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they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 83-123, as they involve substantially the same questions of fact and law. Accordingly, the assignment of the matters to the same judge and magistrate judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient for the parties. Under the regular practice of this court, related cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was assigned.

The court hereby orders that:

- 1. The above-captioned cases are RELATED.
- 2. The action denominated CIV. NO. 2:09-cv-1750-JAM-KJM is REASSIGNED to Judge Lawrence K. Karlton and Magistrate Judge John F. Moulds for all further proceedings. Any dates currently set in the reassigned case are hereby VACATED.
- 3. Henceforth, the caption on documents filed in the cases shall be shown as CIV. NO. 2:09-cv-1750-LKK-JFM and CIV. NO. 2:02-325-LKK-JFM, respectively.
- 4. The Clerk of the Court shall make appropriate adjustment in the assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 7, 2009.

LÀWRENCE K. KARLTON

SENIOR JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT