ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend, effective immediately, Rule 13 of section 202.70(g) of the Uniform Civil Rules for the Supreme Court and the County Court (Rules of Practice for the Commercial Division), by adding a new section (c), relating to enhanced expert disclosure, to read as follows:

Rule 13. Adherence to Discovery Schedule, Expert Disclosure.

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(c) If any party intends to introduce expert testimony at trial, no later than thirty days prior to the completion of fact discovery, the parties shall confer on a schedule for expert disclosure — including the identification of experts, exchange of reports, and depositions of testifying experts — all of which shall be completed no later than four months after the completion of fact discovery. In the event that a party objects to this procedure or timetable, the parties shall request a conference to discuss the objection with the court.

Unless otherwise stipulated or ordered by the court, expert disclosure must be accompanied by a written report, prepared and signed by the witness, if either (1) the witness is retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case, or (2) the witness is a party's employee whose duties regularly involve giving expert testimony. The report must contain:

- (A) a complete statement of all opinions the witness will express and the basis and the reasons for them;
 - (B) the data or other information considered by the witness in forming the opinion(s);
 - (C) any exhibits that will be used to summarize or support the opinion(s);
- (D) the witness's qualifications, including a list of all publications authored in the previous 10 years;
- (E) a list of all other cases at which the witness testified as an expert at trial or by deposition during the previous four years; and
- (F) a statement of the compensation to be paid to the witness for the study and testimony in the case.

The note of issue and certificate of readiness may not be filed until the completion of expert disclosure. Expert disclosure provided after these dates without good cause will be precluded from use at trial.

Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: September 23, 2013

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