

1 **THIS COURT DOES NOT RESERVE MOTION HEARING DATES.** The
2 parties are advised to contact Judge Armstrong's Deputy Clerk, Lisa Clark, to determine the next
3 available hearing date, particularly in the case of a dispositive motion. The parties are advised *not* to
4 wait until 35 days prior to the law and motion cut-off date to file and serve their motion. As the
5 Court's law and motion calendar tends to fill quickly, there is *no* guarantee that a hearing date within
6 the law and motion cut-off date will be available. You **MUST** submit a hard copy of all motion
7 papers filed in E-FILED cases in order to be placed on calendar.

8 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-1, 7-2 and 7-3, all civil motions shall be noticed for a
9 hearing not less than thirty-five (35) calendar days after service. The opposition and supporting
10 papers shall be filed not less than twenty-one (21) days before the noticed hearing date. The reply
11 shall be filed not less than fourteen (14) days before the hearing date. Documents not filed in
12 compliance with these time specifications will not be considered by the Court.

13 The failure of the opposing party to file a memorandum of points and authorities in
14 opposition to any motion shall constitute a consent to the granting of the motion.

15 The parties are not required to file a statement of undisputed facts in connection with
16 a motion for summary judgment. However, if the parties desire to file a statement of undisputed
17 facts, only one joint statement of undisputed facts signed by all parties, shall be filed. All separate
18 statements will be stricken. If the parties are unable to agree that a fact is undisputed, they should
19 assume that fact is in dispute.

20 Note that pursuant to Civil L.R. 7-1(b), the Court may, in its discretion, adjudicate
21 motions *without* oral argument.

22 **D. MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES**

23 All parties are ordered to participate in a mandatory settlement conference during the
24 following time period:

25 **PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

26 All Counsel who will try the case shall appear for a pretrial conference in Courtroom
27 3 on _____ at 1:00 p.m.. All Counsel shall be fully prepared to discuss all aspects of
28 the trial. Failure to file the requisite pretrial documents in advance of the pretrial conference may
result in vacation of the pretrial conference and/or the imposition of sanctions. **ALL PARTIES ARE
REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE PRETRIAL CONFERENCE.**

F. PRETRIAL PREPARATION DUE

1. Not less than *thirty* (30) *calendar days* prior to the pretrial conference,
Counsel shall meet and confer in good faith in advance of complying with the following pretrial
requirements in order to clarify and narrow the issues for trial, arrive at stipulations of facts, simplify
and shorten the presentation of proof at trial, and explore possible settlement. In addition, Counsel
shall meet and confer regarding anticipated motions in limine, objections to evidence, jury
instructions, and any other matter which may require resolution by the Court.

2. The following matters shall be accomplished no later than *twenty-one* (21)
calendar days prior to the pretrial conference:

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

a. **Joint Pretrial Statement**

Counsel are required to file a pretrial conference statement containing the following information:

(1) **The Action**

(A) **Substance of the Action.** A brief description of the substance of claims and defenses which remain to be decided

(B) **Relief Prayed.** A detailed statement of all the relief claimed, particularly itemizing all elements of damages claimed as well as witnesses, documents or other evidentiary material to be presented concerning the amount of those damages.

(2) **The Factual Basis of the Action**

(A) **Undisputed Facts.** A plain and concise statement of all relevant facts not reasonably disputable, as well as which facts parties will stipulate for incorporation into the trial record without the necessity of supporting testimony or exhibits.

(B) **Disputed Factual Issues.** A plain and concise statement of all disputed factual issues which remain to be decided.

(C) **Agreed Statement.** A statement assessing whether all or part of the action may be presented upon an agreed statement of facts.

(D) **Stipulations.** A statement of stipulations requested or proposed for pretrial or trial purposes.

(3) **DISPUTED LEGAL ISSUES**

(A) **Points of Law.** Without extended legal argument, a concise statement of each disputed point of law concerning liability or relief, citing supporting statutes and decisions. Unless otherwise ordered, parties should cite to briefs served and lodged setting forth briefly the nature of each party's contentions concerning each disputed point of law, including procedural and evidentiary issues.

