

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

In Re:	)	
	)	Case No.
Debtor(s).	)	
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	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Adversary No.
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER SETTING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

This adversary proceeding/contested matter is set for scheduling conference under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7016(b) (incorporating Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16), on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in Courtroom \_\_\_\_\_, Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Before the above date the parties are directed to (1) hold a Rule 7026(f) planning meeting pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7026, (2) file a written report of the resulting proposed discovery plan in compliance with the same civil procedure rule, and (3) comply with the initial disclosure requirements of Rule 26(a)(1). The parties must comply with (2) and (3) no later than **14** days before the scheduling conference. The parties are directed to confer beforehand concerning the following matters, on which the court may take appropriate action at the scheduling conference:

1. the existence of disputes concerning jurisdiction or venue;
2. formulation and simplification of issues, including the elimination of claims and defenses;
3. the need to amend the pleadings, join additional parties, or file motions attacking the pleadings;
4. the need for (additional) discovery, including expert witness discovery, and the timing of needed discovery;

5. identification of the principal **uncontested** facts and issues of law, (and if the box contains "X"),
  - Prepare a joint comprehensive stipulation of all *uncontested* facts on which will become a part of the evidentiary record in the proceeding, and a comprehensive statement of legal issues about which there is no dispute, which will bind the parties at trial;<sup>1</sup>
6. identification of the principal **contested** issues of fact and law, (and if box contains "X"),
  - Prepare a joint comprehensive statement of all *contested* facts on which evidence will be offered and a comprehensive statement of legal issues about which will need to be resolved;
7. the appropriateness and timing of summary disposition under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
8. the possibility of settlement, the need for court assistance in settlement, or referral to mediation under local Rules 1000 *et seq.*;
9. the need for and timing of submission of a Final Pretrial Order, and proposed trial dates; and
10. such other matters as may facilitate the just, speedy, and inexpensive disposition of this proceeding.

**Dated:**

**ENTER:**

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**Jacqueline P. Cox**  
**United States Bankruptcy Judge**

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<sup>1</sup>*Proposed stipulated facts shall be stated in neutral language so as to encourage stipulation. Where disagreement arises as to the form of a proposed fact statement, counsel shall endeavor to compromise towards reaching acceptable statement of facts.*