

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN RE:)
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Discovery Protocols for Charleston Division)
Employment Cases (Pilot Program))
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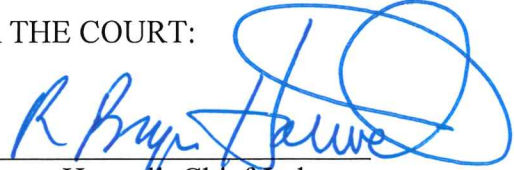
ORDER

On August 9, 2021, an Order regarding a Pilot Program instituting Discovery Protocols for Charleston Division Employment cases was filed by the court. *See* Misc. No. 2:21-mc-00481-RBH. Under the terms of the Order, the Pilot Program was to remain in effect until December 31, 2023, and then be evaluated by the court to determine its effectiveness.

Since the Pilot Program’s end-date, surveys have been conducted with Charleston Division practitioners and magistrate judges, the SC Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and the SC Bar’s Labor and Employment Law Section. Based on the input received, it appears that the burden to comply with the protocols outweighed any benefits received. Accordingly, use of the Initial Discovery Protocols for Employment Cases that was piloted in the Charleston Division will not be adopted for use in this District.

ORDERED this 24 day of May 2024.

FOR THE COURT:



R. Bryan Harwell, Chief Judge
United States District Court
District of South Carolina

Florence, South Carolina