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Judge Albright Enters New Standing Order to Resolve Transfer Motions before *Markman* Hearings

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On March 23, Judge Albright entered a new standing order on procedures for filing inter-district transfer motions. If a party has filed an inter-district transfer motion, the party must provide the court with a status report once the motion is fully briefed and ready for resolution no later than six weeks prior to the *Markman* hearing. The court will either enter an order resolving the motion prior to the *Markman* hearing or postpone the hearing. The court specifically stated that it will not conduct a *Markman* hearing until the transfer motion is resolved.

If a party currently has a pending motion with a *Markman* hearing less than six weeks from the date of the order, he has requested that parties file a status report within five business days.

He has also specifically ordered that a motion for inter-district transfer cannot be filed within eight weeks of the *Markman* hearing without showing good cause for any delay and leave of court.

A link to the standing order may be found here.

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