(B) **Proposed Conclusions of law.** If the case is to be tried without jury, unless otherwise ordered, parties should briefly indicate objections to proposed conclusions of law lodged with this Court.

b. **Trial Briefs**

Each party shall serve and file a trial brief which shall briefly state their contentions, the relevant facts to be proven at trial, and the law on the issues material to the decision.

c. **Findings of Fact**

In non-jury cases, each party shall serve and lodge with the Court proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law on all material issues. Findings shall be brief, clear, written in plain English and free of pejorative language, and argument.

d. Witnesses

1 Each party shall serve and file with the Court a list of all persons who
2 may be called as witnesses. The list shall include a summary of the substance of each witness'
3 proposed testimony. (Civil L.R. 16-15(4)(A))

e. Designation of Discovery Excerpts

4 Each party expecting to use discovery excerpts as part of its case in
5 chief shall serve and lodge with the Court a statement identifying (1) by witness and page and line,
6 all deposition testimony and (2) by lodged excerpt, all interrogatory answers and request for
7 admissions to be used as part of its direct case. Each interrogatory answer intended to be offered as
8 an exhibit shall be copied separately and marked as an exhibit. The original of any deposition to be
9 used at trial must be produced at the time of trial, as well as a copy for the Court. Counsel shall
10 indicate any objections to the use of these materials and advise the Court that counsel has conferred
11 respecting such objections.

f. Jury Instructions

12 The parties shall file a joint set of proposed jury instructions as to
13 those instructions on which the parties have reached agreement. As to any disputed instructions,
14 each party shall separately submit its "proposed" instruction(s) supported by a memorandum setting
15 forth the authority for its use. Responses or objections to any "proposed" jury instruction shall be
16 filed no later than the date of the pretrial conference. All instructions shall be written in plain
17 English which is comprehensible to jurors, concise and free of argument, and shall be organized in a
18 logical fashion so as to aid jury comprehension, and are also to be provided on a CD in a word
19 format. The Court's practice is to utilize, whenever possible, instructions found in the Ninth Circuit
20 Manual of Model Jury Instructions.

g. Jury Voir Dire and Verdict Forms

21 Each party shall submit proposed questions for jury voir dire and a
22 proposed form of verdict.

h. Exhibits

23 Each party shall provide every other party one set of all exhibits,
24 charts, schedules, summaries and diagrams and other similar documentary materials to be used at the
25 trial together with a complete list of all such exhibits. The Court requires one original version of
26 exhibits (as described above) for the Clerk and two copies (one for the Bench and one for the
27 witness stand). All such versions of the exhibits, including the originals, should be indexed into a
28 binder for easy and quick reference by all parties. The first page of each binder should have a copy
of the exhibit list (see attached) appropriately completed with each exhibit description and its
designated number. Plaintiffs shall refer to their exhibits numerically and Defendants shall label
theirs alphabetically. Exhibit labels are also attached for your convenience. Exhibits should be
brought to Court on the first day of trial.

3. The following matters shall be accomplished no later than *fourteen* (14)
calendar days prior to the pretrial conference: **Motions in Limine and Objections to Evidence
due: _____**. Each party anticipating making motion(s) in limine and/or objection(s) to any
testimony or exhibits expected to be offered shall file and serve a statement briefly identifying each
item objected to and the grounds for the objection.

4. Responses to motions in limine or objections to evidence shall be filed and
served no less than *seven* (7) *calendar days* prior to the pretrial conference due: _____.

H. TRIAL DATE

1 Trial before the Court or Jury? will begin on _____, at 8:30 a.m., for an
2 estimated _____ trial days, or as soon thereafter as the Court may designate. The parties are
3 advised that they must be prepared to go to trial on a trailing basis. The trial will take place in
4 Courtroom 3 of the United States Courthouse, 1301 Clay Street, 3rd Floor, Oakland, California,
5 94612. The Court's trial hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with two fifteen-minute breaks, on
6 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

I. TRANSCRIPTS

7 If transcripts will be requested during or immediately after the trial, arrangements
8 must be made with the Court Reporter Coordinator (Telephone No. 510-637-3534) at least one week
9 prior to the commencement of trial commences.

J. STATUS AND DISCOVERY CONFERENCES

10 Any party desiring to confer with the Court may, upon notice to all other parties,
11 arrange a conference through the courtroom deputy (Telephone No. 510-637-3541). Conferences
12 may be conducted telephonically, upon request (preferably in writing).

K. SANCTIONS

13 Failure to comply with this order may result in the imposition of sanctions pursuant
14 to FRCP 16(f).

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25
- 26
- 27
- 28

Dated:

SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG
United States District Judge