

This Court Part has been selected by the Chief Administrative Judge's Electronic Discovery Working Group to pilot a new Electronic Discovery Order ("EDO") form. The EDO form, which will be available in both paper and electronic formats, will supplement the Preliminary Conference Order form that is currently utilized. The EDO is intended to ensure that litigants fulfill their obligations under Uniform Court Rules 202.12(c) and 202.70(g)[Rule 1 and Rule 8(b)] and will serve as a framework to assist the court in managing electronic discovery. Pursuant to Part 48 Commercial Case Rule 1a, participation in this program and completion of the EDO form is mandatory.

If you have any questions regarding the EDO or the pilot, you may visit [www.nycourts.gov/ip/ediscovery](http://www.nycourts.gov/ip/ediscovery). The presiding judge and the court staff will also be available to help you through the process.

As a participant in this pilot, the Electronic Discovery Working Group values and encourages your candid feedback at any stage to help improve the program. In addition, a member of the Working Group may contact you to discuss your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and efforts in helping us promote more comprehensive and efficient methods of processing and resolving cases.