

Procedures Regarding Prisoner Civil Rights Suits – 42 U.S.C. § 1983

Filing Instructions and Forms Section 1983 forms are available from the Clerk's office or electronically through the court's website.

IFP requests To file a complaint you must pay the \$350.00 filing fee or obtain the Court's permission to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP). The IFP application is available from the Clerk's office or electronically through the court's website.

Pretrial Scheduling Order Where plaintiff is a *pro se* prisoner, the parties need not make initial disclosures or hold a scheduling conference under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26. Because the parties are relieved of these obligations, the Court will enter a Pretrial Scheduling Order that: (1) Directs discovery be completed within 90 days of the order; (2) Advises the plaintiff about the consequences of failing to respond to a summary judgment motion; (3) Sets the date by which dispositive motions must be filed; and (4) Advises the parties the joint pretrial statement will be scheduled at a later time.

Special Noting Rules where a party is confined All discovery and non-dispositive motions shall be noted no earlier than the 3rd Friday after filing and service. All dispositive motions and motions seeking preliminary injunctions shall be noted no earlier than the 4th Friday after filing and service. See Local Rule CR 7(d)(2).