UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
MAGISTRATE JUDGE HOWARD R. LLOYD

STANDING ORDER RE: INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT AND DISCOVERY DISPUTES

1. In cases that are randomly assigned to Judge Lloyd for all purposes, the parties are requested to file their written consent to the assignment of a U.S. Magistrate Judge for all purposes, or their written declination of consent, as soon as possible.

2. The civil motion calendar is heard on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. The criminal motion calendar is heard on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Motions may be noticed for hearing pursuant to Civil L.R. 7. Counsel need not reserve a hearing date in advance for civil motions. However, noticed dates may be reset as the Court's calendar requires.

3. Parties with questions regarding scheduling (excluding settlement conferences) should contact Judge Lloyd's Administrative Law Clerk at (408) 535-5411.

4. A Case Management Conference will be held on the date and time specified in the Order Setting Initial Case Management Conference in Courtroom 2, United States Courthouse, 280 South First Street, San Jose, California. This conference may be continued only by Court Order pursuant to Civil L.R. 16-2(e). Parties may not stipulate to continue a Case Management Conference without Court approval.

5. Pursuant to Civil L.R. 16-9, no later than seven (7) days before the Case Management Conference, the parties shall file a Joint Case Management Statement. For the required format and contents of this filing, follow the "Standing Order for All Judges of the Northern District of California: Contents of Joint Case Management Statement." If preparation of a joint statement would cause undue hardship, the parties may serve and file separate statements, which shall include a description of the undue hardship.

6. Discovery motions may be addressed to the Court in three ways. First, a motion may be noticed on not less than 35 days' notice pursuant to Civil L.R. 7-2. Second, any party may seek an order shortening time under Civil L.R. 6-3 if the circumstances justify that relief. Finally, in emergencies during discovery events (such as depositions), any party may contact the Court to ask if the Judge is available to address the problem pursuant to Civil L.R. 37-1(b). In the event a discovery dispute arises, counsel for the party seeking discovery shall in good faith confer with counsel for the party failing to make the discovery in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action, as required by Fed.R.Civ.P. 37 and Civil L.R. 37-1(a). A declaration setting forth these meet and confer efforts, and the final positions of each party, shall be included in the moving papers. The Court will not consider discovery motions unless the moving party has complied with Fed.R.Civ.P. 37 and Civil L.R. 37-1(a). The parties are discouraged from attaching letters

between counsel as exhibits to discovery motions.

7. Plaintiff or removing Defendant shall serve a copy of this Standing Order on all parties to this action and on all parties subsequently joined, in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P 4 and 5. Following service, Plaintiff shall file a certificate of service, in accordance with Civil L.R. 5-6.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 22, 2002
Amended February 26, 2007

HOWARD R. LLOYD
United States Magistrate Judge