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Case 8/19-cv-01151-JLS-DFM Document 25 Filed 09/16/19 Page 2 of 7 Page ID #:234 This case is set for a scheduling conference under Federal Rule of Civil 1 Procedure 16(b) on the date and time stated in the caption of this Order, in 2 Courtroom 10A of the Ronald Reagan Federal Building and United States 3 Courthouse, 411 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, California. Unless excused for 4 good cause shown in advance of scheduling conference, lead counsel shall appear 5 at the scheduling conference at all pretrial hearings fully informed concerning 6 the facts of the case. If the Court determines that a Scheduling Order can be issued 7 based on the Joint Rule 26(f) Report, the scheduling conference will be vacated. 8

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10 Attached to this Order, as Exhibit A, are the Court's presumptive dates.
11 Parties wishing to deviate from this schedule shall provide the Court with reasons
12 for each suggested change. A Joint Rule 26(f) Report that is filed without a
13 fully completed Exhibit A will be rejected by the Court and may subject the
14 parties to sanctions.

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Effective January 1, 2018, the Court adopted a procedure in civil cases that defers setting a trial date and an exhibit conference date until the parties appear for the Final Pretrial Conference. The parties are expected to address these issues at the Final Pretrial Conference; therefore, the parties are directed to confer before the Final Pretrial Conference to identify mutually agreeable trial date(s) within the 90 days following the Final Pretrial Conference. Where the Court's trial calendar permits, the Court will set the trial for a date agreed upon by the parties.

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## 1. Joint Rule 26(f) Report

As provided in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), the parties shall meet at least 21 days before the scheduling conference and file a Joint 26(f) Report ("Report") no later than 14 days before the date set for the scheduling conference. The Report shall be drafted by plaintiff (unless the parties agree otherwise), but shall be submitted

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Case 8 1	19-cv-01151-JLS-DFM Document 25 Filed 09/16/19 Page 3 of 7 Page ID #:235 and signed jointly. "Jointly" contemplates a single report, regardless of how many
2	separately represented parties there are.
3	The Report shall discuss the issues described below. Counsel are to ensure
4	that their discussions of these issues fully address the topics identified by Federal
5	Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f)(3)(A)-(F) and Local Rule 26-1(a)-(f).
6	a. Statement of the case: a short synopsis (not to exceed two
7	pages) of the main claims, counterclaims, and affirmative defenses.
8	<b>b.</b> Legal issues: a brief description of the key legal issues,
9	including any unusual substantive, procedural, or evidentiary issues.
10	<b>c. Damages:</b> the realistic range of provable damages.
11	<b>d. Insurance:</b> whether there is insurance coverage, the extent of
12	coverage, and whether there is a reservation of rights.
13	e. Motions: statement of the likelihood of motions seeking to add
14	other parties or claims (see Local Rule 26-1(e)), file amended pleadings, to dismiss
15	for lack of jurisdiction, or to transfer venue.
16	<b>f. Complexity:</b> a discussion regarding the complexity of the case,
17	and whether all or part of the procedures of the Manual for Complex Litigation
18	should be utilized. See Local Rule 26-1(a).
19	g. Status of Discovery: a report regarding the current status of
20	discovery, including whether initial disclosures have been made and a summary
21	of any completed discovery.
22	h. Discovery Plan: The parties must set forth a detailed discovery
23	plan that discusses all the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f)(3)(A)-(F) topics,
24	including topics related to initial discloses, the anticipated subjects of discovery,
25	the time needed for discovery, issues related to electronically stored information
26	("ESI"), issues related to privileged materials, whether changes to limitations on
27	discovery should be made, issues related to protective orders, and any other Rule
28	16(b) or 16(c) issues. The parties must propose a discovery cutoff date for the
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Case 8/19-cv-01151-JLS-DFM Document 25 Filed 09/16/19 Page 4 of 7 Page ID #:236 completion of fact discovery. 1 i. **Expert Discovery:** The parties shall discuss the timing of expert 2 disclosures and discovery. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2); Local Rule 26-1(f). 3 j. **Dispositive motions:** The parties shall set forth a description 4 of the issues or claims that any party believes may be determined by motion for 5 summary judgment or partial summary judgment. See Local Rule 26-1(b). 6 Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") Procedure Selection: 7 k. The parties must select *either* ADR Procedure No. 2 (Court Mediation Panel) or 8 9 ADR Procedure No. 3 (private mediation); ADR Procedure No. 1 (conference with the magistrate judge) *may not* be selected by the parties. *See generally* General 10 Order 11-10, § 5.1; Local Rule 26-1(c). For more information about the Court's 11 ADR Program, please visit the "ADR" section of the Court website, 12 http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov. 13 l. 14 **Settlement Efforts:** Without disclosing the substance of the communications, the parties shall advise the Court regarding whether they have 15 discussed settlement or had written communications regarding settlement. The 16 parties are advised that no case will proceed to trial unless all parties, including 17 the principals of all corporate parties, have appeared personally at a mediation. 18 19 m. **Preliminary Trial Estimate:** The parties must provide a realistic estimate of the time required for trial. See Local Rule 26-1(d). The parties' 20 estimate is for planning purposes only; the Court may allot fewer days for trial. 21 22 The parties shall specify whether trial will be by jury or to the Court, and each side must specify the number of witnesses it expects to call. 23 **Trial counsel:** the name(s) of the attorney(s) who will try the 24 n. 25 case. **Independent Expert or Master:** the parties must advise the 26 0. 27 Court whether this is a case in which a master pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil 28 Procedure 53 or an independent scientific expert should be appointed. The

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Case 8 19-cv-01151-JLS-DFM Document 25 Filed 09/16/19 Page 5 of 7 Page ID #:237 appointment of a master may be appropriate if there are likely to be substantial
discovery disputes, numerous claims to be construed in connection with a summary judgment motion, a lengthy *Daubert* hearing, or resolution of a difficult
computation of damages.

p. Other issues: a statement of any other issues affecting the status
or management of the case (*e.g.*, unusually complicated technical or technological
issues, disputes over protective orders, extraordinarily voluminous document
production, non-English speaking witnesses, discovery in foreign jurisdictions, etc.)
and any proposals concerning severance, bifurcation, or other ordering of proof.

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#### 2. Notice to be Provided by Counsel

Plaintiff's counsel shall provide this Order to any parties who first appear
after the date of this Order and to parties who are known to exist but have not yet
entered appearances. If plaintiff is appearing pro se, but defendant is represented
by counsel, defendant's counsel shall provide this notice.

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## **3.** Disclosures to Clients

18 Counsel are ordered to deliver to their respective clients a copy of this Order,19 the Court's trial order, and the Scheduling order.

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## 4. Class Actions

The parties are directed to the portion of Judge Staton's Procedures web page
(http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/honorable-josephine-1-staton) regarding class action
scheduling issues. As explained in further detail on the web page, the parties are
directed to discuss class action scheduling issues in their Joint Rule 26(f) Report.

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## 5. Utility Patent Cases

a. Presumptive Schedule and Exhibit B: In patent cases, the Court

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