

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

YOLANDA TARR,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.,)
Defendant.)
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2:10-cv-03231-GEB-DAD
STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING)
ORDER

The status (pretrial scheduling) conference scheduled for April 11, 2011, is vacated since the parties' Joint Status Report filed on March 28, 2011 ("JSR") indicates that the following Order should issue.

SERVICE, JOINDER OF ADDITIONAL PARTIES, AMENDMENT

No further service, joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings is permitted, except with leave of Court for good cause shown.

DISCOVERY

All discovery shall be completed by December 5, 2011. In this context, "completed" means that all discovery shall have been conducted so that all depositions have been taken and any disputes relative to discovery shall have been resolved by appropriate orders, if necessary, and, where discovery has been ordered, the order has been complied with

1 or, alternatively, the time allowed for such compliance shall have
2 expired.

3 Each party shall comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
4 26(a)(2)(c)(i)'s initial expert witness disclosure requirements on or
5 before July 8, 2011, and any contradictory and/or rebuttal expert
6 disclosure authorized under Rule 26(a)(2)(c)(ii) on or before August 7,
7 2011.

8 MOTION HEARING SCHEDULE

9 The last hearing date for motions shall be February 21, 2012,
10 at 9:00 a.m.¹

11 Motions shall be filed in accordance with Local Rule 230(b).
12 Opposition papers shall be filed in accordance with Local Rule 230(c).
13 **Failure to comply with this local rule may be deemed consent to the**
14 **motion and the Court may dispose of the motion summarily.** Brydges v.
15 Lewis, 18 F.3d 651, 652-53 (9th Cir. 1994). Further, failure to timely
16 oppose a summary judgment motion may result in the granting of that
17 motion if the movant shifts the burden to the nonmovant to demonstrate
18 a genuine issue of material fact remains for trial. Cf. Marshall v.
19 Gates, 44 F.3d 722 (9th Cir. 1995).

20 The parties are cautioned that an untimely motion
21 characterized as a motion in limine may be summarily denied. A motion
22 in limine addresses the admissibility of evidence.

23 FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

24 The final pretrial conference is set for April 23, 2012, at
25 11:00 a.m. The parties are cautioned that the lead attorney who WILL

27 ¹ This time deadline does not apply to motions for continuances,
28 temporary restraining orders, emergency applications, or motions under
Rule 16(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

1 TRY THE CASE for each party shall attend the final pretrial conference.
2 In addition, all persons representing themselves and appearing in
3 propria persona must attend the pretrial conference.

4 The parties are warned that **non-trial worthy issues could be**
5 **eliminated *sua sponte*** "[i]f the pretrial conference discloses that no
6 material facts are in dispute and that the undisputed facts entitle one
7 of the parties to judgment as a matter of law." Portsmouth Square v.
8 S'holders Protective Comm., 770 F.2d 866, 869 (9th Cir. 1985).

9 The parties shall file a **JOINT** pretrial statement no later
10 than seven (7) calendar days prior to the final pretrial conference.²
11 The joint pretrial statement shall specify the issues for trial,
12 including a description of each theory of liability and affirmative
13 defense, and shall estimate the length of the trial.³ The Court uses the
14 parties' joint pretrial statement to prepare its final pretrial order
15 and could issue the final pretrial order without holding the scheduled
16 final pretrial conference. See Mizwicki v. Helwig, 196 F.3d 828, 833
17 (7th Cir. 1999) ("There is no requirement that the court hold a pretrial
18 conference.").

19 If possible, at the time of filing the joint pretrial
20 statement counsel shall also email it in a format compatible with
21 WordPerfect to: geborders@caed.uscourts.gov.

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23 ² The failure of one or more of the parties to participate in
24 the preparation of any joint document required to be filed in this case
25 does not excuse the other parties from their obligation to timely file
26 the document in accordance with this Order. In the event a party fails
to participate as ordered, the party or parties timely submitting the
document shall include a declaration explaining why they were unable to
obtain the cooperation of the other party.

27 ³ If a trial by jury has been preserved, the joint pretrial
28 statement shall also state how much time each party desires for voir
dire, opening statements, and closing arguments.

TRIAL SETTING

Trial shall commence at 9:00 a.m. on July 31, 2012.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 4, 2011

GARLAND E. BURRELL, JR.
United States District Judge