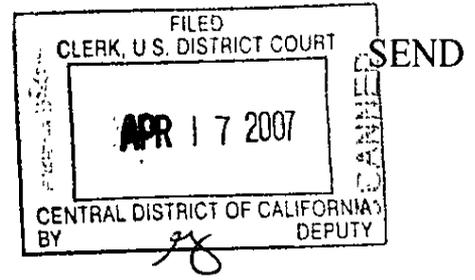


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN DIVISION

KELLY FINESTONE, etc., et al.,

Case No. CV 07-2338 CAS (CWx)

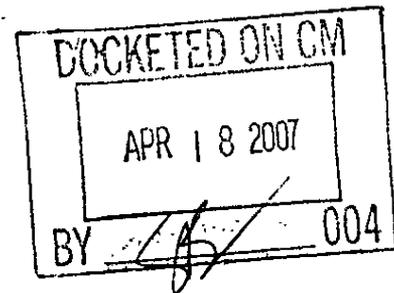
Plaintiffs,

NOTICE TO COUNSEL

vs.

MENU FOODS, INC., et al.,

Defendants.



This case has been assigned to the calendar of Judge Christina A. Snyder. This Notice to Counsel shall be to all parties appearing in propria persona, and for purposes of this notice, the term "counsel" shall include any person appearing in pro per.

Counsel are advised that the Court expects strict compliance with the provisions of the Local Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Copies of the Local Rules may be purchased from one of the following:

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| Los Angeles Daily Journal | Metropolitan News       | West Group            |
| 915 East 1st Street       | 210 South Spring Street | 610 Opperman Drive    |
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1 The Local Rules may also be found on the United States District Court's  
2 website at the following address: [HTTP://WWW.CACD.USCOURTS.GOV](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov)  
3 Please note that certain of the Local Rules have recently been amended or are now  
4 in the process of being amended.

5 The attention of counsel is particularly directed to Local Rules 16 and 26 for  
6 the conduct of mandatory pretrial and settlement proceedings.

7 Counsel are reminded of their obligations to disclose information and confer  
8 on a discovery plan not later than 21 days prior to the date of the Fed. R. Civ. P.  
9 16(b) scheduling conference and to report to the Court not later than 14 days after  
10 they confer on a discovery plan and the other matters required by Fed. R. Civ. P.  
11 26(f) and the Local Rules of this Court. The following issues will be considered at  
12 the scheduling conference: the last date by which parties may be added, the  
13 discovery cutoff, as well as any issues relating to the discovery plan, the last date  
14 for filing motions, the time for the pretrial conference and the trial date.  
15 Scheduling conferences are generally held on Monday at 11:00 a.m.

16 Counsel should also be guided by the following requirements when  
17 litigating cases assigned to Judge Snyder:

- 18 1. INTERROGATORIES: Refer to the Local Rules.
- 19 2. MOTIONS: Motions shall be heard on each Monday of the month at  
20 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered by the Court. If Monday is a national  
21 holiday, the succeeding Monday shall be the motion day and all matters noticed  
22 for such Monday stand for hearing on the following Monday without special order  
23 or notice. The Court provides oral or written tentative rulings on most motions.  
24 Counsel are encouraged to direct oral argument to the matters raised in the  
25 tentative ruling and to submit to any part of the ruling that is not in genuine  
26 dispute, where appropriate. The Court will notify counsel if it does not require  
27 oral argument on any specific motion.

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1 Motion papers should comply with the Local Rules. Briefs should not,  
2 exceed the page limits authorized by the Local Rules. The Court will rarely grant  
3 leave to file briefs that exceed the authorized page limits. Counsel are admonished  
4 not to circumvent page limits by filing multiple motions which purport to address  
5 separate issues in a case. Such motions will not be considered unless counsel  
6 obtains leave to file more than one motion or to file a brief that exceeds the page  
7 limits authorized by the Local Rules.

