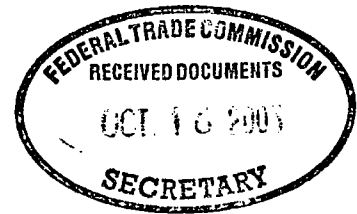


**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES**



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In the Matter of )

North Texas Specialty Physicians, )  
Respondent. )  
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Docket No. 9312

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

- December 9, 2003 - Complaint Counsel provides preliminary witness list (not including experts) with description of proposed testimony.
- December 16, 2003 - Respondent's Counsel provides preliminary witness lists (not including experts) with description of proposed testimony.
- December 30, 2003 - Deadline for issuing document requests, requests for admission, interrogatories and subpoenas *duces tecum*, except for discovery for purposes of authenticity and admissibility of exhibits.
- January 6, 2004 - Complaint Counsel provides expert witness list.
- January 13, 2004 - Respondent's Counsel provides expert witness list.
- January 16, 2004 - Complaint Counsel provides revised witness lists, including preliminary rebuttal witnesses, with description of proposed testimony.
- January 21, 2004 - Respondent's Counsel provides revised witness list, including preliminary sur-rebuttal witnesses, with description of proposed testimony.
- January 30, 2004 - Close of discovery, other than discovery permitted under Rule 3.24(a)(4), depositions of experts, and discovery for purposes of authenticity and admissibility of exhibits.
- February 6, 2004 - Complaint Counsel provides expert witness reports.
- February 13, 2004 - Respondent's Counsel provides expert witness reports.

- February 20, 2004 - Complaint Counsel to identify rebuttal expert(s) and provide rebuttal expert report(s). Any such reports are to be limited to rebuttal of matters set forth in Respondent's expert reports. If material outside the scope of fair rebuttal is presented, Respondent will have the right to seek appropriate relief (such as striking Complaint Counsel's rebuttal expert reports or seeking leave to submit sur-rebuttal expert reports on behalf of Respondent).
  
- February 27, 2004 - Deadline for depositions of experts (including rebuttal experts).
  
- March 2, 2004 - Deadline for filing motions for summary decision.
  
- March 2, 2004 - Complaint Counsel provides to Respondent's counsel its final proposed witness and exhibit lists, including designated testimony to be presented by deposition, copies of all exhibits (except for demonstrative, illustrative or summary exhibits), and a brief summary of the testimony of each witness.  
  
Complaint Counsel serves courtesy copies on ALJ of its final proposed witness and exhibit lists and a brief summary of the testimony of each witness.
  
- March 9, 2004 - Respondent's Counsel provides to Complaint Counsel its final proposed witness and exhibit lists, including designated testimony to be presented by deposition and copies of all exhibits (except for demonstrative, illustrative or summary exhibits), and a brief summary of the testimony of each witness.  
  
Respondent's Counsel serves courtesy copies on ALJ its final proposed witness and exhibit lists and a brief summary of the testimony of each witness.
  
- March 9, 2004 - Parties that intend to offer into evidence at the hearing confidential materials of an opposing party or non-party must provide notice to the opposing party or non-party, pursuant to 16 C.F.R. § 3.45(b).
  
- March 14, 2004 - Deadline for filing responses to motions for summary decision.
  
- March 23, 2004 - Deadline for filing motions for *in camera* treatment of proposed trial exhibits.
  
- March 23, 2004 - Deadline for filing motions *in limine* and motions to strike.

