

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In the Matter of:

**Discovery Disputes in Civil Cases Assigned
to Judge Gelpí**

STANDING ORDER

In all civil cases presided by the undersigned, discovery disputes frequently arise, usually in the context of depositions. These impasses normally result in telephone calls to chambers and my law clerks.

Wherefore, as of the date of this order, all Counsel shall follow the proceeding outlined below in case of any discovery impasse. These options shall be exercised in numerical order:

1. Contact the assigned magistrate judge;
2. If the assigned magistrate judge is unavailable, or there is no assigned magistrate judge, contact the duty magistrate judge;
3. If the assigned and duty magistrate judges are unavailable, contact all other magistrate judges;
4. If no magistrate judges are available, contact the undersigned's chambers.

All discovery telephone calls must be attended by all Counsel.

Unless, I so specifically instruct, no information about the dispute shall be discussed with any

of my law clerks.

SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 16th day of December, 2011.

s/ Gustavo A. Gelpí
GUSTAVO A. GELPI
United States District Judge