Penn-Star Insurance Co. v. Trinity Logistics Group, Inc., et al.

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1	STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES		
2	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the Parties, through their		
3	respective counsel of record, as follows:		
4	1. The parties, through their attorneys of records, namely: H. Ty Kharazi (for the Santos		
5	Defendants and Counter-Claimant/Cross-Claimant Efren Santos) and Gordon M. Park and Graham		
6	Van Leuven (for Cross-Defendant Hub International Transportation Insurance Services Inc. and		
7	Cross-Defendant Rebecca Desautels), hereby enter into this Stipulation with respect to the parties'		
8	joint request to extend the deadlines for completion of discovery and for expert disclosure.		
9	2. This litigation arises from a dispute over coverage provided by a Penn-Star Insurance		
10	Company ("Penn-Star") insurance policy which was purchased by Former Defendant The Trinity		
11	Logistics Group, Inc. and a Cross Complaint For Damages filed by Efren Santos, as assignee of		
12	Trinity Logistics Group, Inc.		
13	3. Penn-Star's original complaint was filed on June 19, 2015.		
14	4. Thereafter a Pretrial Scheduling Order was issued by the Court on January 28, 2016. In		
15	that order, the Court ordered specific deadlines including:		
16	October 17, 2016 for completion of all discovery, with the exception of expert		
17	discovery.		
18	December 16, 2016 for disclosure of expert witnesses		
19	April 13, 2017 for the last day to hear dispositive motions.		
20	August 10, 2017 for a Joint Final Pretrial Conference Statement.		
21	August 17, 2017 for parties to file trial briefs.		
22	August 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for the Final Pretrial Conference.		
23	October 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. for a jury trial with an estimate trial length of		
24	three (3) days.		
25	5. After Pretrial Scheduling Order was issued, Santos, as assignee of Trinity Logistics		

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Group, Inc. filed a Cross Complaint For Damages on January 28, 2016. This Cross Complaint For

Damages introduced two new parties to this action: Cross-Defendant Hub International Transportation

Insurance Services Inc. ("Hub International") and Cross-Defendant Rebecca Desautels ("Desautels").

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These parties were not present for and had not participated in the prior scheduling conference.

- 6. On February 29, 2016, this action was reassigned from District Judge Morrison C. England to District Judge Dale A. Drozd for all further proceedings.
- 7. On March 11, 2016, Penn-Star filed a Motion to Dismiss Cross-Complaint and for Judgment on the Pleadings, which was granted in part and denied in part on May 9, 2016.
- 8. On March 21, 2016, Hub International and Desautels filed an answer to the Cross Complaint.
- 9. On May 10, 2016, counsel for all parties then involved met and conferred to discuss the anticipated discovery necessary to prepare the issues involved in Santos' claims for trial. It was determined that many of the necessary witnesses reside out of state, and while these witnesses will cooperate with scheduling and depositions, there are a significant number of documents that may necessarily be obtained from non-parties. It was further determined that given the number of schedules which needed to be coordinated it was unlikely that all necessary discovery would be completed pursuant to the currently scheduled deadline.
- 10. Counsel for all parties then active determined that the scheduled dates should be reset. However, as the pleadings were not then settled, Counsel determined that it was not proper to request that dates be reset until the pleadings were settled.
- 11. On May 17, 2016, Santos filed a First Amended Cross Complaint for Damages and Declaratory Relief.
- 12. On July 8, 2016, Penn-Star filed a Motion to Dismiss the First Amended Cross-Complaint.
- 13. Prior to the hearing on Penn-Star's Motion to Dismiss, Santos and Penn-Star reached a settlement resulting in a voluntary dismissal of Penn-Star's declaratory relief complaint without prejudice and a dismissal of Santos' Cross-Complaint as to Penn-Star with prejudice. However, Santos' claims against Hub International and Desautels remain.
- 14. As the pleadings have now settled, the parties now request that the Court reset the scheduled dates and hold a new scheduling conference regarding Santos' First Amended Cross-Complaint.

1	15. The extension of the curre	ently scheduled dates is requested in good faith and is not	
2	being done to cause undue delay or harassment. No prejudice will be suffered by any party or witness		
3	by way of this Court extending the currently scheduled discovery cutoff.		
4	16. Accordingly, the undersigned parties hereby jointly stipulate and request that the		
5	currently scheduled dates be vacated, and a new scheduling conference be set.		
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7	Dated: September 29, 2016	McCORMICK, BARSTOW, SHEPPARD,	
8		WAYTE & CARRUTH LLP	
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10		By: /s/ Gordon Park Gordon M. Park	
11		Graham Van Leuven	
12		Attorneys for Cross-Defendant Hub International Transportation Insurance Services Inc. and Cross-	
13		Defendant Rebecca Desautels	
14		/s/ H. Ty Kharazi (as authorized on	
15	Dated: September 29, 2016	By: September 29, 2016) H. Ty Kharazi	
16		Attorneys for the Santos defendants and Counter-	
17		Claimant/Cross-Claimant Efren Santos	
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1	$\underline{\mathbf{o}}$	<u>ORDER</u>
2	The Court, having considered the parties	s' stipulation to vacate scheduled dates, and for GOOD
3	CAUSE shown,	
4	All currently scheduled dates an	d deadlines are vacated.
5	Counsel are directed to contact M	Magistrate Judge Erica P. Grosjean's courtroom deputy
6	to arrange a date for a new scheduling conference in this matter.	
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8	IT IS SO ORDERED.	
9 10	Dated: October 4, 2016	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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