

TRIAL PROCEDURAL ORDER

TAKE NOTICE that **Judge TERI LYNN DENNINGS** requires the following for trial.

BEFORE THE DAY OF TRIAL:

1. Unless otherwise permitted by the Court, all dispositive motions shall be filed and heard at least 28 days prior to trial. Motions in Limine and/or trial motions shall be filed and heard at least 14 days prior to trial. Motions in Limine and/or trial motions can be scheduled at special times to accommodate counsel. Contact this Court's clerk or secretary to schedule special time. Motions on the day of trial will not be entertained except for good cause shown.
2. If depositions have objections therein, the parties shall submit to the Judge and opposing counsel no later than 14 days before trial date, the objections with supporting law including argument, with responses filed with the Judge and opposing counsel 7 days before the trial date. If the parties have not resolved the objections, the parties shall contact the Judge's secretary for a hearing date regarding the deposition objections. Objections to depositions filed on the day of trial will not be entertained except for good cause shown.
3. Fourteen days before trial date, supply witness lists in sufficient number for the Court and all counsel of actual and/or probable witnesses, indicating if in person or by deposition and, if medical experts, the hospital and office where the witness practices and his or her specialty. This provides counsel an opportunity to file objections before trial date and a list of witnesses for the Court to read to prospective jurors.
4. Have proposed exhibits marked prior to trial. 14 days before the trial date, exhibit lists and witness lists exchanged. 7 days before trial date, exhibit binder provided to Court with exhibits identified and tabbed. In Judge Dennings' court a video recording system is utilized. **Attorneys are responsible for marking exhibits and preparing an exhibit log.** Counsel shall have stipulations for entry or stated reasons for objections. Whenever practicable, copies of exhibits shall be furnished to the Court and opposing counsel for use during the trial.
5. Trials are in person unless a stipulation is received to conduct the trial via zoom. No orders for sequestration will be entered for zoom trials.
6. Stipulations to adjourn the trial date will not be granted without good cause.

ON THE DAY OF TRIAL:

1. Be present with client(s) and any other person(s) necessary to effect the disposition of the matter.
2. If a bench trial, **submit a Trial Brief at least 7 days prior.** Trial briefs shall contain a statement of facts, issues, theory of case, memorandum of law, joint schedule of assets, and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. If cases or statutes are cited, a photocopy of the case or statute shall be attached. Prepare stipulations in writing, if any, to be placed on the record.
3. If a jury trial, to the extent possible, have completed, typed jury instructions, including proposed jury verdict form for the Court and all counsel (not just by jury instruction number). At the discretion of the trial Judge, photocopies of completed SJl's are acceptable provided that blank spaces are completed and any alternatives in the instructions are chosen. Each instruction shall be on a separate sheet.
4. In jury cases, submit to the Court in writing special jury questions that counsel desire to be asked of the prospective jurors. The Court reserves the right to conduct the voir dire.
5. Have witnesses available for trial.
6. Joint succinct statement as to what the case is about, not to exceed one paragraph.

THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES A DULY ENTERED ORDER OF THIS COURT, AND FAILURE TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH ALL OF ITS TERMS MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL, DEFAULT JUDGMENT, REFUSAL TO LET WITNESSES TESTIFY, REFUSAL TO ADMIT EXHIBITS, OR OTHER ACTION, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF SPECIAL COSTS, EXPENSES AND ATTORNEY FEES.

NOTICE: The Court will entertain a jurisdiction motion pursuant to MCR 2.227.

TERI LYNN DENNINGS

Circuit Judge