#### PART 19 - LPM

## (Labor Law, Products Liability & Malpractice Other than Medical)

Justice Lucindo Suarez

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In compliance with the directives of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks with respect to non-essential trial parts, the LPM inventory will be governed by the following remote/virtual operations effective Monday, April 13, 2020:

## Contacting the Court

Should any attorney wish to contact the court regarding any pending matter, please e-mail Justice Lucindo Suarez' court attorneys:

Jessica I. Flores, Esq., at <a href="mailto:jflores2@nycourts.gov">jflores2@nycourts.gov</a> Victor E. Negron, Esq., at <a href="mailto:ynegron@nycourts.gov">ynegron@nycourts.gov</a>

All e-mail communications shall include the following information:

- (1) case name and Index Number;
- (2) the names of the respective attorneys, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers; and
- (3) a brief reason for contacting the court.

# **Discovery Conferences**

When requesting a discovery conference (i.e. compliance or status conference), the attorneys shall follow the above directives with respect to contacting the court.

The court encourages that attorneys attempt in good faith to resolve and stipulate to any outstanding discovery dispute(s) prior to seeking court intervention.

The court will accept on consent preliminary and compliance conference orders or stipulations for discovery. Discovery part forms are available upon request.

The court will contact attorneys who were previously scheduled for a preliminary, compliance, status or pre-trial conference who failed to submit an order or stipulation on consent to conduct said conferences via Skype or telephonically.

## **Settlement Conferences**

The court is assessing its inventory to identify cases for court-initiated settlement conferences. The court will contact attorneys to schedule said conferences when deemed appropriate. To expeditiously move cases the court encourages all forums for alternative dispute resolution including but not limited to mediation or arbitration.

### **Pending Motions**

The court shall issue decisions and/or orders on fully submitted motions filed before the temporary suspension of court filings effective March 22, 2020. However, the decisions and/or orders will not be entered until the temporary suspension of non-emergency filings is lifted.