

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT LAUDERDALE DIVISION

Case No.

PLAINTIFF

v.

DEFENDANT

_____ /

[SAMPLE] PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before this Court upon the parties' consent to jurisdiction to authorize the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge to conduct further proceedings in the case, including trial, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), ECF Nos. __, __, and was transferred to the undersigned by The Honorable _____, United States District Court Judge, on _____, ECF No. __. A status conference was held on _____, at which time counsel for the parties were directed by the undersigned to confer regarding proposed pretrial scheduling deadlines and trial dates.

Having been advised of counsel's scheduling agreements, this Court sets forth the following Order concerning pretrial scheduling and procedure.

I. Trial Date and Location

The case is specially set for trial for the _____ period beginning on _____. Unless instructed otherwise by subsequent Order, the trial and all other proceedings in this case shall be conducted in Courtroom ____ at the United States Federal Building and Courthouse, 299 East Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale,

Florida, 33301.

II. Pretrial Deadlines

The parties shall adhere to the following deadlines:

[DATE]	All motions to amend pleadings or join parties shall be filed.
[DATE]	Parties shall file a joint interim status report. See Part III below for further details.
[DATE]	Parties shall exchange expert witness summaries or reports.
[DATE]	Parties shall exchange rebuttal expert witness summaries or reports.
[DATE]	All discovery, including expert witness discovery, shall be completed.
[DATE]	All pre-trial motions, including all dispositive motions and <i>Daubert</i> motions (which may include motions to strike experts) shall be filed. Each party is limited to filing one <i>Daubert</i> motion. If all evidentiary issues cannot be addressed in a 20-page memorandum, leave to exceed the page limit will be granted upon a showing of good cause. The parties are reminded that <i>Daubert</i> motions must contain the Local Rule 7.1(a)(3) certification.
[DATE]	Parties must have completed mediation and filed a mediation report. Within seven (7) days of mediation, the parties are required to file a mediation report with the Court.
[DATE]	Parties shall submit joint pre-trial stipulation, proposed jury instructions and verdict form, or proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, as applicable, and motions in limine (other than <i>Daubert</i> motions). Each party is limited to filing one motion in limine. If all evidentiary issues cannot be addressed in a 20-page memorandum, leave to exceed the page limit will be granted upon a showing of good cause. The parties are reminded that motions in limine must contain the Local Rule 7.1(a)(3) certification.
[DATE]	A pretrial conference will be held at _____ pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16. Each party shall be represented at the pretrial conference and at the meeting required by Local Rule 16.1(d) by the attorney who will conduct the trial, except for good cause shown.

III. Settlement

If this matter is settled, counsel are directed to inform this Court promptly via telephone ((954) 769-5470) and/or email (hunt@flsd.uscourts.gov).

DONE and ORDERED at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this ____ day of _____.

PATRICK M. HUNT
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Copies furnished to:

All Counsel of Record/Pro Se Parties