

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

FERID ALLANI,

Plaintiff,

v.

APPLE, INC.

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:24-cv-304-ADA

SCHEDULING ORDER

Before the Court is the parties' Joint Motion for Entry of Scheduling Order. The Court enters the following schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 24, 2024	Deadline to file a motion for inter-district transfer. After this deadline, movants must seek leave of Court and show good cause for the delay.
October 17, 2024	Plaintiff serves preliminary ¹ infringement contentions in the form of a chart setting forth where in the accused product(s) each element of the asserted claim(s) are found. Plaintiff shall also identify the earliest priority date (i.e. the earliest date of invention) for each asserted claim and produce: (1) all documents evidencing conception and reduction to practice for each claimed invention, and (2) a copy of the file history for each patent in suit.

¹ The parties may amend preliminary infringement contentions and preliminary invalidity contentions without leave of court so long as counsel certifies that it undertook reasonable efforts to prepare its preliminary contentions and the amendment is based on material identified after those preliminary contentions were served and should do so seasonably upon identifying any such material. Any amendment to add patent claims requires leave of court so that the Court can address any scheduling issues.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 10, 2024	The Parties shall file a motion to enter an agreed Scheduling Order. If the parties cannot agree, the parties shall submit a separate Joint Motion for entry of Scheduling Order briefly setting forth their respective positions on items where they cannot agree. Absent agreement of the parties, the Plaintiff shall be responsible for the timely submission of this and other Joint filings.
January 9, 2025	Defendant serves preliminary invalidity contentions in the form of (1) a chart setting forth where in the prior art references each element of the asserted claim(s) are found, (2) an identification of any limitations the Defendant contends are indefinite or lack written description under section 112, and (3) an identification of any claims the Defendant contends are directed to ineligible subject matter under section 101. Defendant shall also produce (1) all prior art referenced in the invalidity contentions, and (2) technical documents, including software where applicable, sufficient to show the operation of the accused product(s).
January 23, 2025	Parties exchange claim terms for construction.
February 6, 2025	Parties exchange proposed claim constructions.
February 13, 2025	Parties disclose extrinsic evidence. The parties shall disclose any extrinsic evidence, including the identity of any expert witness they may rely upon with respect to claim construction or indefiniteness. With respect to any expert identified, the parties shall identify the scope of the topics for the witness's expected testimony. ² With respect to items of extrinsic evidence, the parties shall identify each such item by production number or produce a copy of any such item if not previously produced.

² Any party may utilize a rebuttal expert in response to a brief where expert testimony is relied upon by the other party.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
February 20, 2025	Deadline to meet and confer to narrow terms in dispute and exchange revised list of terms/constructions.
February 27, 2025	Defendant files Opening claim construction brief, including any arguments that any claim terms are indefinite.
March 20, 2025	Plaintiff files a Responsive claim construction brief.
April 3, 2025	Defendant files a Reply claim construction brief.
April 3, 2025	Parties to jointly email the Law Clerk (see OGP at 1) to confirm their Markman date and to notify if any venue or jurisdictional motions remain unripe for resolution.
April 17, 2025	Plaintiff files a Sur-Reply claim construction brief
April 22, 2025	Parties submit Joint Claim Construction Statement and email the Law Clerk an editable copy. See General Issues Note #9 regarding providing copies of the briefing to the Court and the technical advisor (if appointed).
April 21, 2025 (but at least 10 days before Markman hearing)	Parties submit optional technical tutorials to the Court and technical advisor (if appointed).
May 1, 2025 ³	<i>Markman</i> Hearing at 9:00 a.m. This date is a placeholder, and the Court may adjust this date as the <i>Markman</i> hearing approaches.
May 2, 2025	Fact Discovery opens; deadline to serve Initial Disclosures per Rule 26(a)
June 12, 2025	Deadline to add parties.
June 26, 2025	<p>Deadline to serve Final Infringement and Invalidity Contentions. After this date, leave of Court is required for any amendment to Infringement or Invalidity contentions.</p> <p>This deadline does not relieve the Parties of their obligation to seasonably amend if new information is identified after initial contentions.</p>

