

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

GEOTAG, INC.

v.

STARBUCKS CORP., ET AL.

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Case No. 2:10-CV-572-MHS-RSP

DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

April 1, 2014	*Pretrial Conference – 9:00 a.m/p.m. in Marshall, Texas
March 11, 2014	*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i> . The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference.
March 11, 2014	*File Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions, Joint Proposed Verdict Form, and Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i>
March 4, 2014	*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Shelly Holmes, at shelly_holmes@txed.uscourts.gov.
February 24, 2014	File Motions <i>in Limine</i> The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.
February 24, 2014	Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
February 17, 2014	Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures

February 4, 2014	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof
January 6, 2014	*File Dispositive Motions or Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions) No dispositive motion or motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.
January 7, 2014	Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
December 16, 2013	Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses
November 22, 2013	Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery
November 22, 2013	Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof
November 11, 2013	*Deadline to File Letter Briefs Regarding Dispositive Motions
October 14, 2013	Comply with P.R. 3-7 (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Summary Judgment Motions: Prior to filing any summary judgment motion, the parties must submit letter briefs seeking permission to file the motion. The opening letter brief in each of those matters shall be no longer than five (5) pages and shall be filed with the Court no later than the deadline for filing letter briefs. Answering letter briefs in each of those matters shall be no longer than five (5) pages and filed with the Court no later than fourteen (14) days thereafter. Reply briefs in each of those matters shall be no longer than three (3) pages and filed with the Court no later than five (5) days thereafter. The Court may decide the question on the submissions or hold a hearing or telephone conference to hear arguments and to determine whether the filing of any motion will be permitted. Letter briefs shall be filed without exhibits. Any requests to submit letter briefs after the deadlines outlined above must show good cause.

Indefiniteness: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

Motions for Continuance: The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;

- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 26th day of September, 2013.


ROY S. PAYNE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE