

REQUESTS AND ORDERS TO SHORTEN OR EXTEND TIME  
OR CONTINUE TRIAL DATES

When by these rules or by notice given thereunder an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time, the Court, for cause shown, may at any time, with or without motion or notice, order the period be shortened or extended.

(a) **Requests for Time Extensions Concerning Motions.** All requests to extend briefing periods or to vacate or reschedule motion hearing dates must be in writing and state the specific reason(s) for the requested time extension. Such requests will be granted only upon a showing of good cause. A mere stipulation between the parties without providing the reason(s) for the requested time extension will be deemed insufficient. The requesting party must apprise the Court if they have previously been granted any time extensions in this particular action.

(b) **Requests for Trial Continuance.** All requests to vacate, continue, or reschedule a trial date must be in the form of a written motion, must be approved by the client, and must state the specific reason(s) for the requested continuance. A mere stipulation between the parties without providing the specific reason(s) for the requested continuance will be deemed insufficient. Client approval can be satisfied either by the client's actual signature or by the attorney certifying to the Court that the client knows about and agrees to the requested continuance. The requesting party must apprise the Court if they have previously been granted a trial date continuance in this particular action.

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**RELATED AUTHORITY**

[Fed. R. Civ. P. 6](#)  
28 U.S.C. § 473

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