

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

NOTICE REGARDING THE TELEPHONIC PRELIMINARY PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

You have received a notice telling you the date and time set for the telephonic preliminary pretrial conference in your case. If you are incarcerated and you are pursuing this lawsuit without the assistance of a lawyer, then the lawyer for the defendant(s) will arrange for you to participate in this conference.

At the conference the magistrate judge will set the schedule for all proceedings in your case, including a period for discovery, a deadline for filing dispositive motions and a trial date. If you need an overview of the way things work in a federal civil lawsuit, then the magistrate judge will provide you with some background information. You should be prepared to ask any questions you have about how to proceed and to advise the court of anything important in your case that the court does not already know.

After the conference the magistrate judge will send you a written order that sets forth all of the dates and deadlines in your case. This order also will provide you with more information about what this court requires you to do while pursuing this lawsuit.

Although you are not required to look at the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure before the conference, it will be important for you to review the rules during your lawsuit. If you are incarcerated, the rules should be available to you in the prison library. If you have access to the Internet, the rules may be found at www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp.

Please note that in a pro se case like this one, the parties are **not** required by Rule 16(a) or Rule 26(f) to confer with each other before the telephonic pretrial conference with the magistrate judge; the parties are **not** required to provide each other with initial disclosures under Rule 26(a)(1); and under Rule 26(d), the court is ordering that discovery shall **not** begin until after the pretrial conference.

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge