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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ARTHUR T. BUSSIÈRE,

 Plaintiff,

 v.

KOKOR, et al.,

 Defendants.

1:13-cv-01565-AWI-SKO (PC)

**ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE**

Plaintiff, Arthur T. Bussiere, a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The court has determined that this case would benefit from a settlement conference. Accordingly, this case will be referred to Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe to conduct a settlement conference at the U. S. District Court, 2500 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721 in Courtroom #8 on July 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

A separate order and *writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum* will issue concurrently with this order.

In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. A settlement conference has been set for July 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom #8 before Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe at the U. S. District Court, 2500 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721.
2. A representative with full authority to negotiate and enter into a binding settlement

1 shall attend in person.¹

- 2 3. Those in attendance must be prepared to discuss the claims, defenses and damages.
3 The failure of any counsel, party or authorized person subject to this order to appear in
4 person may result in the imposition of sanctions. In addition, the conference will not
5 proceed and will be reset to another date.
- 6 4. Each party shall provide a confidential settlement statement to the following email
7 address: bamorders@caed.uscourts.gov. Plaintiff shall mail his confidential
8 settlement statement to Sujean Park, ADR & Pro Bono Program Director, USDC
9 CAED, 501 I Street, Suite 4-200, Sacramento, California 95814. The envelope shall
10 be marked "Confidential Settlement Statement". Settlement statements shall arrive no
11 later than July 6, 2017. Parties shall also file a Notice of Submission of Confidential
12 Settlement Conference Statement (See Local Rule 270(d)).

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14 Settlement statements **should not be filed** with the Clerk of the Court **nor served on**
15 **any other party**. Settlement statements shall be clearly marked "confidential" with
16 the date and time of the settlement conference indicated prominently thereon.

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18 The confidential settlement statement shall be **no longer than five pages** in length,
19 typed or neatly printed, and include the following:

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22 ¹ While the exercise of its authority is subject to abuse of discretion review, "the district court has the authority to
23 order parties, including the federal government, to participate in mandatory settlement conferences..." United States
24 v. United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, 694 F.3d 1051, 1053, 1057, 1059 (9th Cir.
25 2012)("the district court has broad authority to compel participation in mandatory settlement conference[s]"). The
26 term "full authority to settle" means that the individuals attending the mediation conference must be authorized to
27 fully explore settlement options and to agree at that time to any settlement terms acceptable to the parties. G.
28 Heileman Brewing Co., Inc. v. Joseph Oat Corp., 871 F.2d 648, 653 (7th Cir. 1989), cited with approval in Official
Airline Guides, Inc. v. Goss, 6 F.3d 1385, 1396 (9th Cir. 1993). The individual with full authority to settle must also
have "unfettered discretion and authority" to change the settlement position of the party, if appropriate. Pitman v.
Brinker Int'l., Inc., 216 F.R.D. 481, 485-86 (D. Ariz. 2003), amended on recon. in part, Pitman v. Brinker Int'l., Inc.,
2003 WL 23353478 (D. Ariz. 2003). The purpose behind requiring the attendance of a person with full settlement
authority is that the parties' view of the case may be altered during the face to face conference. Pitman, 216 F.R.D.
at 486. An authorization to settle for a limited dollar amount or sum certain can be found not to comply with the
requirement of full authority to settle. Nick v. Morgan's Foods, Inc., 270 F.3d 590, 596-97 (8th Cir. 2001).

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- a. A brief statement of the facts of the case.
- b. A brief statement of the claims and defenses, i.e., statutory or other grounds upon which the claims are founded; a forthright evaluation of the parties' likelihood of prevailing on the claims and defenses; and a description of the major issues in dispute.
- c. A summary of the proceedings to date.
- d. An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further discovery, pretrial, and trial.
- e. The relief sought.
- f. The party's position on settlement, including present demands and offers and a history of past settlement discussions, offers, and demands.
- g. A brief statement of each party's expectations and goals for the settlement conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 2, 2017

/s/ Sheila K. Olerto
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE