STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF CLAIMS

DAVID S. FARBMAN AND NADINE E. FARBMAN,

Plaintiffs,

v

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY,

Defendant.
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Docket No. 25–000158–MT

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STIPULATED SCHEDULING ORDER

1. Plaintiff filed and served its initial disclosures upon Defendant on December 3, 2025.

2. Defendant shall file and serve its initial disclosures upon Plaintiff no later than December 17, 2025.

3. All witnesses, including experts, must be named on witness lists and exchanged no later than April 6, 2026.

4. Motions to amend pleadings must be filed on or before April 20, 2026.

5. Discovery shall be completed on or before June 1, 2026. The parties may stipulate to an extension of discovery providing it does not require adjournment of any other dates. Otherwise an extension of discovery shall be granted only on a showing of good cause.

6. Dispositive motions must be filed on or before June 29, 2026. Responses are due within 21 days after the motion is filed and reply briefs are due 7 days after the response is filed. The parties will be notified if the Court determines that oral argument is necessary. The parties are encouraged to move for summary disposition on all grounds available at the time the motion is filed and to endeavor to avoid serial summary disposition motions. Parties are directed to bookmark all PDF exhibits filed with a motion. As relates to dispositive motions under MCR 2.116(C)(6), MCR 2.116(C)(7), MCR 2.116(C)(8), and MCR 2.116(C)(10), one and only one motion may be filed as a matter of right. Any additional dispositive motions require leave of the Court.

7. Non-dispositive motions may be filed at any time and should comply with MCR 2.119. Response briefs to non-dispositive motions are due 14 days after the filing of the motion and reply briefs are due 7 days after the filing of the response. Parties are directed to bookmark all PDF exhibits filed with a motion.

8. Dates for the trial and final pre-trial will be set by the Court. All motions in limine shall be filed no less than 21 days before trial and heard no less than 7 days before trial. Parties are encouraged to file motions in limine as early as possible. Parties are directed to bookmark all PDF exhibits filed with a motion.

9. The Court will schedule status conferences as needed. If the parties believe that a status conference is needed at any point during the litigation the Court should be notified.

10. If the parties believe a settlement conference would be helpful, a different Court of Claims judge will conduct a conference upon request.

11. The parties are encouraged to use self-instituted ADR. If a mediator is selected, the parties shall notify the Court of their selection and the expected date of mediation. If the parties wish to mediate but are unable to agree on a mediator, they should advise the Court, and the Court will appoint one with costs to be split equally between the parties. The parties may also request a mediation or settlement conference conducted by a Court of Claims judge not assigned to the matter. To the extent the parties elect to use ADR, it shall be completed no later than July 31, 2026.

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Honorable Sima G. Patel
Court of Claims Judge