UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

ESTIMATED PATENT CASE SCHEDULE

Event	**Scheduled Time**	**Total Time After Complaint**
Service of Complaint		
Answer or Other Response to Complaint		**7 weeks** (assumes 30-day extension)
Joint Scheduling Order (LPR 1.2)	**7 days** After Rule 26(f) conference	
Initial Disclosures of Both Parties (with no patent infringement counter-claim) / Commencement of Fact Discovery (LPR 2.1, LPR 1.3)	**14 days** After Answer or other Responsive Pleading	**9 weeks**
Initial Infringement Contentions (LPR 2.2)	**14 days** After Initial Disclosures	**11 weeks**
Initial Non-Infringement, Unenforceability and Invalidity Contentions (LPR 2.3)	**14 days** After Initial Infringement Contentions	**13 weeks**
Initial Response To Invalidity Contentions (LPR 2.5)	**14 days** After Initial Non-infringement and Invalidity Contentions	**15 weeks**
Final Infringement, Unenforceability and Invalidity Contentions (LPR 3.1)	**21 weeks** After Initial Infringement Contentions	**32 weeks**
Final Non-infringement, Enforceability and Validity Contentions (LPR 3.2)	**28 days** After Final Infringement Contentions	**36 weeks**
Exchange of Claim Terms Needing Construction and Proposed Construction (LPR 4.1)	**14 days** After Final Non-infringement Contentions	**38 weeks**
Opening Claim Construction Brief (LPR 4.2(a))	**35 days** After Exchange of Claims Terms	**43 weeks**

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Responsive Claim Construction Brief (LPR 4.2(c))	**28 days** After Opening Claim Construction Brief	**47 weeks**
Reply Claim Construction Brief (LPR 4.2(d))	**14 days** After Responsive Claim Construction Briefs	**49 weeks**
Joint Claim Construction Chart (LPR 4.2(f))	**7 days** After Reply Claim Construction Brief	**50 weeks**
Claim Construction Hearing (LPR 4.3)	**28 days** After Reply Claim Construction Brief	**53 weeks**
Claim Construction Ruling	**Six weeks (?)**	**59 weeks**
Close of Fact Discovery (LPR 1.3)	**42 days** After Claim Construction Ruling	**65 weeks**
Expert Reports of Parties with Burden of Proof (LPR 5.1(b))	**21 days** After Close of Fact Discovery	**68 weeks**
Rebuttal Expert Reports (LPR 5.1)	**35 days** After Initial Expert Reports	**73 weeks**
Completion of Expert Witness Depositions (LPR 5.2)	**35 days** After Rebuttal Expert Reports	**78 weeks**
Final Day for Filing Dispositive Motions (LPR 6.1)	**28 days** After Close of Expert Discovery	**82 weeks**
Case Ready for Trial	**20 weeks** After Filing Dispositive Motions	**102 weeks**