

for the United States District Court for the Central District of California (www.cacd.uscourts.gov).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Service of the Complaint:

The plaintiff shall promptly serve the Complaint in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 4 and shall file the proof(s) of service pursuant to the Local Rules. The plaintiff is hereby notified that failure to serve the Complaint within 120 days as required by Fed.R.Civ.P. 4(m) will result in the dismissal of the Complaint against the unserved defendant(s).

2. <u>Presence of Lead Counsel</u>:

Lead trial counsel shall attend all proceedings before this Court, including all scheduling, status, and settlement conferences. Only <u>ONE</u> attorney for a party may be designated as lead trial counsel unless otherwise permitted by the Court.

3. Electronic Filing and Courtesy Copies:

(a) Within ten days of a party's initial appearance, lead trial counsel shall file a declaration entitled, "Declaration of Lead Trial Counsel re: Compliance with General Order Authorizing Electronic Filing" which shall notify the Court that counsel has registered as an "ECF User." The declaration shall include counsel's "E-Mail Address of Record" and shall state whether counsel has consented or elected not to consent to service and receipt of filed documents by electronic means.

If counsel has not consented to the service and receipt of filed documents by electronic means, counsel shall



immediately file and serve via U.S. Postal Service on all parties who have appeared in the action a Notice advising all parties that counsel has elected not to consent to electronic service of documents in this action.

- (b) All documents that are required to be filed in an electronic format pursuant to the General Order Authorizing Electronic Filing shall be filed electronically no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date due unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Any documents filed electronically after 4:00 p.m. on the date due will be considered late and may be stricken by the Court. Any documents which counsel attempt to file electronically which are improperly filed will not be accepted by the Court.
- (c) Counsel are ORDERED to deliver 2 copies of all documents filed electronically in this action to Chambers. For each document filed electronically, one copy shall be marked "CHAMBERS COPY" and the other copy shall be marked "COURTESY COPY." The "CHAMBERS COPY" and "COURTESY COPY" are collectively referred to herein as "Courtesy Copies." The Courtesy Copies of each electronically filed document must include on each page the running header created by the ECF system. In addition, on the first page of each Courtesy Copy, in the space between lines 1 7 to the right of the center, counsel shall include the date the document was e-filed and the document number. The Courtesy Copies shall be delivered to Chambers no later than 10:00 a.m. on the next business day after the document was electronically filed. All documents must be stapled or bound by a two prong

fastener, the electronic proof of service must be attached as the last page of each document, and all Exhibits to Declarations or Request for Judicial Notice must be tabbed. Counsel shall not staple the "COURTESY COPY" and "CHAMBERS COPY" together. The "COURTESY COPY" of all documents must be three-hole punched at the left margin with oversized 13/32" hole size, not the standard 9/32" hole size.

- (d) For any document that is not required to be filed electronically, counsel are ORDERED to deliver 1 conformed copy of the document, which shall be marked "COURTESY COPY," to Chambers at the time of filing.
- (e) If the Court has granted an application to file documents under seal, the Court's Courtesy Copies shall include a complete version of the documents including any sealed documents with an appropriate notation identifying that portion of the document that has been filed under seal. For example, if the Court orders Ex. A to a Declaration filed under seal, the Court's Courtesy Copies of the Declaration should include Ex. A as an attachment with a notation that it has been filed under seal pursuant to the Court's order.
- (f) In the unlikely event counsel finds it necessary to file a Notice of Errata: (1) the Notice of Errata shall specifically identify each error by page and line number and set forth the correction; and (2) a corrected version of the document in its entirety shall be attached to the Notice of Errata.
- (g) When a proposed order accompanies an electronic filing, a WordPerfect or Word copy of the proposed order,



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along with a copy of the PDF electronically filed main document shall be e-mailed to JFW_Chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov. The subject line of the e-mail shall be in the following format: court's divisional office, year, case type, case number, document control number assigned to the main document at the time of filing, judge's initials and filer (party) name. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial or striking of the request or the Court may withhold ruling on the request until the Court receives the required documents.

4. <u>Discovery</u>:

(a) All discovery matters have been referred to a United States Magistrate Judge. (The Magistrate Judge's initials follow the Judge's initials next to the case number.) All discovery documents must include the words "DISCOVERY MATTER" in the caption to ensure proper routing. Counsel are directed to contact the Magistrate Judge's Courtroom Deputy to schedule matters for hearing.

All decisions of the Magistrate Judge shall be final, subject to modification by the District Court only where it is shown that the Magistrate Judge's Order is clearly erroneous or contrary to law. Any party may file and serve a motion for review and reconsideration before this Court. The moving party must file and serve the motion within fourteen calendar days of service of a written ruling or within fourteen calendar days of an oral ruling that the Magistrate Judge states will not be followed by a written ruling. The motion must specify which portions of the ruling are clearly

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