

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9 GERTRUDE KENNEDY,

10 NO. CIV. S-11-0066 LKK/KJN

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

O R D E R

13 WORLD ALLIANCE FINANCIAL  
14 CORP.; ORANGE COAST TITLE  
15 COMPANY; and DOES 1 through 20,  
16 inclusive of unidentified  
17 representatives of defendant  
18 WORLD ALLIANCE FINANCIAL  
19 CORP., who personally solicited,

20 Defendants.  
21 \_\_\_\_\_/

22 Plaintiff brought this lawsuit in order to, among other  
23 things, rescind a "reverse mortgage" agreement she entered into  
24 with defendant World Alliance Financial Corp, and to obtain relief  
25 from defendant Orange Coast Title Company for its alleged breach  
26 of its fiduciary duty in connection with the reverse mortgage  
agreement.<sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>1</sup> See Kennedy v. World Alliance Financial Corp., 792 F.  
Supp.2d 1103 (E.D. Cal. 2011) (Karlton, J.), dismissing some

1 Both defendants have filed noticed motions to dismiss. Orange  
2 Coast bases its motion on plaintiff's abandonment of her claims,  
3 its assertion that it is a "sham defendant," and its argument that  
4 plaintiff fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted  
5 (ECF No. 29). World Alliance bases its motion on plaintiff's  
6 failure to prosecute her case, and her failure to comply with  
7 discovery orders (ECF Nos. 31 & 32).

8 Plaintiff, who has proceeded pro se since her attorney  
9 withdrew, has not opposed either dismissal motion, nor filed a  
10 Statement of Non-Opposition. It appearing that plaintiff has  
11 indeed abandoned this lawsuit, the court will grant both motions  
12 on the basis of lack of prosecution.

13 Accordingly:

14 1. The hearing on these motions, currently scheduled for  
15 December 3, 2012, is **VACATED**;

16 2. Defendant Orange Coast's motion to dismiss for  
17 abandonment of plaintiff's claims (ECF No. 29), is **GRANTED**; and

18 3. Defendant World Alliance's motion to dismiss for failure  
19 to prosecute (ECF No. 31), is **GRANTED**;


20 4. Plaintiff's complaint is **DISMISSED** in its entirety,  
21 without prejudice, for plaintiff's failure to prosecute, pursuant  
22 to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).

23 \_\_\_\_\_  
24 claims, but permitting the case to proceed against World Alliance  
25 and Orange Coast on plaintiff's claim for breach of fiduciary duty,  
26 and against World Alliance on plaintiff's claim for violation of  
California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §  
17200. Plaintiff did not amend her complaint, and accordingly the  
case proceeded on these claims under the original complaint.

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 27, 2012.

  
LAWRENCE K. KARLTON  
SENIOR JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT