

Initial Pretrial Scheduling Conference Order and Joint Report

After the filing of an Answer or other response to the Complaint, the Court will enter an “Order Setting Pretrial Scheduling Conference” (the “Pretrial Scheduling Conference Order”) pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 as incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7016. The Pretrial Scheduling Conference Order will set a Scheduling Conference approximately 5-6 weeks from the date the answer is filed and also will set additional deadlines for the parties to meet and confer under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) as incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7026.

The Pretrial Scheduling Conference Order also will require the parties to submit a “Joint Report” in advance of the Scheduling Conference. The form of the Joint Report will be attached to the Pretrial Scheduling Conference Order but also is available under the Forms Tab. The Joint Report is critical to the adversary process and serves as the basis for the Scheduling Conference.