

(Effective 1/2018)

## **JUDGE ORRICK'S STANDING ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES**

### **1. Conformity to Rules**

Parties shall follow the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Civil Local Rules, and the General Orders of the Northern District of California, except as superseded by this Court's Standing Orders.

### **2. Communication with the Court**

Unless otherwise authorized, parties shall not attempt to make *ex parte* contact with the Judge or his Chambers staff by telephone, facsimile, letter, or any other means but may contact Judge Orrick's Courtroom Deputy, Jean Davis, at [whocrd@cand.uscourts.gov](mailto:whocrd@cand.uscourts.gov) or 415-522-2077 with appropriate inquiries.

### **3. Scheduling**

Civil Law and Motion Calendar is generally conducted on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 2 on the 17th floor.

Civil Case Management Conferences are generally conducted on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 2 on the 17th floor. See Judge Orrick's Standing Case Management Conference Order for information on telephonic appearances for CMCs.

Pretrial Conferences are generally conducted on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 12 on the 19th floor.

Counsel need not reserve motion hearing dates, but should check Judge Orrick's calendar (at [www.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov) under "Calendar" and "Judges' Weekly Calendars") or contact his Courtroom Deputy to determine the next available law and motion calendar date. Motions may be reset as the Court's calendar requires. The order of call on each calendar will be determined by the Court.

### **4. Discovery Disputes**

In the event of a discovery dispute, lead trial counsel for the parties shall meet and confer in person, or, if counsel are located outside the Bay Area, by telephone, to attempt to resolve their dispute informally. A mere exchange of letters, e-mails, telephone calls, or facsimile transmissions does not satisfy the requirement to meet and confer.

If, after a good faith effort, the parties have not resolved their dispute, they shall prepare a concise joint statement of five pages or less, stating the nature and status of their dispute, and certifying that they have met the meet-and-confer requirement. Absent an order of this Court, parties shall not file affidavits or exhibits, other than copies of the written requests for discovery and the answers or objections thereto.

If a joint statement is not possible, each side may submit a brief individual statement of two pages or less. In addition to the certification of compliance with the meet-and-confer requirement, the individual statement shall include an explanation of why a joint statement was not possible. The joint statement or individual statements shall be filed or e-filed, if in an e-filing case, and courtesy copies submitted as provided by the Civil Local Rules.

The Court will advise the parties of the need, if any, for more formal briefing or a hearing, pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-1(b). The Court may also elect to refer the matter to a magistrate judge or special master. If a magistrate judge is assigned to a case for discovery, that judge shall handle any future discovery disputes in that case and the parties shall comply with the procedures set by that judge for discovery.

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**5. Courtesy Copies**

All courtesy copies must be three-hole punched at the left margin. All courtesy copies of e-filed documents must bear the ECF stamp (case number, document number, date and page number) on the top of each page. Exhibits to motions or declarations shall be tabbed and numbered or lettered. Motions and briefs that are more than 50 pages in length, including exhibits, shall be submitted to chambers in binders. Courtesy copies are not required for certificates and proofs of service, notices of appearance, certificates of interested parties, and ADR certifications.

**6. Summary Judgment Motions**

Parties are limited to filing one motion for summary judgment. Any party wishing to exceed this limit must request leave of Court.

**7. Class Action Settlements.** Counsel are reminded to review and comply with the Northern District's Procedural Guidance for Class Action Settlements available on the Court's website at [www.cand.uscourts.gov/ClassActionSettlementGuidance](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/ClassActionSettlementGuidance).

**8. Service of Standing Order**

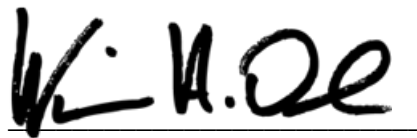
Plaintiff (or in the case of removed cases, any removing defendant) is directed to serve copies of all Judge Orrick Standing Orders at once upon all parties to the action, and upon those subsequently joined, in accordance with the provisions of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 4 and 5 and to file with the Clerk of Court a certificate reflecting such service, in accordance with Civil Local Rule 5-5(a).

**9. Unrepresented (Pro Se) Parties**

Parties representing themselves should visit the link titled "If You Don't Have a Lawyer" on the Court's homepage, [www.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov). The link discusses the Court's "Legal Help Center" for unrepresented parties. The Legal Help Center can be reached at 415-782-8982. In San Francisco, the Legal Help Center is located on the 15th Floor, Room 2796, of the courthouse at 450 Golden Gate Avenue. In Oakland, the Legal Help Center is located on the 4th Floor, Room 470S, of the courthouse at 1301 Clay Street.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 1/18/2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Orrick", written over a horizontal line.

William H. Orrick  
United States District Judge