

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

STANDING ORDER REGARDING NEW )  
SCHEDULING ORDER PROVISIONS )  
IMPLEMENTED IN APRIL 2021 )

**STANDING ORDER**

At Wilmington, this 22nd day of October 2021:

WHEREAS, in April 2021, Judge Noreika's form scheduling orders were updated to include, *inter alia*, new provisions regarding Pretrial Orders and the time by which the proposed voir dire, preliminary jury instructions, final jury instructions, and special verdict forms must be filed; and

WHEREAS, these provisions were intended to be adopted in all civil matters, including those where a Scheduling Order is already in place, but there has been confusion as to whether these new procedures govern such already pending matters.

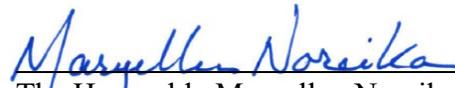
THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. All Pretrial Orders must contain a table of contents and the paragraphs set forth in the body of the Pretrial Order must be numbered;
2. The proposed voir dire, preliminary jury instructions, final jury instructions, and special verdict forms must be filed seven (7) days<sup>1</sup> before the Pretrial Conference; and

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<sup>1</sup> The updated form Scheduling Orders changed the deadline from three (3) full business days to seven (7) full *business* days before the pretrial conference. To be clear, this Standing Order supersedes that change and the requisite pretrial papers are now due seven days (*i.e.*, not *business* days) before the Pretrial Conference.

3. This Standing Order and the procedures set forth herein shall apply to all civil matters before the undersigned Judge, including any pending civil matters where a Scheduling Order has already been entered (so long as the Proposed Pretrial Order has not been filed).



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The Honorable Maryellen Noreika  
United States District Judge