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United States Magistrate Judge L. Felipe Restrepo was born in Medellin, Colombia, raised in Northern Virginia and sworn in as a United States Citizen on September 7, 1993. He received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1981 and his J.D. from Tulane Law School in 1986.

From 1993-2006 he was in private practice with the firm of Krasner & Restrepo concentrating in criminal defense and civil rights litigation. Prior to the formation of Krasner & Restrepo he was an Assistant Federal Defender for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and prior to that was an Assistant Defender with the Defender Association of Philadelphia. Judge Restrepo is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University law schools.

Judge Restrepo was appointed as a Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in June of 2006.

GENERAL MATTERS:

1. Pleadings and Correspondence with the Court:

All pleadings should be filed electronically with the Clerk of Court. Judge Restrepo permits correspondence with the Court on all matters.

2. Communications with Law Clerks:

Judge Restrepo permits counsel to speak directly with his law clerks on housekeeping matters - law clerks must not be contacted on substantive matters.

3. Discovery Disputes:

Discovery should be conducted in a voluntary, candid, cooperative and timely manner. Written motions are not normally required. Discovery disputes will be resolved during pre-trial conferences, or if necessary on telephone conferences. Formal discovery motions should be filed only after Court orders or directives are violated.

4. Evidentiary Hearings and Oral Arguments:

Oral arguments and evidentiary hearings may be scheduled through Judge Restrepo's **Deputy Clerk Juanita Davis** - all reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the schedules of counsel.

5. Settlement Conferences:

Lead counsel must attend the settlement conference. Lead counsel must also have full authority to negotiate and settle the case . When appropriate Judge Restrepo may require that the parties attend the settlement conference. Prior to the conference, counsel shall submit a conference summary on the forms provided with the order scheduling the settlement conference.

6. Confidentiality Agreements:

Judge Restrepo will permit confidentiality agreements subject to the requirements of Pansy v. Borough of Stroudsburg, 23 F 3d 772, 786 (3rd Cir. 1994).

7. Civil Consent Trials:

Upon referral of a civil consent trial, a pretrial conference will be conducted and an order entered advising counsel of the court's expectation with regard to any outstanding discovery, evidentiary or scheduling issues.