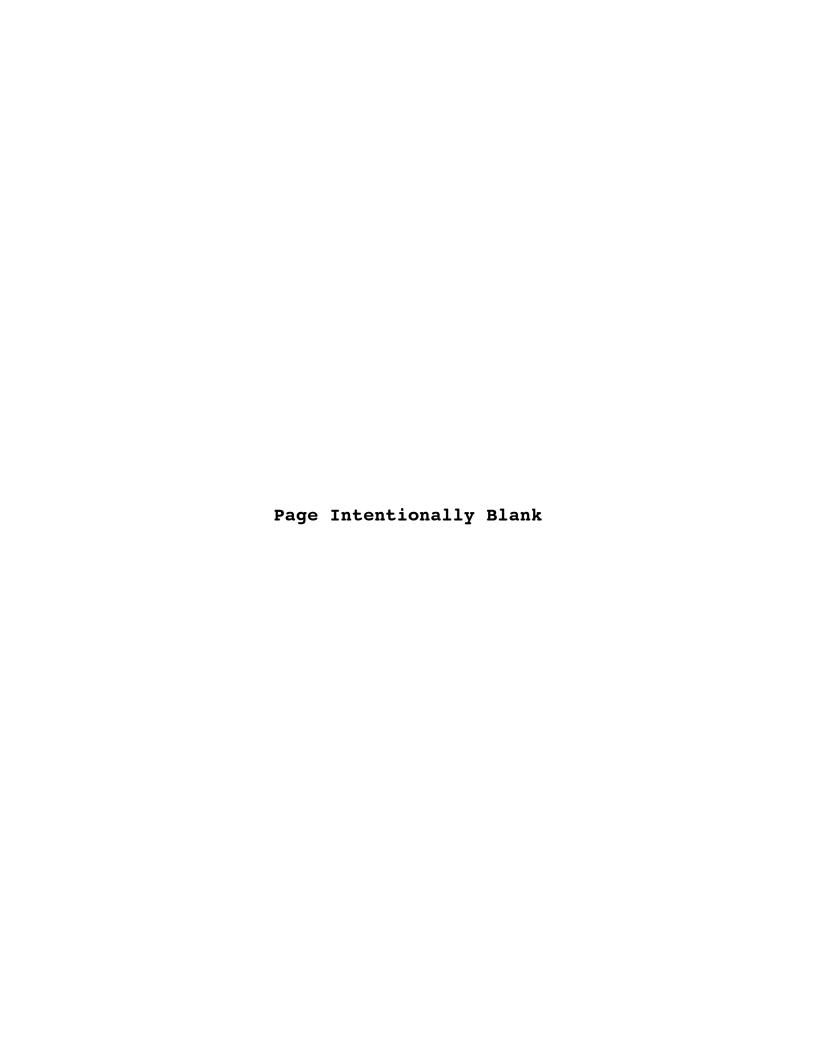
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PERTINENT RULES OF COURT CONCERNING DISCOVERY

R. 1:2-4 Sanctions: Failure to Appear; Motions and Briefs

(a) Failure to Appear. If without just excuse or because of failure to give reasonable attention to the matter, no appearance is made on behalf of a party on the call of a calendar, on the return of a motion, at a pretrial conference, settlement conference, or any other proceeding scheduled by the court, or on the day of trial, or if an application is made for an adjournment, the court may order any one or more of the following: (a) the payment by the delinquent attorney or party or by the party applying for the adjournment of costs, in such amount as the court to its clerk, or to the adverse party; (b) the payment by the delinquent attorney or party applying for the adjournment of the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees,

to the aggrieved party; (c) the dismissal of the complaint, crossclaim, counterclaim or motion, or the striking of the answer and the entry of judgment by default, or the granting of the motion; or (d) such other action as it deems appropriate.