
Discovery Dispute Filing Reference Guide

In accordance with Local Rule 26, as amended July 1, 2018, the Court no longer accepts discovery dispute hearing requests via email or telephone.

If an emergency dispute arises, such as a dispute in the middle of a deposition, you can call the Clerk's Office and the Clerk's Office will consult with a judicial officer to see how they want to proceed given the urgency of the situation.

It is very important to use the exact ECF events outlined in this reference guide when filing all discovery dispute related documents. If docketed correctly, the documents will not be publicly available. Although, docket text is public, the documents themselves are restricted to court users only. The filing party must serve discovery dispute documents filed in ECF to all parties in a manner other than ECF.

Request for Hearing Regarding a Discovery Dispute

Any party requesting a discovery dispute hearing must use the form entitled "Rule 26(c) Request for Hearing re: Discovery Dispute", which can be found on the Court's website. <http://www.med.uscourts.gov/forms/>

The completed form should be filed electronically using the ECF event *Request for Hearing Regarding a Discovery Dispute*, found in the Discovery Documents category of the civil events. Attach any supporting documents necessary for the judge to review.

Response to Discovery Dispute Request for Hearing

Any response to a request for hearing regarding a discovery dispute should be filed using the ECF event *Response to Request for Hearing Regarding a Discovery Dispute*, found in the Discovery Documents category of the civil events. Attach any supporting documents necessary for the judge to review.

Additional Documents

If the Judge orders additional documents be filed or the parties have additional documents to file regarding the discovery issue, the ECF event *Additional Discovery Documents* found in the Discovery Documents category of civil events must be used.

Discovery Dispute Resolved

If a Request for a Hearing Regarding a Discovery Dispute has been filed and that discovery dispute has been resolved, please notify the

court by electronically filing a notice by using the event *Discovery Dispute Resolved*. This event can be found under the Discovery Documents category.

Post-Conference Filings

Following the discovery conference, the Magistrate Judge may ask the parties to file additional discovery documents or Letter Briefs.

Any discovery filings made after the initial request for hearing and response should be filed using the ECF events *Additional Discovery Documents per Court Order* or *Discovery Letter/Brief*, found in the Discovery Documents category of the civil events.

Service of Discovery Related Filings

The filing party is required to serve, by means other than CM/ECF, all parties to the case whether a pro se party or attorney.

While parties to a case will have access to view the docket text, they will not have access to the document filings via ECF or PACER.

Accessing Discovery Documents Filed on CM/ECF

Effective September 24, 2025, discovery documents are no longer available in the CM/ECF system to counsel of record, if you try to view a record you will receive the following message.