8 3. EX PARTE APPLICATIONS:

9 A. NOTICE: The parties' and counsels' attention is directed  
10 to Local Rule 7-19. The moving party shall inform the opposing party or parties  
11 that such party or parties shall have 48 hours from the date of delivery of the  
12 moving papers to file and serve their opposition papers, if any.

13 B. HEARING: No hearing will be held on any ex parte  
14 application unless deemed necessary by the Court and in such case counsel will be  
15 notified by the Courtroom Deputy Clerk.

16 4. DISCOVERY CUTOFF: Generally, the Court will set a discovery  
17 cutoff date at the scheduling conference. The Court expects that by the date of the  
18 discovery cutoff, all discovery and responses thereto shall have been served, and  
19 all motions to compel will be on file and have been argued (but not necessarily  
20 decided). The only discovery that may be conducted after the discovery cutoff  
21 date without leave of Court is discovery ordered by the Magistrate Judge for  
22 which a timely-filed motion was pending and argued before the discovery cutoff  
23 date. Unless the Court has issued a contrary order, all discovery motions should  
24 be set before the Magistrate Judge to whom this case is assigned.

25 5. COURTESY COPIES: Counsel shall deliver conformed courtesy  
26 copies of all filed motions, responses, and replies in motion matters to Judge  
27 Snyder's chambers.

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1           6.     CONTINUANCES: Continuances will only be granted based upon a  
2 showing of good cause. Stipulations, including second and subsequent extensions  
3 of time to respond to the complaint, are effective ONLY when approved by the  
4 Court. (See Local Rule 16-8).

5           7.     REQUEST FOR CONFORMED COPY: If a party presenting a  
6 document for filing requests the Clerk to return a conformed copy by United States  
7 Mail, an extra copy shall be submitted by the party for that purpose accompanied  
8 by a postage paid, self-addressed envelope. (See Local Rule 11-4.5).

9           8.     REMOVED ACTIONS: Any answers filed in state court must be  
10 refiled with the Court as a supplement to the petition. Any pending motions must  
11 be renoticed in accordance with Local Rule 37-3.

12           9.     TELEPHONIC HEARINGS: Judge Snyder will permit oral argument  
13 on calendared motions to be heard telephonically if (a) all involved parties consent  
14 to the telephone hearing, (b) the parties anticipate presenting limited argument,  
15 and (c) the Court's calendar permits such telephonic oral argument to be heard.  
16 Arrangements for telephonic hearings must be made by communicating in writing  
17 or by telephone with Judge Snyder's Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Catherine Jeang.

18           The Courtroom Deputy Clerk must be notified by the moving party of all  
19 counsels' intention to participate in a telephonic hearing by the Wednesday prior  
20 to the Monday hearing date.

21           The telephonic hearing will be scheduled at a time convenient for the Court  
22 and the parties, on the Monday originally scheduled for the hearing of the motion  
23 pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules. The party  
24 bringing the motion will initiate the conference call, and when all counsel are  
25 present on the line, will contact the Court. Callers will hold on the line until their  
26 motion is ready to be heard, at which time they will be connected with the Court,  
27 the case will be called, and the telephonic hearing will commence.

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1 10. COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE COURT: Unless counsel have  
2 been expressly authorized to communicate with chambers (e. g., for a telephone  
3 status conference with all counsel participating), all oral and written  
4 communications must be submitted only to the Courtroom Deputy, Catherine  
5 Jeang with copies to all counsel of record. Please do not attempt to communicate  
6 in writing or by telephone with chambers. (See Local Rule 83-2.11).

7 11. NOTICE OF THIS ORDER: Counsel for plaintiff is responsible for  
8 promptly serving a copy of this Order on all defendants' counsel. If this case came  
9 to the Court via removal, the removing defendant shall promptly serve a copy of  
10 this Order on all parties of record.

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12 Date: April 16, 2007

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14 CHRISTINA A. SNYDER  
15 United States District Judge  
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