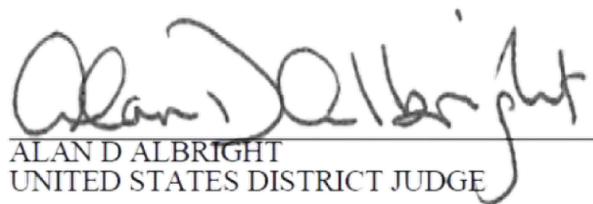
³ All deadlines hereafter follow the original Markman hearing date and do not change if the Court delays the Markman hearing.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
August 21, 2025	Deadline to amend pleadings. A motion is not required unless the amendment adds patents or patent claims. (Note: This includes amendments in response to a 12(c) motion.)
October 30, 2025	Deadline for the first of two meet and confers to discuss significantly narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue. Unless the parties agree to the narrowing, they are ordered to contact the Court's Law Clerk to arrange a teleconference with the Court to resolve the disputed issues.
November 26, 2025	Close of Fact Discovery.
January 8, 2026	Opening Expert Reports.
February 5, 2026	Rebuttal Expert Reports.
February 26, 2026	Close of Expert Discovery.
March 5, 2026	Deadline for the second of two meet and confer to discuss narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue to triable limits. To the extent it helps the parties determine these limits, the parties are encouraged to contact the Court's Law Clerk for an estimate of the amount of trial time anticipated per side. The parties shall file a Joint Report within 5 business days regarding the results of the meet and confer.
March 12, 2026	Dispositive motion deadline and <i>Daubert</i> motion deadline. See General Issues Note #9 regarding providing copies of the briefing to the Court and the technical advisor (if appointed). Deadline for parties desiring to consent to trial before the magistrate judge to submit Form AO 85, "Notice, Consent, And Reference Of A Civil Action To A Magistrate Judge," available at https://www.uscourts.gov/forms/civilforms/notice-consent-and-reference-civil-action-magistratejudge .

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 26, 2026	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations).
April 9, 2026	Serve objections to pretrial disclosures/rebuttal disclosures.
April 13, 2026 (8 weeks before trial)	Parties to jointly email the Court's Law Clerk (See OGP at 1) to confirm their pretrial conference and trial dates
April 16, 2026	Serve objections to rebuttal disclosures; file Motions <i>in limine</i> .
April 23, 2026	<p>File Joint Pretrial Order and Pretrial Submissions (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations); file oppositions to motions <i>in limine</i>.</p> <p>From this date onwards, the parties are obligated to notify the Court of any changes to the asserted patents or claims. Such notification shall be filed on the docket within seven (7) days of the change and shall include a complete listing of all asserted patents and claims. If a change to the asserted patents or claims requires leave of court (for example, if a party is moving for leave to assert additional claims), notification shall not be required until the Court grants leave, at which point the notification must be filed within seven (7) days.</p>
April 30, 2026	<p>File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Kristie Davis at kmdaviscsr@yahoo.com</p> <p>Deadline to file replies to motions <i>in limine</i>.</p>
May 7 , 2026	Deadline to meet and confer regarding remaining objections and disputes on motions <i>in limine</i> .

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 11, 2026	File joint notice identifying remaining objections to pretrial disclosures and disputes on motions <i>in limine</i> .
May 14, 2026 (or as soon as practicable)	Final Pretrial Conference. Held in person unless otherwise requested.
June 8, 2026 (or as soon as practicable) ⁴	Jury Selection/Trial.

SIGNED this 11th day of October, 2024.


ALAN D ALBRIGHT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

⁴ If the actual trial date materially differs from the Court's default schedule, the Court will consider reasonable amendments to the case schedule post-Markman that are consistent with the Court's default deadlines in light of the actual trial date.