**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re: :

: Chapter \_\_

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: Case No. \_\_-\_\_\_\_\_(MEW)

Debtor. :

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Plaintiff, :

: Adv. Proc. \_\_-\_\_\_\_\_(MEW)

- against - :

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Defendant. :

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**Scheduling Order**

This Scheduling Order is entered by the Court pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7016 and 7026.

1. The Defendant shall file an answer, move to dismiss or otherwise plead by the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Any motion to amend pleadings or to join additional parties shall be filed no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Initial disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) shall be completed no later than 14 days from the date of this Order.
4. Unless extended by the Court for cause shown, all discovery shall be completed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The parties are to conduct discovery in accordance with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.
6. In the event of a dispute over discovery, the parties’ counsel shall promptly confer to attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute. If, notwithstanding their good faith efforts to do so, they are unable to resolve a discovery issue, they shall promptly inform the Court by letter of the nature of the dispute and request a telephonic discovery conference. The Court will endeavor to resolve the dispute without the filing of any discovery motions.
7. On or before (*insert a date at least seven days before the trial date*) the parties shall submit a Joint Pretrial Order prepared in accordance with the Court’s individual rules and practices. Proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be filed on or before that same date. Motions in *limine* ordinarily must be filed at least fourteen days before trial, with responses due seven days before trial.
8. The Court will hold a final pretrial conference on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 10:00 a.m. at which a trial date will be set. The parties should be prepared to proceed to trial within two week after the final pretrial conference.
9. Either or both parties may seek leave under the Local Bankruptcy Rules to move for summary judgment under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7056. Any summary judgment motion should be filed at a time that will minimize any need for adjustment to the deadlines set forth above.

Dated: New York, New York

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 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE