

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

HELEN WHELAN,

Plaintiff,

No. CIV S-09-3606 KJM CKD

VS.

JOHN E. POTTER, POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, and  
DOES 1-20 inclusive,

## Defendants.

HELEN WHELAN,

Plaintiff,

No. CIV S-12-2305 JAM GGH

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JOHN E. POTTER, POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, and  
DOES 1-20 inclusive.

## RELATED CASE ORDER

## Defendants.

23 Examination of the above-captioned actions reveals that they are related within  
24 the meaning of Local Rule 123(a). Here, “both actions involve similar questions of fact and the  
25 same question of law and their assignment to the same Judge or Magistrate Judge is likely to  
26 effect a substantial savings of judicial effort.” Local Rule 123(a)(3). Accordingly, the

1 assignment of these matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial  
2 effort and is likely to be convenient for the parties.

3 The parties should be aware that relating cases under Rule 123 causes the actions  
4 to be assigned to the same judge – it does not consolidate the actions. Under Rule 123, related  
5 cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was  
6 assigned.

7 As a result, it is hereby ORDERED that CIV S-12-2305, is reassigned from Judge  
8 John A. Mendez to the undersigned and from Magistrate Judge Gregory G. Hollows to  
9 Magistrate Judge Carolyn K. Delaney. Henceforth, the caption on documents filed in the  
10 reassigned case shall be shown as CIV S-12-2305 KJM-CKD.

11 It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make appropriate adjustment  
12 in the assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.

13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

14 DATED: January 31, 2013.

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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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