

# Judge Connolly Issues Standing Order on Summary Judgment in Patent Cases

## Client Alert

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Judge Connolly issued a Standing Order today revising his summary judgment procedures in patent cases. Effective immediately, a party filing multiple summary judgment motions must now number the motions based on the order in which it wants the Court to review them. The Court will review the motions in that order, and if it decides to deny a summary judgment motion, it will not, “barring exceptional reasons determined *sua sponte* by the Court,” review any further summary judgment motions filed by the party. The Standing Order notes that exceptions to this general rule will be rare, *e.g.*, where Judge Connolly’s decision on the previous motion was a close call.

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