

**DISCOVERY PROCEDURES FOR
MAGISTRATE JUDGE WILLIAM C. TURNOFF**

The following discovery procedures apply to all civil cases assigned to United States District Judge Darrin P. Gayles.

If a discovery dispute arises, the parties **must** confer in a good faith effort to resolve the dispute.

MOTION CALENDAR -

If the parties are unable to resolve any discovery dispute without Court intervention, within fourteen (14) days of the problem arising and prior to filing a written motion, the moving party shall contact the chambers of **Magistrate Judge William C. Turnoff at (305) 523-5710**, and place the matter on the next available discovery calendar. The movant shall contact chambers no later than noon on the Friday preceding the discovery calendar, and shall do so **ONLY** after conferring with opposing counsel and confirming his or her availability for the discovery calendar.

Judge Turnoff will hold a regular discovery calendar every **Thursday, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, in Courtroom XI, on the 11th Floor of the C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse, 301 North Miami Avenue.

NOTICE OF HEARING -

On the same day that the matter is placed on the discovery calendar, the movant shall file and serve a Notice of Hearing on opposing counsel and Judge Turnoff via CM/ECF. The Notice of Hearing shall briefly specify the substance of the discovery matter to be heard. No more than ten (10) minutes per side will be permitted . The movant shall include in this Notice of Hearing a certificate of good faith that complies with S.D. Fla. L. R. 7.1 (A)(3).

No later than noon on the Monday preceding the discovery calendar, the parties shall provide Judge Turnoff with a copy of all source materials relevant to the discovery dispute, via hand-delivery or the CM/ECF mailbox (turnoff@flsd.uscourts.gov). (For example, if the dispute concerns interrogatories, the interrogatories at issue and the response thereto shall be provided to Judge Turnoff's chambers.)

NO WRITTEN DISCOVERY MOTIONS -

To minimize the need for discovery motions, no written discovery motions, including motions to compel, for protective order, or related motions for sanctions shall be filed, unless the Court so directs at the discovery calendar. The Court expects all parties to engage in reasonable compromise to facilitate the resolution of their discovery disputes. The Court may impose sanctions, monetary or otherwise, if the Court determines discovery is being improperly sought or is being withheld in bad faith.