Local Patent Rules - Northern District of Ohio

IV. Claim Construction Proceedings

4.5 Joint Claim Construction and Prehearing Statement

Not later than five (5) days after the submission of responsive claim construction briefs under L. P. R. 4.4(c), the parties shall complete and file a Joint Claim Construction and Prehearing Statement, which shall contain the following information:

- (a) The construction of those terms on which the parties agree;
- (b) Each party's proposed construction of each disputed term, together with an identification of all references from the intrinsic evidence that supports that construction, and an identification of any extrinsic evidence known to the party on which it intends to rely either to support its proposed construction or to oppose any other party's proposed construction, including, but not limited to, as permitted by law, dictionary definitions, citations to learned treatises and prior art, and testimony of all witnesses including experts;
- (c) An identification of the terms that each of the parties contend (i) would require a disposition of the case in its favor and/or (ii) will be substantially conducive to promoting settlement. For any such terms, each of the parties shall also include a brief statement, not to exceed one page, supporting or refuting the contention that the construction of those terms will be dispositive or promote settlement. The Court may, at its option, solicit additional briefing regarding the dispositive nature of any terms prior to the claim construction hearing or upon issuing its claim constructions.
- (d) The anticipated length of time necessary for the Claim Construction Hearing;
- (e) Whether any party proposes to call one or more witnesses at the Claim Construction Hearing, the identity of each such witness, and for each witness a brief description of the subject matter of each witness' anticipated testimony; and
- (f) A list of other issues that might appropriately be taken up at a prehearing conference prior to the claim construction hearing and, if not previously set, proposed dates for any such prehearing conference.