

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**WASHINGTON, SC.****SUPERIOR COURT****ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
RE: WASHINGTON COUNTY CIVIL MOTIONS**DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS**

FILING AND HEARING DATES: Motions pursuant to Rule 12 and Rule 56 shall be assigned to the Motion Calendar only by omnibus assignment signed by the clerk or by special assignment by the sitting judge upon a showing of good cause. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, no dispositive motion shall be accepted for filing unless it is accompanied by a memorandum, and supporting documents and affidavits, if any. All such motions and supporting papers shall be **filed in duplicate** with copies of principal cases relied upon. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, hearings for dispositive motions shall be scheduled **NOT LESS THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the date of filing. Responsive memoranda, supporting documents, affidavits and any cross motion shall be **filed in duplicate NOT LESS THAN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS** prior to hearing, and shall include copies of principal cases relied upon. The Court reserves the right to shorten these filing deadlines to resolve issues which are less complex or for cases reached for trial. All documents filed with the Court shall list the scheduled hearing date on the first page. Reply memoranda shall only be filed and will only be considered if specifically ordered by the Court.

CONTINUANCES: Dispositive motions may be continued by agreement **NOT LESS THAN TEN (10) DAYS** prior to hearing; provided, however, that a new hearing date shall be provided by the clerk. Counsel for the party or parties **are not permitted** to select a new hearing date. Given the time commitment required for the Court to prepare for such motion, requests for continuances within ten (10) days of the hearing are disfavored and will be granted only by leave of Court and for good cause shown.

FAILURE TO COMPLY: Dispositive motions not filed in accordance with this Administrative Order will not be heard by the Court. Responses that are not filed in accordance with this Administrative Order will not be considered by the Court at the time of the hearing.

FAILURE TO APPEAR: Where the party or parties fail to appear without having obtained a continuance as set forth above or otherwise not having advised the Court that the matter is settled or the motion withdrawn, the Court may deem the parties to have rested on their papers and may render a decision accordingly.

NON-DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS

FILING OF SUPPORTING MEMORANDA: The Court welcomes supporting memoranda of law to be filed in conjunction with a non-dispositive motion or objection thereto. To be considered by the Court, memoranda in support of a motion shall be filed **NOT LESS THAN TEN (10) DAYS** before the scheduled hearing date, and a **bench copy of the memorandum shall be directed to the sitting judge.** Memoranda in support of an objection to a motion shall be filed **NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) DAYS** before the scheduled hearing date, and a **bench copy of the memorandum shall be directed to the sitting judge.** Memoranda not filed in accordance with this Administrative Order will not be considered by the Court at the time of the hearing.

MOTIONS TO COMPEL MORE RESPONSIVE DISCOVERY:

Any party filing a Motion to Compel More Responsive Answers to Interrogatories or Motion to Compel More Responsive Response to Request for Production of Documents, or any Objection thereto, shall forward a duplicate copy of said Motion or Objection (as well as supporting memorandum if one is filed), in the same manner and in the same time period as above for the filing of supporting memoranda. Motions or Objections not filed in accordance with this paragraph of this Administrative Order may be continued at the Court's discretion to the next available Motion Calendar.

HEARING DATE: All motions, objections and memoranda filed with the Court shall list the scheduled hearing date on the first page.

CONTINUANCES: Continuances for non-dispositive matters will routinely be granted; provided, however, that continuances will be permitted on two occasions per motion, and a third request will result in the pending motion being passed without prejudice to being re-filed.

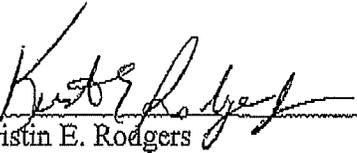
ORDERS

BY AGREEMENT AND BY RULE OF COURT: Orders submitted by agreement of the parties or by Rule of Court shall clearly state the same in the body of the Order. If the parties have otherwise agreed to the form of an Order, said agreement to form may be set forth in a cover letter to the Court.

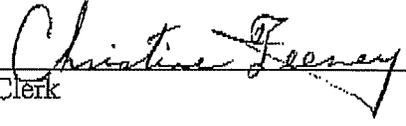
CONDITIONAL ORDERS: Orders granting conditional dismissal or conditional default shall provide (1) the length of time and the date for compliance for the specific discovery that is outstanding; (2) that the Order shall be vacated upon compliance; and (3) that final judgment of dismissal or default **may enter upon further motion and hearing** before the Court. Orders presented that do not conform with this Administrative Order will not be executed by the Court.

ENTER:

BY ORDER:



Kristin E. Rodgers
Associate Justice
Dated: 5/15/13



Christine Feeney
Clerk