- April 2, 2004 - Deadline for filing responses to motions for *in camera* treatment of proposed trial exhibits.
- April 2, 2004 - Deadline for filing responses to motions *in limine* and motions to strike.
- April 7, 2004 - Complaint Counsel files pretrial brief, to include proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. To the extent possible, findings of fact shall be supported by document citations and/or deposition citations. Conclusions of law shall be supported by legal authority.
- April 8, 2004 - Exchange and serve courtesy copy on ALJ objections to final proposed witness lists and exhibit lists. Exchange objections to the designated testimony to be presented by deposition and counter designations.
- April 15, 2004 - Exchange proposed stipulations of law, facts, and authenticity.
- April 21, 2003 - Respondent's Counsel files pretrial brief, to include proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. To the extent possible, findings of fact shall be supported by document citations and/or deposition citations. Conclusions of law shall be supported by legal authority.
- April 23, 2004 - File final stipulations of law, facts, and authenticity. Any subsequent stipulations may be offered as agreed by the parties.
- April 27, 2004 - Final prehearing conference to be held at 10:00 a.m. in a courtroom to be located in Fort Worth, Texas, and to be specified in a subsequently issued order.  
  
The parties are to meet and confer prior to the conference regarding trial logistics and proposed stipulations of law, facts, and authenticity and any designated deposition testimony. Counsel may present any objections to the final proposed witness lists and exhibits, including the designated testimony to be presented by deposition. Trial exhibits will be admitted or excluded to the extent practicable.
- April 28, 2004  
or immediately  
following the  
conclusion of the  
final prehearing  
conference - Commencement of Hearing, to begin at 10:00 a.m. in a courtroom to be located in Fort Worth, Texas, and to be specified in a subsequently issued order.

## ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. Pursuant to Rule 3.21(c)(2), extensions or modifications to these deadlines will be made only upon a showing of good cause.

2. Service of all papers filed with the Commission shall be made on opposing counsel and two courtesy copies to the Administrative Law Judge by 5:00 p.m. on the designated date. Unless requested, the parties shall not serve courtesy copies on the ALJ of any papers (including discovery requests and responses) that are not required to be filed with the Office of the Secretary.

The parties shall serve each other by electronic mail. Service by email shall be followed promptly by delivery of an original by Federal Express delivery for next business day morning delivery, with the option of also using one of the methods in Commission Rule 4.4(b).

Deliveries shall be as follows:

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3. All pleadings that cite to unpublished opinions or opinions not available on LEXIS or WESTLAW shall include such copies as exhibits.

4. Compliance with the scheduled end of discovery requires that the parties serve subpoenas and discovery requests sufficiently in advance of the discovery cut-off, that all responses and objections will be due on or before that date, unless otherwise noted. Any motion to compel responses to discovery requests shall be filed within 5 days of impasse if the parties are negotiating in good faith and are not able to resolve their dispute.

5. The parties are limited to an additional 25 document requests, a total of 50

interrogatories, and a total of 50 requests for admissions, except that there shall be no limit on the number of requests for admission for authentication and admissibility of exhibits. There is no limit to the number of sets of discovery requests the parties may issue, so long as the total number of each type of discovery request, including all subparts, does not exceed these limits. Additional discovery may be permitted only for good cause upon application to and approval by the Administrative Law Judge. Responses to document requests, interrogatories, and requests for admission shall be due within 20 days of service. Objections to document requests, interrogatories, and requests for admission shall be due within 10 days of service.

6. The deposition of any person may be recorded by videotape, provided that the deposing party notifies the deponent and all parties of its intention to record the deposition by videotape at least five days in advance of the deposition.

7. The parties shall serve upon one another, at the time of issuance, copies of all subpoenas *duces tecum* and subpoenas *ad testificandum*. Counsel scheduling depositions shall immediately notify all other counsel that a deposition has been scheduled.

Non-parties shall provide copies or make available for inspection and copying of documents requested by subpoena to the party issuing the subpoena. The party that has requested documents from non-parties shall provide copies of the documents received from non-parties to the opposing party within five business days of receiving the documents.

8. The revised and final witness lists shall represent counsels' good faith designation of all potential witnesses who counsel reasonably expect may be called in their case-in-chief. Parties shall notify the opposing party promptly of changes in witness lists to facilitate completion of discovery within the dates of the scheduling order. The final proposed witness list may not include additional witnesses not listed in the preliminary or revised preliminary witness lists previously exchanged unless by order of the Administrative Law Judge upon a showing of good cause.

