

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

P R E S E N T :

Hon. Gretchen Walsh
Justice Supreme Court

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Plaintiff, : **PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE
ORDER –COMMERCIAL CASE**

-against- : Index No.

Defendant. :

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WALSH, J.:

Counsel having appeared for a preliminary conference on _____, 20 :

Plaintiff:

Name

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Defendant:

Name

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and the Court having conducted a preliminary conference in the above-entitled action, it is hereby ORDERED as follows, pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules of Practice for the Commercial Division:

1. Any Demand for a Bill of Particulars shall be served on or before _____ and any Bill of Particulars shall be served on or before _____.

2. Any Demands for Discovery and Inspection shall be served on or before _____ and all Responses to such Demands shall be served on or before _____.

3. Any Interrogatories shall be served on or before _____ and all Answers to Interrogatories shall be served on or before _____.

4. Any deposition on Oral Questions to be taken of Plaintiff shall be held on or before _____ at _____.

5. Any deposition on Oral Questions to be taken of Defendant shall be held on or before _____ at _____.

6. Any deposition on Oral Questions to be taken of any non parties shall be held on or before _____ at _____.

7. Other Disclosure, including Expert Disclosure, shall be:

8. Electronic Discovery shall be:

9. Discovery shall be limited to the following issues:

10. Impleader shall be completed on or before _____.

11. All discovery shall be completed by _____ and any discovery not then completed may be considered waived. The failure to provide a document, or to otherwise provide discovery, may result in preclusion.

12. A Trial Readiness Conference will be held on _____ at _____. On this date a Trial Readiness Order will be issued to the Plaintiff to which Plaintiff shall serve and file a Note of Issue and Certificate of Readiness within (10) days of the date of the Trial Readiness Order.

13. Absent an order of the Court to the contrary, the making of any dispositive motion will NOT stay discovery and will NOT result in, or justify, any change or adjustment in the dates set forth hereinabove.

14. THE DATES SET FORTH ABOVE MAY NOT BE ADJOURNED EXCEPT WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COURT.

15. In the event of a discovery dispute, counsel shall comply with Rule 14 of the Rules of Practice in the Commercial Division. In furtherance thereof, in the event that counsel, after good faith consultation, cannot resolve a discovery dispute, counsel shall promptly contact the Court at 914-824-5193 and arrange for either an in-court or telephonic conference. No motion relating to discovery shall be made without the prior permission of the Court. Neither the existence of any discovery dispute nor the making of any discovery motion shall result in, or justify, any change or adjustment in the dates set forth above, unless otherwise permitted by the Court.

16. All motions (including any discovery motions permitted by the Court) shall be governed by Rules 16 through 24 of the Rules of Practice in the Commercial Division. No sur-reply (which includes reply in further support of a cross-motion) or post-submission papers will be considered by the Court, except as authorized by the Court or by Rule 18. All motions shall be made returnable on Fridays. No motion shall, absent the permission of the Court, be made returnable on any other day.

17. Counsel shall not copy the Court on correspondence between them.

18. No document, including correspondence, shall be sent to the Court without prior authorization from Chambers to do so.

19. Absent the express permission of the Court, copies of all papers filed with the Court shall be transmitted to all opposing counsel in such fashion as to be received by counsel prior to, or contemporaneously with, receipt by the Court.
20. As set forth in Commercial Division Rule 11-a (a) & (b), the parties are advised that the interrogatories in this action shall be limited both in terms of the topics to be covered and the number of interrogatories permitted (*i.e.*, 25 including subparts). Furthermore, pursuant to Commercial Division Rule 11-a(d), the Court hereby orders that there shall be no additional interrogatories permitted concerning the claims and contentions of the parties.

Dated: White Plains, New York

GRETCHEN WALSH
Supreme Court Justice