

Local Patent Rules - Northern District of Ohio

**IV. Claim Construction Proceedings**

**4.7 Close of Fact Discovery; Status Conference**

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, fact discovery for all actions subject to these Local Patent Rules shall end no later than thirty (30) days after the Court's claim construction ruling. The parties shall also appear for a status conference (in person or telephonically, at the option of the Court) within thirty (30) days of that ruling.

In addition to updating the Court regarding the status of the pending litigation, each party shall inform the Court whether mediation of the dispute is appropriate during the status hearing. The Court, at its option, may refer any case subject to these rules to mediation as under Local Rule 16 upon request of one or both the parties or *sua sponte*. Any party objecting to its case being selected for mediation must follow the procedure required by Local Rule 16.6. A failure to participate in good faith in the mediation may expose a party and/or its counsel to sanctions.