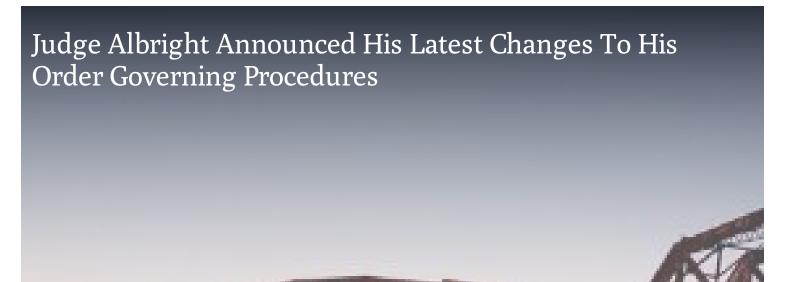


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Judge Albright announced his latest changes to his Order Governing Procedures (OGP), which are now published on the <u>Western District of Texas website</u>.

Here are the highlights:

- **DISCOVERY DISPUTES.** All discovery disputes pending in front of Judge Albright are now automatically referred to Judge Gilliland under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). Also, the OGP clarifies that in a discovery dispute, when the parties are at an impasse after lead counsel have already met and conferred on the issue, and after the requesting party has emailed a summary of the issues to all counsel of record, the responding party now has three (3) "business" days which is defined as excluding weekends and federal holidays.
- **REPLY BRIEFS.** Reply briefs, in addition to the local rules, are limited to 20 pages per side for all MSJs, 20 pages per side for all *Daubert* Motions, and 10 pages for all *Motions in Limine*.
- For *Markman* briefs, MSJs, and *Daubert* Motions, the parties must jointly contact the Court's law clerk for a Box link to provide an electronic copy of the briefs, exhibits, and optional technology tutorials instead of providing these via USB drive. However, if the Court has appointed a technical advisor, the parties must still deliver these materials via USB drive to the technical advisor.
- ZOOM HEARINGS. Hearings before Judge Albright will occur at: https://txwd-uscourts.zoomgov.com/j/1613131172?
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- **RELATED CASES.** Plaintiffs filing patent cases must now file a "Notice of Related Cases" on the day of filing the patent case. Cases are considered "related" for these purposes when they meet both criteria: (1) the cases are actively pending in federal court, and (2) the cases share at least one common patent.

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