

Discovery Issues

Judge Leupold strongly encourages parties to make every effort to resolve discovery disputes without the Court's intervention. The Court strictly construes the meet and confer requirements. To the extent motions practice is necessary, Judge Leupold encourages parties to take advantage of the expedited discovery dispute procedures described in Local Civil Rule 37(a)(2). This approach may resolve the dispute in an expedient manner and avoid the extra costs associated with motions practice. The moving party must make reasonable efforts to have all parties to the discovery dispute participate in contacting the Court to request a telephonic motion. See Local Civil Rule 7(i). Counsel may contact the Court's deputy clerk Kelly Miller by email at kelly_miller@wawd.uscourts.gov or by telephone at 253-882-3828 to arrange a telephone conference with the Court.