



MCLE Self-Study Test

CIVILITY MATTERS: A guide to practicing in the Northern District of California Federal Court

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1. Federal attorneys don't have to follow the state rules of professional conduct, only the federal rules.
 True False
2. All attorneys practicing in the Northern District of California have to follow its Guidelines for Professional Conduct.
 True False
3. The court has standing orders that discuss, among other things, civility and discovery.
 True False
4. The federal court often requires joint pre-hearing statements.
 True False
5. A federal litigant can withhold discovery until they receive a written request for documents.
 True False
6. Which Guidelines discuss scheduling?
a. 1 and 2 b. 3 and 4
c. 7 and 8 d. 15 and 16
7. In criminal matters, the parties must have a discovery conference within how many days of a not-guilty plea?
a. 7 b. 14
c. 28 d. 30
8. The court expects counsel to take into account each other's schedules when serving motions and setting hearings.
 True False
9. An attorney is expected to redline or otherwise point out changes in a stipulation.
 True False
10. Counsel are required to respond to one another promptly.
 True False
11. It is acceptable to deny a reasonable request for an extension, if the client tells the attorney to deny all requests for continuances.
 True False

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12. Attorneys can ignore the costs of discovery and litigation
 True False
13. Judge Westmore's standing order allows any attorney at the firm to meet and confer prior to filing a discovery motion.
 True False
14. Parties are sometimes able to have their judge intervene via phone in the event of an emergency discovery dispute.
 True False
15. In the event of a discovery dispute, attorneys can immediately move for sanctions.
 True False
16. Attorneys are expected to remain civil with opposing counsel and opposing parties at all times.
 True False

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