

## **Best Practices Forum: Federal Civil Case Management**

Program Description: This seminar will address how civil cases are progressed in the Federal Court, and the court's active case management of civil cases. The seminar will further explore how the court and the parties can cooperatively "secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action." Fed. R. Civ. P. 1

When and where: Quarry Oaks, Gretna, Nebraska  
April 6, 2018, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Instructors:

Cheryl Zwart, U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Susan Bazis, U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Michael D. Nelson, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Participants: Lawyers practicing before the Federal Court in Civil cases.

### Topics covered:

- ✓ The Rule 26(f) Report:
  - How the parties' report is used by the court
  - Case exemptions
  - Local Rules changes, and their impact on the Rule 26(f) Report contents
  - ESI and privilege issues
  - Initial conference calls: Necessity, purpose, and usefulness
  
- ✓ Case Progression practices
  - Proposing realistic case deadlines
  - Phased discovery practices and goals
  - The Qualified Immunity defense and its effect on case progression schedules
  - Rule 16: The standards and practices applicable to requested continuances
  - The purpose, goal and timing of case conferences, and creating a record.
  - MJ practices in the District of Nebraska—publication and explanation
  - Dealing with obstreperous and unprofessional counsel
  
- ✓ Discovery Disputes
  - ESI conferences
  - Proportionality issues
  - Pre-motion and on-the-record hearings
  - Protective orders
  
- ✓ Alternative Dispute Resolution practices
  - The risks and benefits of settlement conferences conducted by the MJ assigned to the case
  
- ✓ Suggestions for streamlining/expediting litigation practices
  - Local rule changes
  - Model ESI standards and orders
  - Model protective orders
  - Model discovery for employment cases
  - Pre-motion notice of intent on 12(b) motions