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October 03, 2024

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. ANESTHESIA PARTNERS, INC., *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No.: 4:23-CV-03560-KH

First Amended Scheduling Order

This scheduling order restates, amends, and supersedes the Court's Order Setting Scheduling, ECF No. 143.

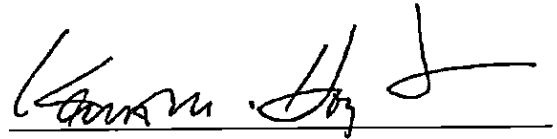
- a) Initial disclosures are due on or before May 13, 2024.
- b) Discovery otherwise begins on or after May 13, 2024.
- c) The parties agree on the handling of electronically stored information, privileged information and a privilege log, if necessary.
- d) The parties agree to limitations as it relates to interrogatories, admissions, productions.
- e) The parties shall substantially complete document productions in response to each side's May requests for production by December 16, 2024.
- f) Fact discovery closes April 30, 2025.
- g) The party bearing a burden on an issue must designate its expert and provide the expert's initial report on or before June 25, 2025. A party may designate a rebuttal expert and provide a report solely to contradict or rebut an initial report on or before by August 20, 2025. A party's expert may reply to a rebuttal report on or before October 1, 2025. By

submitting a report on or before June 25, 2025, the party does not concede it bears the burden on an issue. Expert discovery closes October 22, 2025.

- h) Expedited responses are required on all pretrial motions.
- i) Discovery may be extended by agreement of the parties without Court intervention so long as the dispositive motion deadline and docket call dates are not changed without leave of Court.
- j) Dispositive motions must be filed on or before December 5, 2025; responses are due January 20, 2026; replies are due February 19, 2026. No sur-replies are permitted.
- k) Docket call is set May 20, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. to be finalized by separate order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED on October 3, 2024 at Houston, Texas.


Kenneth M. Hoyt
United States District Judge