

**HONORABLE CATHY ANN BENCIVENGO  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
CHAMBER RULES**

**CIVIL DISCOVERY DISPUTES**

1. Prior to bringing any discovery dispute to the Court, counsel must meet and confer pursuant to Local Rule 26.1.

2. If the parties have not resolved their dispute through the meet and confer process, then the procedure shall be as follows:

A. Counsel for the moving party shall e-file an ex parte application (not to exceed 10 pages) to request a telephonic discovery hearing. The application shall include a) the moving party's memorandum of points and authorities and affidavits in support of the discovery motion and b) an affidavit with a detailed description of the attempts by counsel to meet and confer. Any exhibits accompanying the application shall NOT be e-filed; rather, all exhibits shall be lodged directly with the chambers of Judge Bencivengo.

B. The law clerk assigned to the case will then contact the parties to set a briefing schedule and, if required, a telephonic hearing date.

C. All opposition (10-page maximum) and reply (5-page maximum) briefs shall be e-filed in accordance with the briefing schedule set by the court. Any accompanying exhibits shall be lodged directly with the chambers of Judge Bencivengo.