

**U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE ANDREW G. SCHOPLER
CHAMBERS RULES**

A. General Rules

- 1. Contact Information:** For all transcript requests as well as questions about any criminal matters, please contact courtroom deputy Yesenia Barajas at yesenia_barajas@casd.uscourts.gov or (619) 557-6703. For questions about civil matters (other than transcript requests), please contact Judge Schopler's chambers at efile_schopler@casd.uscourts.gov or (619) 557-6480.
- 2. Telephonic Hearings:** For all telephonic hearings, the parties must contact chambers in a joint call at (619) 557-6480. Unless otherwise ordered, plaintiff is responsible for setting up the joint call, but all parties have an independent duty to contact chambers by the scheduled time.
- 3. Courtesy Copies:** If a document filed or lodged with the court is 20 pages or longer, including exhibits and attachments, counsel must deliver a courtesy paper copy to chambers.

B. Criminal Rules

- 1. Plea Documents:** No later than the day before any disposition hearing, the parties must give the courtroom deputy all plea-related documents (at least unsigned versions).
- 2. Warrant Returns:** The officer executing a warrant must personally return it, together with a copy of any inventory. Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(f)(1)(D), 41(f)(2)(B). That officer may return it by reliable electronic means to efile_schopler@casd.uscourts.gov or by delivering it directly to chambers.

C. Civil Rules

- 1. Presumptive Discovery Limitations:** Until the Court sets different limitations for a particular case, the parties are limited to no more than 10 depositions, 25 requests for production of documents, 25 interrogatories, and 25 requests for admission.
- 2. Discovery Disputes:** If the meet-and-confer process required by Civil Local Rule 26.1(a) does not resolve a discovery dispute, counsel must file any discovery motion within 30 days of the date the dispute first arose. For oral discovery, the dispute arises at the earlier of the date the Fed. R. Civ. P. 28 officer first: (1) completes the affected portion of the transcript (before revisions), or (2) certifies that transcript portion. For all other discovery, the dispute arises when a timely response is provided or due, whichever comes first. Counsel may also contact chambers to set a telephonic status conference to discuss any dispute. But the 30-day motion deadline is not tolled or extended by communications with chambers or by the mandatory meet-and-confer process.
- 3. Protective Orders and ESI Discovery Orders:** The parties are encouraged to use the model protective order and the model order governing discovery of electronically stored information, which are on the Court's website under "Forms." When filing a proposed protective order or order governing ESI discovery, the parties must highlight any changes from these model orders.
- 4. Sealed Documents:** For all sealed documents and sealing motions, the parties must follow the procedures in the Electronic Case Filing Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual, § 2.j. For any sealing request, the proponent must also send chambers an unredacted courtesy copy of the document to be sealed.