

## **Rule 7016-1**

### **Pre-trial Procedures**

**(a) Scheduling of Initial Pretrial Conference.** In any action the court may in its discretion schedule an initial pretrial conference, in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7016. At such pretrial conference, the court may issue an order setting dates for:

- (1) the amendment of pleadings and joinder of additional parties;
- (2) the completion of discovery;
- (3) the filing and hearing of dispositive motions; and
- (4) a final pretrial conference and/or trial.

**(b) Continuance of Dates Set in Pretrial Order.** The parties and their counsel are bound by the dates specified in said order and no extensions or continuances thereof shall be granted in the absence of a showing of good cause. Mere failure on the part of counsel to proceed promptly with the normal process of discovery shall not constitute good cause for an extension or continuance. Motions for continuance shall be filed at least five (5) days prior to the hearing.

**(c) Joint Proposed Pretrial Order.** In all adversary proceedings, the parties must file a proposed joint pretrial order conforming to the standards set forth in LBR 9014-1 and LBF J at least seven (7) days prior to the initial pretrial conference.