

Local Patent Rules - Northern District of Ohio

II. General Provisions

2.3 Relationship to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Civil Rules for the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

A party may not object to discovery on the ground that it conflicts with or is premature under the Local Patent Rules, except to the following categories of requests and disclosures:

- (a) Requests for a party's claim construction position;
- (b) Requests for the same information required to be disclosed under Local Patent Rules 3.1-3.7; and
- (c) Requesting that an accused infringer identify whether it intends to rely upon the opinion(s) of counsel as a defense against an allegation of willful infringement. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(e)'s requirements concerning the supplementation of disclosure and discovery responses apply to all disclosures required under the Local Patent Rules.