

JUDGE JOAN N. ERICKSEN

PRACTICE POINTERS AND PREFERENCES

Motion Scheduling

- Parties are directed to the Local Rules.
- Please bear in mind that the Judge and chambers staff actually refer to the courtesy copies submitted in addition to ECF. It is recommended that the filing attorneys actually look at the hard copy submissions to insure that the submission is in a user-friendly format. For example, sometimes exhibits are not tabbed or paginated, which makes it difficult to locate documents referred to in the memorandum. Similarly, at times exhibits are "pronged" at the top, making them difficult to read.
- The Judge hears *Daubert* motions. Argument on *Daubert* motions shall be scheduled after expert reports are filed but well before motions in limine.

Written Submissions

- If possible, submissions should be filed during regular business hours, even on ECF, on their due date.

In-Court Proceedings

- Argument is generally scheduled for 20 minutes per side.
- Observe formal decorum. Do not drink from water bottles or permit clients to chew gum, for example. Argument to the Court is from the podium; opening statements and closing arguments to juries are also from the podium unless otherwise authorized by the Court. Stand when making an objection.
- The Court conducts *voir dire*.
- Chambers staff is available to answer questions from counsel regarding logistics, procedure, and technology.

Settlement Conferences

- Settlement conferences and non-dispositive motions are referred to the magistrate judge.

Miscellaneous

- Please note the spelling of Judge Ericksen's name.

- Check to see where the hearing will be during construction of St. Paul courthouse (what city and what courtroom).