9. The final exhibit lists shall represent counsels' good faith designation of all trial exhibits other than demonstrative, illustrative, or summary exhibits. Additional exhibits may be added after the submission of the final lists only by order of the Administrative Law Judge upon a showing of good cause.

10. At the time an expert is first listed as a witness by a party, the listing party will provide to the other party:

- (a) materials fully describing or identifying the background and qualifications of the expert, list of all publications, and all prior cases in which the expert has testified or has been deposed; and
- (b) transcripts of such testimony in the possession, custody or control of the listing party or the expert.

At the time an expert report is produced, the listing party will provide to the other party all documents and other written materials relied upon by the expert in formulating an opinion in this case.

Each expert report shall include the subject matter on which the expert is expected to testify and the substance of the facts and opinion to which the expert is expected to testify and a summary of the grounds of each opinion.

11. Applications for the issuance of subpoenas commanding a person to attend and give testimony at the adjudicative hearing must comply with 16 C.F.R. § 3.34, must demonstrate that the subject is located in the United States, and must be served on opposing counsel.

12. Witnesses shall not testify to a matter unless evidence is introduced sufficient to support a finding that the witness has personal knowledge of the matter.

13. Fact witnesses shall not be allowed to provide expert opinions.

14. Properly admitted deposition testimony is part of the record and may not be read in open court. Videotape deposition excerpts that have been admitted in evidence may be presented in open court.

15. Demonstrative, illustrative or summary exhibits (other than those prepared for cross-examination) shall be supplied to opposing counsel no later than 24 hours prior to the day that they are to be offered at trial.

16. Motions for *in camera* treatment for evidence to be introduced at trial must meet the strict standards set forth in 16 C.F.R. § 3.45 and explained in *In re Dura Lube Corp.*, 1999 FTC LEXIS 255 (Dec. 23, 1999); *In re Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc.*, 2000 FTC LEXIS 157 (Nov. 22, 2000) and 2000 FTC LEXIS 138 (Sept. 19, 2000) and must be supported by a declaration or affidavit by a person qualified to explain the nature of the documents.


17. The procedure for marking of exhibits referred to in the adjudicative proceeding shall be as follows: both parties shall number their exhibits with a single series of consecutive numbers. Complaint Counsel's exhibits shall bear the designation CX and Respondent's exhibits shall bear the designation RX or some other appropriate designation. (For example, the first exhibit shall be marked CX-1 for Complaint Counsel.) When an exhibit consists of more than one piece of paper, each page of the exhibit must bear a consecutive bates number or some other consecutive page number.

All exhibit numbers must be accounted for, even if a particular number is not actually used at trial. If a party selects certain, but not all, documents that it previously designated as deposition exhibits, the party must indicate that certain numbers were not used in the numbering process for designating trial exhibits. For example, if Complaint Counsel decided to not introduce at trial documents previously marked at deposition as exhibits CX-2, CX-4, and CX-6, Complaint Counsel's

list of exhibits would begin CX-1, CX-3, and CX-5. This method of numbering exhibits for trial is acceptable, as long as the party also prepares a list of its exhibits indicating that CX-2, CX-4, and CX-6 were never designated as trial exhibits. Using this example, in preparing the set of original exhibits to give to the court reporter, Complaint Counsel must indicate that CX-2, CX-4, and CX-6 were never designated as trial exhibits by inserting in their place a piece of paper or tab indicating the appropriate number.

18. At the final pre-hearing conference, counsel will be required to introduce all exhibits they intend to introduce at trial. Counsel will also be required to give *the originals* of exhibits to the court reporter, which the court reporter will keep.

ORDERED:

  
D. Michael Chappell  
Administrative Law Judge

Date: October 16, 2003