

Rule 6.1      TIME

(a) *Computation of Time Limits.* All time limits imposed by the Local Rules of this Court shall be computed in accordance with the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) *Extensions of Time.* All parties shall strictly comply with all time limits as provided by the Local Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Motions for extensions of time of not more than fifteen (15) days within which to:

(1) answer or move to dismiss the complaint;

(2) answer or object to interrogatories under Fed. R. Civ. P. 31 or Fed. R. Civ. P. 33;

(3) respond to requests for production or for inspection under Fed. R. Civ. P. 34;

(4) respond to requests for admissions under Fed. R. Civ. P. 36;

may be granted where serious circumstances demonstrate that an extension should be granted. **After consultation with and approval by opposing counsel,** counsel seeking an extension of time for the first time shall, upon oral motion, request an immediate ruling from the Magistrate Judge. The hearing may be by telephone conference call or in person. The Magistrate Judge shall cause the Clerk of Court to enter the decision on the docket sheet as a minute order and no further order shall be entered on the motion.

(c) All **further other** requests for continuances or extensions of time under these rules or the Fed. R. Civ. P. shall be presented to the Court by written motion.