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Rule 4019*.2. Discovery Motions.

In order to facilitate the prompt disposition of discovery motions, the Court adopts Local Rule of Civil Procedure 4019*.2 as follows:

- (1) All motions relating to discovery, originally processed under Local Rule 208.3(b), other than a motion for sanctions, shall be subject to this Rule.
- (2) A motion to compel discovery may not be filed more than ten (10) days after any deadline for completion of discovery established by prior Order of the Court. The moving party must indicate on its Cover Sheet the date of such deadline. If the motion is filed before the establishment of such a deadline, the date should be stated as "N/A." If a motion is filed in violation of this paragraph, then the Court Administrator shall not fix a return day under Local Rule 208.3(b), and instead the motion shall be stricken as a matter of course as untimely.
- (3) The Board of Judges shall appoint a designated number of members of the Bar to serve as Civil Discovery Hearing Officers, for an indeterminate term, without compensation, at the pleasure of the Court.
- (4) If the discovery motion is resolved amicably prior to the return day issued pursuant to Local Rule 208.3(b), the motion shall either be withdrawn or a stipulated order shall be submitted to the Court Administrator for submission to the signing Judge. If the motion is opposed, the Court Administrator shall refer it to a Hearing Officer.
- (5) After hearing argument (unless the Hearing Officer determines that oral argument is unnecessary) and considering the motion, answer, and any briefs filed, the Hearing Officer shall submit a written recommendation and proposed order to the assigned Judge for entry of an appropriate order.