

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**  
**ESTIMATED PATENT CASE SCHEDULE**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Scheduled Time</u>	<u>Total Time After Complaint</u>
<u>Service of Complaint</u>		
<u>Answer or Other Response to Complaint</u>		<b>7 weeks</b> (assumes 30-day extension)
<u>Joint Scheduling Order</u> (LPR 1.2)	<b>7 days</b> After Rule 26(f) conference	
<u>Initial Disclosures of Both Parties (with no patent infringement counter-claim) / Commencement of Fact Discovery</u> (LPR 2.1, LPR 1.3)	<b>14 days</b> After Answer or other Responsive Pleading	<b>9 weeks</b>
<u>Initial Infringement Contentions</u> (LPR 2.2)	<b>14 days</b> After Initial Disclosures	<b>11 weeks</b>
<u>Initial Non-Infringement, Unenforceability and Invalidity Contentions</u> (LPR 2.3)	<b>14 days</b> After Initial Infringement Contentions	<b>13 weeks</b>
<u>Initial Response To Invalidity Contentions</u> (LPR 2.5)	<b>14 days</b> After Initial Non-infringement and Invalidity Contentions	<b>15 weeks</b>
<u>Final Infringement, Unenforceability and Invalidity Contentions</u> (LPR 3.1)	<b>21 weeks</b> After Initial Infringement Contentions	<b>32 weeks</b>
<u>Final Non-infringement, Enforceability and Validity Contentions</u> (LPR 3.2)	<b>28 days</b> After Final Infringement Contentions	<b>36 weeks</b>
<u>Exchange of Claim Terms Needing Construction and Proposed Construction</u> (LPR 4.1)	<b>14 days</b> After Final Non-infringement Contentions	<b>38 weeks</b>
<u>Opening Claim Construction Brief</u> (LPR 4.2(a))	<b>35 days</b> After Exchange of Claims Terms	<b>43 weeks</b>

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<b><u>Responsive Claim Construction Brief</u></b> (LPR 4.2(c))	<b>28 days</b> After Opening Claim Construction Brief	<b>47 weeks</b>
<b><u>Reply Claim Construction Brief</u></b> (LPR 4.2(d))	<b>14 days</b> After Responsive Claim Construction Briefs	<b>49 weeks</b>
<b><u>Joint Claim Construction Chart</u></b> (LPR 4.2(f))	<b>7 days</b> After Reply Claim Construction Brief	<b>50 weeks</b>
<b><u>Claim Construction Hearing</u></b> (LPR 4.3)	<b>28 days</b> After Reply Claim Construction Brief	<b>53 weeks</b>
<b><u>Claim Construction Ruling</u></b>	<b>Six weeks (?)</b>	<b>59 weeks</b>
<b><u>Close of Fact Discovery</u></b> (LPR 1.3)	<b>42 days</b> After Claim Construction Ruling	<b>65 weeks</b>
<b><u>Expert Reports of Parties with Burden of Proof</u></b> (LPR 5.1(b))	<b>21 days</b> After Close of Fact Discovery	<b>68 weeks</b>
<b><u>Rebuttal Expert Reports</u></b> (LPR 5.1)	<b>35 days</b> After Initial Expert Reports	<b>73 weeks</b>
<b><u>Completion of Expert Witness Depositions</u></b> (LPR 5.2)	<b>35 days</b> After Rebuttal Expert Reports	<b>78 weeks</b>
<b><u>Final Day for Filing Dispositive Motions</u></b> (LPR 6.1)	<b>28 days</b> After Close of Expert Discovery	<b>82 weeks</b>
<b><u>Case Ready for Trial</u></b>	<b>20 weeks</b> After Filing Dispositive Motions	<b>102 weeks</b>