

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE:

} Debtor(s)	Chapter
} Plaintiff(s)	Case Number: 1:-bk- MDF
v.	Adversary No: 1:-ap- MDF
} Defendant(s)	

ORDER SETTING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. A scheduling conference is set for **DATE [30 days after first defendant files answer or motion] at TIME** in Bankruptcy Courtroom Number One, Third Floor, Ronald Reagan Federal Building and Courthouse, Third and Walnut Streets, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101. Counsel and unrepresented parties may attend in person or by telephone using CourtCall as provided on the Court's website.

2. Counsel attending the conference must be authorized by their clients to make stipulations and admissions about all matters that can reasonably be anticipated for discussion.

3. The Court may consider and take action to formulate and simplify issues and eliminate frivolous claims or defenses.

4. Counsel and unrepresented parties should be prepared to discuss all matters for consideration set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(c)(2) that would be applicable in a bankruptcy proceeding including:

- A. Scheduling deadlines for discovery;
- B. Obtaining admissions and stipulations about facts and documents;
- C. Identifying witnesses and documents;
- D. Setting deadlines for the filing of motions *in limine* or dispositive motions;

E. Setting deadlines for amending pleadings and joining other parties;

F. Referring the case or any issues within the case to a mediator or settlement judge;

G. Setting a trial date.

5. Except as otherwise ordered by the Court, Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d)(1) and 26(f) will not apply in this proceeding. However, the parties are urged to meet and confer regarding the matters set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(2) before the settlement conference. The deadlines for disclosure required under Fed R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3)(A) will be set at the scheduling conference, but such disclosures may be made before the conference.

6. Counsel for each party should be prepared to indicate whether they will consent to the entry of final orders or judgments by this Court on any issue in this proceeding, whether or not designated as “core” under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(3), or whether they wish to proceed to trial before this court with the submission of findings of fact and conclusions of law on specific issues to the District Court.

7. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(3), the Court will issue a scheduling order following the scheduling conference.