

## **Procedures for Civil Consent Case Matters**

1. For any opposed motion, counsel should indicate in their briefing whether they request a hearing on the motion and, if so, whether they request it be conducted telephonically or in person.
2. If materials must be sent to the Court for any reason, they should be sent electronically to [fourattproposedtext@nmd.uscourts.gov](mailto:fourattproposedtext@nmd.uscourts.gov) or by mail to: Judge Gregory Fouratt, 100 N. Church Street, Suite 550, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Please do not send by facsimile. Opposing counsel must be copied on all written or email communications that counsel conduct with the Court with the exception of confidential letters (and any associated materials) sent in anticipation of a settlement conference.
3. Counsel is advised that Judge Fouratt will conduct trials in Albuquerque or Roswell if the parties unanimously request it.
4. Even if stipulated, parties seeking an extension in excess of ten (10) days for any filing deadline must file a Motion to Extend with the Court by the day of the original deadline. If the parties agree to a filing extension of less than ten (10) days which does not interfere with other established case management deadlines, they are reminded to file a notice as required by Local Rule 7.4(a).
5. Proposed orders must be sent to [fourattproposedtext@nmd.uscourts.gov](mailto:fourattproposedtext@nmd.uscourts.gov) after the filing of any unopposed motion. They should be submitted in Microsoft Word format (as .docx files), should have 1" margins, be justified, and use Times New Roman Font, size 12. In civil cases, the case number should be presented as follows: Case No. ####-cv-#### [Presiding Judge initials] / [Referral Judge initials]. Further, they should indicate the approval of all parties by including the electronic signature of all parties at the end of the document.
6. Parties must clearly label all exhibits attached to a filing on CM/ECF. For example, rather than merely labeling an exhibit "Exhibit A," parties must provide additional description, such as "Exhibit A: Deposition of Plaintiff Jones," or "Exhibit A: Defendant Smith's Responses to Interrogatories."
7. For telephonic conferences or hearings, counsel must call into the conference line no later than three (3) minutes before the conference or hearing begins.

8. Please determine well in advance if there is a need for court interpreters for a hearing or trial, and advise the Court accordingly.

9. When submitting proposed jury instructions, counsel should review the Court's stock (both preliminary and pre-deliberation) jury instructions. While the stock instructions are not mandatory or inflexible, counsel should consider whether they object to the relevant stock instructions.