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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CRYSTAL DESAUTELS,)	Case No.: 1:16-CV-0483- JLT
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Plaintiff,)	SCHEDULING ORDER (Fed. R. Civ. P. 16)
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v.)	Pleading Amendment Deadline: 9/30/2016
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KMART,)	Discovery Deadlines:
)	Initial Disclosures: 7/29/2016
Defendant.)	Non-Expert: 5/26/2017
)	Expert: 8/4/2016
)	Mid-Discovery Status Conference: 1/16/2017 at 8:30 a.m.
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)	Non-Dispositive Motion Deadlines:
)	Filing: 8/21/2017
)	Hearing: 9/18/2017
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)	Dispositive Motion Deadlines:
)	Filing: 10/16/2017
)	Hearing: 11/14/2017
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)	Pre-Trial Conference:
)	12/18/2017 at 10:00 a.m.
)	510 19 th Street, Bakersfield, CA
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)	Trial: 2/12/2018 at 8:30 a.m.
)	510 19 th Street, Bakersfield, CA
)	Jury trial: 7-12 days

1 **I. Date of Scheduling Conference**

2 July 1, 2016.

3 **II. Appearances of Counsel**

4 Cheryl Ruggiero appeared on behalf of Plaintiff.

5 Douglas Ebert appeared on behalf of Defendant.

6 **III. Pleading Amendment Deadline**

7 Any requested pleading amendments are ordered to be filed, either through a stipulation or
8 motion to amend, no later than **September 30, 2016**.

9 **IV. Fictitiously-Named Defendants**

10 All claims against “Doe” Defendants are hereby **DISMISSED**.

11 **V. Discovery Plan and Cut-Off Date**

12 The parties agree that the deposition of the plaintiff may extend to ten hours. Thus, the Court
13 **GRANTS** the request to exceed the normal seven-hour limit.

14 The parties agree also that they need not serve a privilege log for attorney-client and/or attorney
15 work product privileged documents and communications but that the privileges will be preserved,
16 nonetheless. The Court **GRANTS** the request to not require a privilege log for these two privileges.

17 The defendant will conduct a diligent search for electronically held documents and will
18 produce them in paper form.

19 The parties are ordered to exchange the initial disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)
20 on or before **July 29, 2016**.

21 The parties are ordered to complete all discovery pertaining to non-experts on or before **May 26,**
22 **2017**, and all discovery pertaining to experts on or before **August 4, 2017**.

23 The parties are directed to disclose all expert witnesses¹, in writing, on or **June 9, 2017**, and to
24 disclose all rebuttal experts on or before **July 7, 2017**. The written designation of retained and non-
25 retained experts shall **be made pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 26(a)(2), (A), (B), and (C) and shall**

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28 ¹ In the event an expert will offer opinions related to an independent medical or mental health
evaluation, the examination SHALL occur sufficiently in advance of the disclosure deadline so the expert’s
report fully details the expert’s opinions in this regard.

1 **include all information required thereunder.** Failure to designate experts in compliance with this
2 order may result in the Court excluding the testimony or other evidence offered through such experts
3 that are not disclosed pursuant to this order.

4 The written designation of retained and non-retained experts shall **be made pursuant to Fed. R.**
5 **Civ. P. 26(a)(2), (A), (B), and (C) and shall include all information required thereunder.** Failure to
6 designate experts in compliance with this order may result in the Court excluding the testimony or other
7 evidence offered through such experts that are not disclosed pursuant to this order.

8 The provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(4) and (5) shall apply to all discovery relating to experts
9 and their opinions. Experts must be fully prepared to be examined on all subjects and opinions
10 included in the designation. Failure to comply will result in the imposition of sanctions, which may
11 include striking the expert designation and preclusion of expert testimony.

12 The provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e) regarding a party's duty to timely supplement
13 disclosures and responses to discovery requests will be strictly enforced.

14 A mid-discovery status conference is scheduled for **January 16, 2017** at 8:30 a.m. before the
15 Honorable Jennifer L. Thurston, U.S. Magistrate Judge, located at 510 19th Street, Bakersfield,
16 California. Counsel SHALL file a joint mid-discovery status conference report one week before the
17 conference. Counsel also SHALL lodge the status report via e-mail to JLTorders@caed.uscourts.gov.
18 The joint statement SHALL outline the discovery counsel have completed and that which needs to be
19 completed as well as any impediments to completing the discovery within the deadlines set forth in this
20 order. Counsel may appear via CourtCall, providing a written notice of the intent to appear
21 telephonically is provided to the Magistrate Judge's Courtroom Deputy Clerk no later than five court
22 days before the noticed hearing date.

23 **VI. Pre-Trial Motion Schedule**

24 All non-dispositive pre-trial motions, including any discovery motions, shall be filed no later
25 than **August 21, 2017**, and heard on or before **September 18, 2017**. The Court hears non-dispositive
26 motions at 9:00 a.m. at the United States District Courthouse in Bakersfield, California.

