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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
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9 Brigette Laneau,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 Equifax Information Services, LLC, et al.,

13 Defendant(s).

No. CV-16-01066-PHX-JJT

RULE 16 SCHEDULING ORDER

14 Pursuant to the terms of the Case Management Plan and the representations made
15 by the parties at the Rule 16 Scheduling Conference, all parties shall comply with the
16 deadlines established in this Order.

17 The court cautions the parties and their counsel that it will strictly enforce the
18 deadlines set forth in this Rule 16 Scheduling Order. The court will not grant extensions
19 to the dispositive motion cutoff date due to case processing problems, discovery disputes
20 or settlement negotiations.

21 The Fed. R. Civ. P. as amended June 15, 2015, shall apply to all proceedings
22 concerning this case.

23 1. All Initial Disclosures as defined in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a), if not already
24 disclosed prior to the Scheduling Conference, shall be made no later than **Completed**.

25 2. To satisfy the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a), the parties shall file
26 with the Clerk of the Court a Notice of Initial Disclosure, rather than copies of the actual
27 disclosures.
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1 3. Motions to amend the complaint and to join additional parties shall be filed
2 no later than **September 2, 2016**.

3 4. Fact discovery shall be completed by **January 6, 2017**.

4 5. The Plaintiff(s) shall disclose the identity of all persons whom they may
5 call at trial to present evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 702, 703, 704, and 705 no later than
6 **October 7, 2016**. The Defendant(s) shall disclose the identity of all persons whom they
7 may call at trial to present evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 702, 703, 704, or 705 no later
8 than **November 4, 2016**. The parties shall disclose the identity of all rebuttal expert
9 testimony no later than **November 25, 2016**. These disclosures shall be full and
10 complete as required by Rule 26(a)(2)(A)-(C) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

11 The disclosures of the identities of all persons whom a party may call at trial to
12 present evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 702, 703, 704, or 705 shall also include all of the
13 disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ.P. 26(a)(2)(B) if the witness is either (1) retained or
14 specifically employed to provide expert testimony in the case, or (2) is an agent or
15 employee of the party offering the testimony whose duties regularly involve giving expert
16 testimony. No deposition of any expert witness shall occur before the disclosures
17 concerning expert witnesses mandated by this Order are made. Expert reports disclosed
18 under Rule 26(a)(2)(B) must set forth “the testimony the witness is expected to present
19 during direct examination, together with the reasons therefor.” Full and complete
20 disclosures of such testimony are required on or before the dates set forth above; absent
21 truly extraordinary circumstances, parties will not be permitted to supplement their expert
22 reports after these dates.

23 6. All discovery must be completed by **January 20, 2017**.

24 7. Discovery by interrogatory shall be governed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 33 unless
25 otherwise ordered by the Court. Therefore, there is a limit of twenty-five (25)
26 interrogatories, including discrete subparts.

27 8. Depositions shall be limited as provided by Rules 30 and 31 of the
28 Fed. R. Civ. P.

1 9. The parties shall not file written discovery motions without leave of the
2 court. Except during a deposition, if a discovery dispute arises and cannot be resolved
3 despite sincere efforts to resolve the matter through personal consultation (in person or by
4 telephone), the parties shall jointly file (1) a brief written summary of the dispute, not to
5 exceed one page, with explanation of the position taken by each party and (2) a joint
6 written certification that counsel or the parties have attempted to resolve the matter
7 through personal consultation and sincere effort as required by LRCiv 7.2(j) and have
8 reached an impasse. If the opposing party has refused to personally consult, the party
9 seeking relief shall describe the efforts made to obtain personal consultation. Upon
10 review of the filed written summary of the dispute, the court may set a telephonic
11 conference, order written briefing, or decide the dispute without conference or briefing.
12 Any briefing ordered by the court shall also comply with LRCiv 7.2(j). If a discovery
13 dispute arises in the course of a deposition and requires an immediate ruling of the court
14 – a circumstance that should be exceedingly rare – the parties shall jointly contact the
15 court telephonically.

16 10. The parties must complete all pre-trial disclosure required under
17 Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3), of all exhibits to be used and all witnesses to be called at trial, on
18 or before **December 9, 2016**. This order governs and supersedes the “30 days before
19 trial” disclosure deadline contained in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3). Therefore, (1) failure to
20 timely supplement Rule 26(a) disclosures, including witnesses and exhibits for trial, (2)
21 failure to timely supplement responses to any valid discovery requests, and (3) attempts
22 to include witnesses or exhibits in the Proposed Final Pretrial Order that were not
23 previously disclosed in a timely manner may result in the exclusion of such evidence at
24 trial or the imposition of other sanctions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37, the Local Rules
25 of the District Court, and the inherent power of the court.

26 11. Good Faith Settlement discussions are to be held no later than **February 3,**
27 **2017.**

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