

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

In re)	
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_____ ,)	Case No. ____ - _____ - ELG
)	(Chapter __)
Debtor.)	
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_____ ,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Adv Pro. No. _____
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_____ ,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

SCHEDULING ORDER

This Scheduling Order sets forth the following critical pre-trial deadlines and hearing dates in this Adversary Proceeding.

1. **Discovery.** Unless modified by order of this court, the following discovery deadlines apply:
 - a. The deadline for the parties to complete discovery is _____. All written discovery requests, including interrogatories, requests for production, and depositions, upon written questions shall be made at a sufficiently early date to assure that the time for response expires before the discovery completion deadline.
 - b. The parties shall make the disclosures of expert testimony required by Rule 7026(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure no later than _____, or, if the evidence is intended solely to contradict or rebut evidence on the same subject matter identified by another party under Rule 7026(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, on or before 21 days after the disclosure made by the other party.

2. **Final Pretrial Conference.** A final pretrial conference (“Final Pretrial Conference”) will be held on _____ at _____ via Zoom, at which a trial date will be scheduled, and deadlines set for filing and exchanging lists of trial witnesses and exhibits and pre-trial statements.

3. **Settlement Conference.** Counsel and/or unrepresented parties shall hold at least one settlement conference after the discovery deadline and before the Final Pretrial Conference to try to settle this matter.

4. **Summary Judgment or Other Dispositive Motions.** All motions for summary judgment or other dispositive motions shall be filed on or before _____, responses shall be filed on or before _____, and replies, if any, shall be filed or before _____.

5. **Joinder of Other Parties.** Motions for joinder of parties shall be filed no later than 30 days prior to the Final Pretrial Conference.

6. **Demand for Jury Trial.** All motions, pleadings, or other documents filed to demand a trial by jury shall be filed within 14 days of entry of this Order.

7. **Availability of Mediation.** Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 84.4 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, this case may be assigned to the Mediation Program by joint request of the parties at any time sufficiently in advance of a scheduled trial as to not delay the trial or by the Court at either the initial or final pretrial conference. To request mediation, the parties must submit a consent order signed by all counsel (or by the parties themselves, if not represented by counsel) requesting referral to the Mediation Program. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 84.5, after entry of an order referring a case to mediation, the mediation staff will appoint from the Court’s panel a mediator who is available during the appropriate period and who has confirmed, following such inquiry as may be appropriate, that no personal or professional conflict precludes his/her participation as mediator. The Circuit Executive’s Office will notify the parties of the appointment. The Local Civil Rules governing the Mediation Program shall apply to all matters assigned to the Mediation Program and the parties are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the same.

8. **Settlement.** If the parties reach a settlement, they shall file a motion pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 requesting approval of the settlement pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9019-1.

9. **Jurisdiction.** Any party not consenting to the entry of a final order by the Bankruptcy Court shall file a motion to withdraw the reference or for other appropriate relief within 30 days of the entry of this Scheduling Order and promptly set the motion for a hearing. The failure to comply with the terms of this paragraph shall be deemed to constitute consent to the entry of final orders by the Bankruptcy Court.

[Signed and dated above.]

Copies to: All counsel of record via CM/ECF; first-class mail to any *pro se* party.