

**ENTERED**

May 13, 2025

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

**Second Amended Scheduling Order**

This scheduling order restates, amends, and supersedes the Court's First Amended Scheduling Order, ECF No. 173.

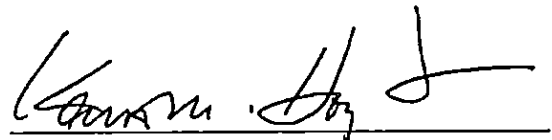
- a) Initial disclosures were due on or before May 13, 2024.
- b) Discovery otherwise began on or after May 13, 2024.
- c) The parties agreed on the handling of electronically stored information, privileged information and a privilege log, if necessary.
- d) The parties agreed to limitations as it relates to interrogatories, admissions, productions.
- e) The parties substantially completed document productions in response to each side's May requests for production by December 16, 2024.
- f) Fact discovery closes May 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 July 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 September 19, 2025. A party's expert may reply to a rebuttal report on or before October 31, 2025. By submitting a report on or before July 25, 2025, the party does not concede it bears the burden on an issue. Expert discovery closes November 21, 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 January 5, 2026; responses are due February 19, 2026; replies are due March 23, 2026. No sur-replies are permitted.
- k) Docket call is set April 6, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

SIGNED on May 12, 2025, at Houston, Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth M. Hoyt", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth M. Hoyt  
United States District Judge