Civil Matters - Statewide Standing Orders

Discovery and Deposition Dispute Order

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When a civil case has been assigned for trial, any Practice Book Chapter 13 motion directed to discovery or deposition issues filed within six months of the trial date shall be heard forthwith by the presiding judge of the judicial district or a designee upon the filing of a Request for Adjudication of Discovery or Deposition Dispute (form JD-CV-119) by the party seeking resolution of the discovery or deposition dispute.

The Request for Adjudication must contain an affidavit of counsel certifying that the Practice Book Chapter 13 motion was filed within six months of the trial date, bona fide attempts have been made to resolve the matter(s) at issue and the participants were not able to reach an accord. The affidavit shall detail the communications held or attempted in an effort to resolve the issue including the date, time and participants in each such communication.

A party seeking resolution of a deposition dispute may request assistance with the resolution of the deposition dispute via teleconference with the presiding judge of the judicial district or a designee by checking "yes" in Section 2 of the Request for Adjudication. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute after such telephone conference with the presiding judge or a designee, a hearing shall be held as soon as possible.

The judicial authority hearing such disputes may make any appropriate order including the imposition of sanctions pursuant to Connecticut Practice Book Section 13-14. Failure to abide by such orders shall subject the offending party to the entry of a nonsuit or default. Outstanding discovery or depositions shall not delay the commencement of the trial.

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