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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICHARD CHARLSON, on behalf of)
THE ESTATE OF SCOTT CHARLSON,)
RICHARD CHARLSON, individually,)
NINA CHARLSON, individually,)

No. 2:08-cv-2756-GEB-KJM

Plaintiffs,)

RELATED CASE ORDER

v.)

CARSON HELICOPTERS, INC., an Oregon)
Corporation; UNITED TECHNOLOGIES)
CORP., a Delaware Corporation;)
SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT CORP., a)
Delaware Corporation; GENERAL)
ELECTRIC COMPANY, a New York)
Corporation, and DOES 1 through)
100, inclusive,)

Defendants.)

LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE)
COMPANY, a Massachusetts citizen,)
as the statutory assignee of Roark)
Schwanenberg, deceased, and his)
survivors and beneficiaries,)

No. 2:08-cv-3002-GEB-DAD

Plaintiff,)

v.)

SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, a)
Connecticut citizen, GENERAL)
ELECTRIC COMPANY, a New York)
citizen; and COLUMBIA HELICOPTERS,)
INC., an Oregon citizen,)

Defendants.)

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2 DIANE RAMAGE, GINGER RAMAGE,)
3 Plaintiffs,)

No. 2:09-cv-02901-MCE-GGH

4 v.)

5 SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, a)
6 Delaware Corporation; CARSON)
7 HELICOPTERS, INC., a Pennsylvania)
8 Corporation; UNITED TECHNOLOGIES)
9 CORPORATION, a Delaware)
10 Corporation; GENERAL ELECTRIC)
11 COMPANY, a New York Corporation;)
12 CARSON HELICOPTER SERVICES, INC.,)
an Oregon Corporation; COLUMBIA)
HELICOPTERS, INC., an Oregon)
Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100)
inclusive,)
Defendants.)

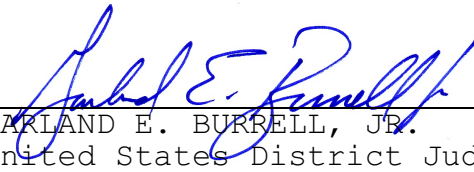
13 Defendants Carson Helicopters, Inc. and Carson Helicopter
14 Services, Inc. ("Defendants") contend the above civil actions are
15 related within the meaning of Local Rule 83-123(a) and should be
16 assigned to the same judges. Defendants argue the actions are
17 related because they involve "wrongful death actions filed against
18 the same parties and arising from the same helicopter accident
19" Under the regular practice of this Court, related cases
20 are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom
21 the first filed action was assigned. Since the actions appear
22 related, action No. 2:09-cv-02901-MCE-GGH is reassigned to Judge
23 Garland E. Burrell, Jr. and to Magistrate Judge Kimberly J. Mueller
24 for all further proceedings, and any dates currently set in the
25 reassigned case are vacated. Henceforth the caption on documents
26 filed in the reassigned case shall show the initials "GEB-KJM"
27 instead of the other judge's initials.

28 Further, a status conference is scheduled in No. 2:09-cv-

1 02901-GEB-KJM before Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr. on March 1, 2010
2 at 9:00 a.m. A joint status report shall be filed no later than
3 fourteen (14) days prior.¹

4 The Clerk of the Court shall make appropriate adjustment
5 in the assignment of civil cases to compensate for this
6 reassignment.

7 Dated: November 17, 2009

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10 GARLAND E. BURRELL, JR.
11 United States District Judge
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25 ¹ The failure of one or more of the parties to participate
26 in the preparation of the Joint Status Report does not excuse the
27 other parties from their obligation to timely file a status report
28 in accordance with this Order. In the event a party fails to
participate as ordered, the party timely submitting the status
report shall include a declaration explaining why it was unable to
obtain the cooperation of the other party or parties.