



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Honorable Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge | Thomas G. Bruton, Clerk of Court

Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project (MIDP)

For Cases Filed on or After June 1, 2017

Beginning June 1, 2017, the Northern District of Illinois is participating in a three-year pilot project, known as the "Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project," which will study whether requiring parties in civil cases to respond to a series of standard discovery requests before undertaking other discovery will reduce the cost and delay of civil litigation. Participating courts have adopted a Standing Order explaining the parties' obligations under the pilot project and setting forth the initial discovery requests to which the parties must respond. All civil cases filed on or after June 1, 2017, except those categories of cases exempted by the Standing Order, are included in the pilot project and subject to the Standing Order

Orders Establishing MIDP

General Order 17-0005 – Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot(MIDP) (entered 04/27/2017)

Standing Order in MIDP Cases

Standing Order in MIDP Cases (effective December 1, 2018)

Training Videos

Introduction

Panel Discussion

ILND-MIDPP Workshop - May 22, 2017

ILND-MIDPP Refresher Workshop - June 13, 2018

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1	Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Overview	
2	How to electronically file a Joint Certification to Defer Initial Discovery Deadline	
3	How to electronically file a Motion to Defer Initial Discovery Response Deadline	
4	How to electronically file a Motion to Defer Responsive Pleading Deadline	

5	How to electronically file a Notice of Service of Supplemental Mandatory Initial Discovery Responses	
6	How to electronically file a Rule 26(f) Report	
7	How to electronically file a Stipulation re No Discovery will be Conducted	

Helpful Resources

[Federal Judicial Center MIDP Overview](#)

[MIDP Participating Judges](#)

[MIDP changes effective December 1, 2018](#)

[MIDP Filing Guide](#)

[MIDP Users' Manual](#)

[Checklist](#)

[May 22, 2017 Attorney Training Power Point](#)