovery. Failure of a party to comply with this order may be a basis for 219(c) sanctions.

Discovery disputes brought to the Court's attention after the discovery deadline has already passed

The parties may not raise a discovery dispute with the Court after the relevant discovery deadline has passed; all discovery disputes must be brought to the Court's attention before the relevant discovery deadline passes.

Any discovery disputes raised with the Court after the expiration of the relevant discovery deadline shall be deemed waived by the Court, even if the parties agreed to conduct discovery after the relevant discovery deadline has passed.

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If the parties agree to conduct discovery after the expiration of a deadline set by the Court, they must still file a motion requesting that the Court move that deadline as agreed by the parties in order to avoid any subsequent discovery disputes being deemed waived.

Joint or agreed motions to move a deadline which will affect the dispositive motion deadline

Where the parties by agreement wish to move a deadline which will affect the dispositive motion deadline, the parties should do so by filing an agreed or joint motion which:

1. Sets forth the deadline the parties seek to move;
2. Sets forth the new deadline requested;
3. States that the request will affect the dispositive motion deadline;
4. States with specificity the discovery that has been completed prior to the filing of the motion;
5. States with specificity the discovery that needs to be completed; and
6. States why the parties were unable to meet the deadline originally set by the Court.

Parties may not both request to move a deadline which will affect the dispositive motion deadline and keep the same final pretrial conference and trial settings; if the Court moves the dispositive motion deadline, it must also move the final pretrial conference and trial setting.

Joint or agreed motions to move deadlines which do not affect the dispositive motion deadline

Where the parties by agreement wish to move a deadline which does not affect the dispositive motion deadline, the parties shall do so by filing an agreed or joint motion which:

1. Sets forth the deadline the parties seek to move;
2. Sets forth the new deadline requested; and
3. States that the request to move the deadline does not affect the dispositive motion deadline.

The Court will ordinarily grant such motions by docket entry and without a hearing within approximately 48-72 hours of the filing of said motion provided a courtesy copy of such motion was emailed to the Court bringing the motion to the Court's attention.

Court appearances

Failure to attend an in-person hearing, Zoom hearing or telephone conference call without sufficient advance notice to the Court of unavailability may result in that counsel being required to appear in person for all future hearings, even if all other counsel appear remotely.