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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 ELAINE L. CHAO, Secretary of the
12 United States Department of Labor,

13 Plaintiff,

No. 2:08-cv-2732-RRB-GGH

14 v.

15 CLAIR R. COURTIER, JR.,
16 et al.,

RELATED CASE ORDER

17 Defendant.
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No. 2:05-cv-02046-RRB-KJM

18 GREGORY JOHNSON, et al.,

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 CLAIR R. COURURIER JR.,
22 et al.,

23 Defendant.
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24 Examination of the above-entitled actions reveals that these
25 actions are related within the meaning of Local Rule 83-123(a) (E.D.
26 Cal. 1997). The actions involve many of the same defendants and are
27 based on the same or similar claims, the same property transaction or
28 event, similar questions of fact and the same questions of law, and

1 would therefore entail a substantial duplication of labor if heard by
2 different judges. Accordingly, the assignment of the matters to the
3 same judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial
4 effort and is also likely to be convenient for the parties.

5 The parties should be aware that relating the cases under Local
6 Rule 83-123 merely has the result that both actions are assigned to
7 the same judge; no consolidation of the action is effected. Under the
8 regular practice of this court, related cases are generally assigned
9 to the district judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed
10 action was assigned.

11 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated Chao v.
12 Couturier, et al., 2:08-cv-02732-RRB-GGH, is reassigned to Judge Ralph
13 R. Beistline and Magistrate Judge Gregory G. Hollows for all further
14 proceedings. Any dates currently set in the reassigned case are
15 hereby VACATED.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make
17 appropriate adjustment in the assignment of the above-reference case
18 to compensate for this reassignment.

19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 ENTERED this 9th day of January, 2009.

21 S/RALPH R. BEISTLINE
22 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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