

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION

ESTECH SYSTEMS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

TARGET CORPORATION,

PLAINSCAPITAL BANK,

BOKF, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

BBVA USA,

WELLS FARGO & COMPANY, AND
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

REGUS MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC,

Defendants.

C.A. 2:20-cv-00123-JRG

LEAD CASE

C.A. 2:20-cv-00122-JRG

C.A. 2:20-cv-00126-JRG

C.A. 2:20-cv-00127-JRG

C.A. 2:20-cv-00128-JRG

C.A. 2:20-CV-00143-JRG

DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

In accordance with the scheduling conference held in this case, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

August 2, 2021	*Jury Selection – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas
July 1, 2021	* If a juror questionnaire is to be used, an editable (in Microsoft Word format) questionnaire shall be jointly submitted to the Deputy Clerk in Charge by this date. ¹
June 29, 2021	*Pretrial Conference – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Roy Payne.

¹ The Parties are referred to the Court's Standing Order Regarding Use of Juror Questionnaires in Advance of *Voir Dire*.

June 18, 2021	<p>*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer</p> <p>The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i>. The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference.</p>
June 18, 2021	<p>*File Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions, Joint Proposed Verdict Form, Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i>, Updated Exhibit Lists, Updated Witness Lists, and Updated Deposition Designations</p>
June 14, 2021	<p>*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting.</p> <p>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, Shelly Holmes, at shelly_holmes@txed.uscourts.gov.</p>
June 7, 2021	<p>File Motions <i>in Limine</i></p> <p>The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.</p>
June 7, 2021	Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
May 31, 2021	Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
May 17, 2021	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof
May 10, 2021	<p>*Response to Dispositive Motions (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions). Responses to dispositive motions that were filed <u>prior</u> to the dispositive motion deadline, including <i>Daubert</i> Motions, shall be due in accordance with Local Rule CV-7(e), not to exceed the deadline as set forth in this Docket Control Order.² Motions for Summary Judgment shall comply with Local Rule CV-56.</p>

² The parties are directed to Local Rule CV-7(d), which provides in part that “[a] party’s failure to oppose a motion in the manner prescribed herein creates a presumption that the party does not controvert the facts set out by movant and has no evidence to offer in opposition to the motion.”

April 23, 2021	<p>*File Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions)</p> <p>No motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.</p>
April 23, 2021	<p>*File Dispositive Motions</p> <p>No dispositive motion may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.</p> <p>Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. <u>Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances require more than agreement among the parties.</u></p>
April 16, 2021	Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
April 2, 2021	Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses
March 12, 2021	Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery
March 12, 2021	Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof
March 25, 2021	Comply with P.R. 3-7 (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)
March 4, 2021	*Claim Construction Hearing – 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Roy Payne
February 18, 2021	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(d) (Joint Claim Construction Chart)
February 11, 2021	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(c) (Reply Claim Construction Brief)
February 4, 2021	Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) (Responsive Claim Construction Brief)
January 21, 2021	<p>Comply with P.R. 4-5(a) (Opening Claim Construction Brief) and Submit Technical Tutorials (if any)</p> <p>Good cause must be shown to submit technical tutorials after the deadline to comply with P.R. 4-5(a).</p>

If the deadline under Local Rule CV 7(e) exceeds the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions, the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions controls.

January 21, 2021	<p>Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production and Exchange Privilege Logs</p> <p>Counsel are expected to make good faith efforts to produce all required documents as soon as they are available and not wait until the substantial completion deadline.</p>
January 7, 2021	Comply with P.R. 4-4 (Deadline to Complete Claim Construction Discovery)
January 4, 2021	File Response to Amended Pleadings
December 18, 2020	<p>*File Amended Pleadings</p> <p>It is not necessary to seek leave of Court to amend pleadings prior to this deadline unless the amendment seeks to assert additional patents.</p>
December 11, 2020	Comply with P.R. 4-3 (Joint Claim Construction Statement)
November 20, 2020	Comply with P.R. 4-2 (Exchange Preliminary Claim Constructions)
October 29, 2020	Comply with P.R. 4-1 (Exchange Proposed Claim Terms)
August 31, 2020	Comply with Standing Order Regarding Subject-Matter Eligibility Contentions ³
August 31, 2020	Comply with P.R. 3-3 & 3-4 (Invalidity Contentions)
August 10, 2020	<p>*File Proposed Protective Order and Comply with Paragraphs 1 & 3 of the Discovery Order (Initial and Additional Disclosures)</p> <p>The Proposed Protective Order shall be filed as a separate motion with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.</p>
August 4, 2020	<p>*File Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order</p> <p>The Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order shall be filed as separate motions with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.</p>

³ <http://www.txed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/judgeFiles/EDTX%20Standing%20Order%20Re%20Subject%20Matter%20Eligibility%20Contentions%20.pdf> [https://perma.cc/RQN2-YU5P]

July 27, 2020	Join Additional Parties
July 6, 2020	Comply with P.R. 3-1 & 3-2 (Infringement Contentions)

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Mediation: While certain cases may benefit from mediation, such may not be appropriate for every case. The Court finds that the Parties are best suited to evaluate whether mediation will benefit the case after the issuance of the Court's claim construction order. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** the Parties to file a Joint Notice indicating whether the case should be referred for mediation **within fourteen days of the issuance of the Court's claim construction order.** As a part of such Joint Notice, the Parties should indicate whether they have a mutually agreeable mediator for the Court to consider. If the Parties disagree about whether mediation is appropriate, the Parties should set forth a brief statement of their competing positions in the Joint Notice.

Summary Judgment Motions, Motions to Strike Expert Testimony, and Daubert Motions: For each motion, the moving party shall provide the Court with two (2) hard copies of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, sur-reply), excluding exhibits, in D-three-ring binders, appropriately tabbed. All documents shall be single-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. These copies shall be delivered to the Court within three (3) business days after briefing has completed. For expert-related motions, complete digital copies of the relevant expert report(s) and accompanying exhibits shall be submitted on a single flash drive to the Court. Complete digital copies of the expert report(s) shall be delivered to the Court no later than the dispositive motion deadline.

Indefiniteness: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

Lead Counsel: The Parties are directed to Local Rule CV-11(a)(1), which provides that “[o]n the first appearance through counsel, each party shall designate a lead attorney on the pleadings or otherwise.” Additionally, once designated, a party's lead attorney may only be changed by the filing of a Motion to Change Lead Counsel and thereafter obtaining from the Court an Order granting leave to designate different lead counsel.

Motions for Continuance: The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;

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