

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No. 2:16-cv-01756-CAS (PLAx) Date February 21, 2017

Title LAKHI SAKHRANI, ET AL. V. CITY OF SAN GABRIEL, ET AL.

Present: The Honorable CHRISTINA A. SNYDER, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

CONNIE LEE

Not Present

N/A

Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter / Recorder

Tape No.

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

Attorneys Present for Defendants:

N/A

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Proceedings: (IN CHAMBERS) PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST DEFENDANTS AND DEFENDANTS’ COUNSEL (Filed January 30, 2017, Dkt. 92)

The Court is in receipt of plaintiff’s motion for sanctions pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, dkt. 92, as well as the opposition, dkt. 130, and reply, dkt. 135. The Court finds this motion appropriate for decision without oral argument. Fed.R.Civ.P. 78; Local Rule 7–15. Accordingly, the hearing date of February 27, 2017, is hereby vacated, and the matter is hereby taken under submission.

Under Fed.R.Civ.P. 11, a court may impose sanctions upon attorneys or unrepresented parties for submitting papers to a court that are frivolous, legally unreasonable, baseless, or filed for an improper purpose, such as harassment. Simpson v. Lear Astronics Corp., 77 F.3d 1170, 1177 (9th Cir.1996). All pleadings and other motions filed with a court must be signed by an attorney or the unrepresented party, certifying that “to the best of the person’s knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances”: (1) the paper is not presented for an improper purpose; (2) the claims have a valid legal basis; and (3) there is factual support for the allegations. Fed.R.Civ.P. 11(b). The imposition of sanctions is a matter within the discretion of the Court. Fed.R.Civ.P. 11(c). “The court has significant discretion in determining what sanctions, if any, should be imposed for a violation” Committee Notes on Amendments to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 146 F.R.D. 401, 587 (1993).

Having closely reviewed the parties’ arguments and evidence, the Court concludes that sanctions are not appropriate at this time. The gravamen of plaintiff’s motion is that defendants have (1) pressed improper arguments in bad faith, (2) failed to reasonably

