

N.D. Ind. L.R. 6-1 Extensions of Time

- (a) **By Motion.** Ordinarily, requests for an extension of time not made in open court or at a conference must:
- (1) be made by written motion;
 - (2) state the original deadline and the requested deadline; and
 - (3) either:
 - (A) state that there is no objection to the extension **by any other attorney;**
or
 - (B) describe the requesting ~~party's~~ **attorney's** efforts to ~~get~~ **obtain an agreement from** opposing attorneys **who objected** ~~to agree to the extension if there is an objection.~~
- (b) **Automatic Initial Extension.** The deadline to respond to a pleading or a discovery request – including requests for admission – is automatically extended when an extension notice is filed with the court and:
- (1) the deadline has not been extended before;
 - (2) the extension is for 28 or fewer days; and
 - (3) the notice states:
 - (A) the original deadline;
 - (B) the new deadline; and
 - (C) that all opposing attorneys the attorney could reach agreed to the extension; or that the ~~party~~ **attorney** could not reach any other opposing attorneys despite due diligence.
- (c) **Cases with Pro Se Parties.** ~~The automatic initial extension does not apply to pro se parties.~~
- (1) **Neither attorneys nor pro se parties are required to consult with each other before filing a motion to extend time.**
 - (2) **The automatic initial extension is not available in cases with a pro se party.**

Local Rules Advisory Committee Comments
Re: 2022 Amendment

Civil Rule

The text of Rule 6-1 created some confusion as to what was required to obtain an extension of time in cases with a pro se party. Edits were made to 6-1(a)(3), 6-1(b)(3)(C), and 6-1(c) to clarify.