

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

NORTHSTAR SYSTEMS LLC,  <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> MACY’S INC.,  <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant.</p>	§ § § § § § § § § § §	Case No. 2:20-cv-00309-JRG  <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</u></b></p>
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**DOCKET CONTROL ORDER**

In accordance with the Court’s Order Setting Scheduling Conference (Dkt. 16) held in this case, it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

Original Date	Amended Date	Event
March 7, 2022		*Jury Selection – 9:00 a.m. in <b>Marshall, Texas</b>
February 7, 2022		*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. <sup>1</sup>
January 31, 2022		*Pretrial Conference – 9:00 a.m. in <b>Marshall, Texas</b> before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
January 24, 2022		*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer  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.

<sup>1</sup> The Parties are referred to the Court’s Standing Order Regarding Use of Juror Questionnaires in Advance of *Voir Dire*.

Original Date	Amended Date	Event
January 24, 2022		*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.
January 28, 2022		*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting.  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.
January 10, 2022		File Motions <i>in Limine</i>  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.
January 10, 2022		Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures.
January 3, 2022		Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures.
December 31, 2021		Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof.

Original Date	Amended Date	Event
December 13, 2021		*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 CV7(e), not to exceed the deadline as set forth in this Docket Control Order. <sup>2</sup> Motions for Summary Judgment shall comply with Local Rule CV-56.
November 29, 2021		*File Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions)  No motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.
November 29, 2021		*File Dispositive Motions  No dispositive motion may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.  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>
November 22, 2021		Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
November 8, 2021		Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses
October 18, 2021		Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery
October 18, 2021		Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof

<sup>2</sup> 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.” 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.

Original Date	Amended Date	Event
September 17, 2021		Comply with P.R. 3-7 (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)
August 27, 2021		*Claim Construction Hearing – 9:00 a.m. in <b>Marshall, Texas</b> before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
August 13, 2021		*Comply with P.R. 4-5(d) (Joint Claim Construction Chart)
August 6, 2021		*Comply with P.R. 4-5(c) (Reply Claim Construction Brief)
July 30, 2021		*Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) (Responsive Claim Construction Brief)
July 16, 2021		*Comply with P.R. 4-5(a) (Opening Claim Construction Brief) and Submit Technical Tutorials (if any)  Good cause must be shown to submit technical tutorials after the deadline to comply with P.R. 4-5(a)
July 16, 2021		Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production and Exchange Privilege Logs  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.
July 2, 2021		Comply with P.R. 4-4 (Deadline to Complete Claim Construction Discovery)
June 25, 2021		File Response to Amended Pleadings
June 11, 2021		*File Amended Pleadings  It is not necessary to seek leave of Court to amend pleadings prior to this deadline unless the amendment seeks to assert additional patents.
June 4, 2021		Comply with P.R. 4-3 (Joint Claim Construction Statement)
May 14, 2021		Comply with P.R. 4-2 (Exchange Preliminary Claim Construction)
April 23, 2021		Comply with P.R. 4-1 (Exchange Proposed Claim Terms)
April 7, 2021		Comply with Standing Order Regarding Subject-Matter Eligibility Contentions <sup>3</sup>

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

Original Date	Amended Date	Event
April 7, 2021		Comply with P.R. 3-3 & 3-4 (Invalidity Contentions)
February 17, 2021		Comply with P.R. 3-1 & 3-2 (Infringement Contentions)
February 10, 2021		*File Proposed Protective Order and Comply with Paragraphs 1 & 3 of the Discovery Order (Initial and Additional Disclosures)  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.
February 3, 2021		*File Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order  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.
January 27, 2021		Join Additional Parties

(\*) 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) 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.

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