

The deadlines for initial production of documents, interrogatories, and deposition of fact witnesses may be extended by the written consent of all parties without application to the Court, provided that all fact discovery is completed by October 12, 2018. The parties should not anticipate extensions of the deadlines for fact discovery and expert discovery, however. Relatedly, the parties should not make a unilateral decision to stay or halt discovery (on the basis of settlement negotiations or otherwise) in anticipation of an extension. If something unforeseen arises, a party may seek a limited extension of the foregoing deadlines by letter-motion filed on ECF. Any such motion must be filed before the relevant deadline and must explain why, despite the parties' due diligence, discovery could not be completed by the relevant deadline.

The parties shall conduct discovery in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the Southern District of New York. In the case of discovery disputes, parties should follow Local Civil Rule 37.2 with the following modifications. Any party wishing to raise a discovery dispute with the Court must first confer in good faith with the opposing party, in person or by telephone, in an effort to resolve the dispute. If this meet-and-confer process does not resolve the dispute, the party shall, in accordance with the Court's Individual Rules and Practices in Civil Cases, promptly file a letter-motion, no longer than three pages, explaining the nature of the dispute and requesting an informal conference. Any letter-motion seeking relief must include a representation that the meet-and-confer process occurred and was unsuccessful. Any opposition to a letter-motion seeking relief shall be filed as a letter, not to exceed three pages, within three business days. Counsel should be prepared to discuss with the Court the matters raised by such letters, as the Court will seek to resolve discovery disputes quickly, by order, by conference, or by telephone. Counsel should seek relief in accordance with these procedures in a timely fashion; if a party waits until near the close of discovery to raise an issue that could have been raised earlier, the party is unlikely to be granted the relief that it seeks, let alone more time for discovery.

All motions and applications shall be governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules of the Southern District of New York, and the Court's Individual Rules and Practices (available at <http://nysd.uscourts.gov/judge/Furman>).

Finally, the parties shall appear for a status conference on **September 14, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.**, in **Courtroom 1105** of the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse, 40 Centre Street, New York, New York. Absent leave of Court, by **Thursday of the week prior to that conference (or any other conference)**, the parties shall file on ECF a joint letter, not to exceed three (3) pages, regarding the status of the case. The letter should include the following information in separate paragraphs:


- (1) A statement of all existing deadlines, due dates, and/or cut-off dates;
- (2) A brief description of any outstanding motions;
- (3) A brief description of the status of discovery and of any additional discovery that needs to be completed;

- (6) A statement of the anticipated length of trial;
- (7) A statement of whether the parties anticipate filing motions for summary judgment; and
- (8) Any other issue that the parties would like to address at the pretrial conference or any information that the parties believe may assist the Court in advancing the case to resolution.

This Order may not be modified or the dates herein extended, except by further Order of this Court for good cause shown. Any application to modify or extend the dates herein shall be made in a written application in accordance with Court's Individual Rules and Practices for Civil Cases and shall be made no fewer than two (2) business days prior to the expiration of the date sought to be extended. Absent exceptional circumstances, extensions will not be granted after deadlines have already passed.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 5, 2018
New York, New York



JESSE M. FURMAN
United States District Judge