

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING MOTIONS *IN LIMINE*  
IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES BEFORE  
JUDGE JOHN W. deGRAVELLES**

The Court finds that there are too many motions *in limine* filed needlessly. Many of these motions could be resolved by the parties communicating with each other before filing.

Accordingly, before any party in either a civil or criminal case files any motion *in limine*, the moving party shall confer with the opposing party (or any party having an interest to oppose) in a good faith effort to resolve the issue(s) amicably. If the parties cannot resolve the issue(s) amicably, the filing party must include with his motion a certificate stating that he conferred in a good faith effort to resolve the issue(s) amicably and that he was unable to reach an agreement.

Further, if in spite of the above order, the moving party determines after the filing of an opposition to a motion *in limine*, that there is no longer a dispute, the moving party shall file a motion to withdraw his motion *in limine* from consideration.