27 **No motion to amend or stipulation to amend the case schedule will be entertained unless it**
28 **is filed at least one week before the first deadline the parties wish to extend.** Likewise, no written

1 discovery motions shall be filed without the prior approval of the assigned Magistrate Judge. A party
2 with a discovery dispute must first confer with the opposing party in a good faith effort to resolve by
3 agreement the issues in dispute. If that good faith effort is unsuccessful, the moving party promptly
4 shall seek a telephonic hearing with all involved parties and the Magistrate Judge. It shall be the
5 obligation of the moving party to arrange and originate the conference call to the court. To schedule
6 this telephonic hearing, the parties are ordered to contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Susan Hall, at
7 (661) 326-6620 or via email at SHall@caed.uscourts.gov. **Counsel must comply with Local Rule 251**
8 **with respect to discovery disputes or the motion will be denied without prejudice and dropped**
9 **from the Court's calendar.**

10 All dispositive pre-trial motions shall be filed no later than **October 16, 2017**, and heard no
11 later than **November 14, 2017**, before the Honorable Jennifer L. Thurston, United States Magistrate
12 Judge, at the United States District Courthouse in Bakersfield, California. In scheduling such motions,
13 **counsel shall comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 56 and Local Rules 230 and 260.**

14 **VII. Motions for Summary Judgment or Summary Adjudication**

15 **At least 21 days before** filing a motion for summary judgment or motion for summary
16 adjudication, the parties are **ORDERED** to meet, in person or by telephone, to confer about the issues
17 to be raised in the motion.

18 The purpose of the meeting shall be to: 1) avoid filing motions for summary judgment where a
19 question of fact exists; 2) determine whether the respondent agrees that the motion has merit in whole
20 or in part; 3) discuss whether issues can be resolved without the necessity of briefing; 4) narrow the
21 issues for review by the court; 5) explore the possibility of settlement before the parties incur the
22 expense of briefing a motion; and 6) to develop a joint statement of undisputed facts.

23 The moving party **SHALL** initiate the meeting and **SHALL** provide a complete, proposed
24 statement of undisputed facts **at least five days before** the conference. The finalized joint statement of
25 undisputed facts **SHALL** include all facts that the parties agree, for purposes of the motion, may be
26 deemed true. In addition to the requirements of Local Rule 260, the moving party shall file the joint
27 statement of undisputed facts.

28 In the notice of motion the moving party **SHALL** certify that the parties have met and conferred

1 as ordered above, or set forth a statement of good cause for the failure to meet and confer. **Failure to**
2 **comply may result in the motion being stricken.**

3 **VIII. Pre-Trial Conference Date**

4 **December 18, 2017**, at 10:00 a.m. at the United States District Courthouse in Bakersfield,
5 California, before the Honorable Jennifer L. Thurston, United States Magistrate Judge.

6 The parties are ordered to file a **Joint Pretrial Statement pursuant to Local Rule 281(a)(2).**
7 The parties are further directed to submit a digital copy of their pretrial statement in Word format,
8 directly to Judge Thurston's chambers, by email at JLTorders@caed.uscourts.gov.

9 Counsels' attention is directed to **Rules 281 and 282 of the Local Rules** of Practice for the
10 Eastern District of California, as to the obligations of counsel in preparing for the pre-trial conference.
11 The Court will insist upon strict compliance with those rules. In addition to the matters set forth in the
12 Local Rules the Joint Pretrial Statement shall include a Joint Statement of the case to be used by the
13 Court to explain the nature of the case to the jury during voir dire.

14 **IX. Trial Date**

15 **February 12, 2018**, at 8:30 a.m. at the United States District Courthouse in Bakersfield,
16 California, before the Honorable Jennifer L. Thurston, United States Magistrate Judge.

17 A. This is a jury trial.

18 B. Counsels' Estimate of Trial Time: 7-12 days.

19 C. Counsels' attention is directed to Local Rules of Practice for the Eastern District of
20 California, Rule 285.

21 **X. Settlement Conference**

22 If the parties desire a conference with the Court, they may file a joint written request for a
23 settlement conference. Alternatively, the parties may file a joint written request for referral to the
24 Court's Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program.

25 **XI. Request for Bifurcation, Appointment of Special Master, or other Techniques**
26 **to Shorten Trial**

27 Not applicable at this time.

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1 **XII. Related Matters Pending**

2 There are no pending related matters.

3 **XIII. Compliance with Federal Procedure**

4 All counsel are expected to familiarize themselves with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
5 and the Local Rules of Practice of the Eastern District of California, and to keep abreast of any
6 amendments thereto. The Court must insist upon compliance with these Rules to efficiently handle its
7 increasing case load, and sanctions will be imposed for failure to follow both the Federal Rules of Civil
8 Procedure and the Local Rules of Practice for the Eastern District of California.

9 **XIV. Effect of this Order**

10 The foregoing order represents the best estimate of the court and counsel as to the agenda most
11 suitable to dispose of this case. The trial date reserved is specifically reserved for this case. If the
12 parties determine at any time that the schedule outlined in this order cannot be met, counsel are ordered
13 to notify the court immediately of that fact so that adjustments may be made, either by stipulation or by
14 subsequent status conference.

15 **The dates set in this Order are considered to be firm and will not be modified absent a**
16 **showing of good cause even if the request to modify is made by stipulation.** Stipulations
17 **extending the deadlines contained herein will not be considered unless they are accompanied by**
18 **affidavits or declarations, and where appropriate attached exhibits, which establish good cause**
19 **for granting the relief requested.**

20 Failure to comply with this order may result in the imposition of sanctions.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 Dated: July 6, 2016

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE