

## Interim Standing Order

Effective August 12, 2019, and until the Court publishes its practices and procedures, counsel shall follow this standing order.

- 1) **Rule 12 motions.** In a civil case, if a Defendant elects to file a Rule 12 motion, defense counsel shall meet and confer with Plaintiff's counsel before filing to determine whether any purported defects with the Complaint can be cured. Any motion to dismiss must be accompanied by a certificate stating that Defendant has made good faith efforts to confer with Plaintiff to determine whether the identified pleading deficiencies properly may be cured by amendment. This also applies to *pro se* parties.
- 2) **Discovery disputes.** For all discovery disputes, if the matter cannot be resolved after the parties confer in good faith, the parties should contact chambers to schedule a telephonic conference to discuss the dispute. No discovery-related motions should be filed until after the conference.
- 3) **Briefing.** Unless ordered otherwise, the principal brief in support of a motion should be no longer than 20 pages. The Court will issue briefing schedules for all motions, which will set forth the due dates and page limitations for any subsequent briefs. No substantive arguments should be made in footnotes.
- 4) **Decorum.** Counsel should not exhibit familiarity with witnesses, jurors, or opposing counsel. During argument to the jury, no juror should be addressed individually. Counsel should stand when speaking for the record and when addressing the court except for brief objections during testimony.

/s/ J. Nicholas Ranjan  
U.S. District Judge