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

SALLY HAFF AND JOHN HAFF,

CIV. S-11-571 JAM GGH

Plaintiffs,

v.

STATUS (Pre-trial
Scheduling) ORDER

GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY,

Defendant.

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After review of the Joint Status Report, the court makes the following order:

SERVICE OF PROCESS

All parties defendant to this lawsuit have been served and no further service will be permitted except with leave of court, good cause having been shown.

JOINDER OF ADDITIONAL PARTIES/AMENDMENTS

No further joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings is permitted except with leave of court, good cause having been shown.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

Jurisdiction and venue are not contested.

FICTITIOUSLY-NAMED DEFENDANTS

This action, including any counterclaims, cross-claims, and third party complaints is hereby DISMISSED as to all DOE or other fictitiously-named defendants.

MOTION HEARINGS SCHEDULES

All dispositive motions shall be filed by **February 22, 2012**. Hearing on such motions shall be on **March 21, 2012** at 9:30 a.m. **The parties are reminded of the notice requirements as outlined in Local Rule 78-230(b) .**

The time deadline for dispositive motions does not apply to motions for continuances, temporary restraining orders or other emergency applications.

All purely legal issues are to be resolved by timely pre-trial motions. The parties are reminded that motions in limine are procedural devices designed to address the admissibility of evidence and are cautioned that the court will look with disfavor upon substantive motions presented at the final pre-trial conference or at trial in the guise of motions in limine. The parties are further cautioned that if any legal issue which should have been tendered to the court by proper pre-trial motion requires resolution by the court after the established law and motion cut-off date, substantial sanctions may be assessed for the failure to file the appropriate pre-trial motion.

1 reasons therefore, so that they will be able to give full and
2 complete testimony at any deposition taken by the opposing
3 parties. Experts will not be permitted to testify at the trial
4 as to any information gathered or evaluated, or opinion formed,
5 after deposition taken subsequent to designation.

6 JOINT MID-LITIGATION STATEMENTS

7 Not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the close of
8 discovery, the parties shall file with the court a brief joint
9 statement summarizing all law and motion practice heard by the
10 court as of the date of the filing of the statement, whether the
11 court has disposed of the motion at the time the statement is
12 filed and served, and the likelihood that any further motions
13 will be noticed prior to the close of law and motion. The filing
14 of this statement shall not relieve the parties or counsel of
15 their obligation to timely notice all appropriate motions as set
16 forth above.

17 FINAL PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

18 The final pre-trial conference is set for **May 2, 2012 at**
19 **4:00 p.m.** In each instance an attorney who will try the case for
20 a given party shall attend the final pretrial conference on
21 behalf of that party; provided, however, that if by reason of
22 illness or other unavoidable circumstance the trial attorney is
23 unable to attend, the attorney who attends in place of the trial
24 attorney shall have equal familiarity with the case and equal
25 authorization to make commitments on behalf of the client. All
26 pro se parties must attend the pre-trial conference.

1 Counsel for all parties and all pro se parties are to be
2 fully prepared for trial at the time of the pre-trial conference,
3 with no matters remaining to be accomplished except production of
4 witnesses for oral testimony. The parties shall file with the
5 court, no later than seven days prior to the final pre-trial
6 conference, a joint pre-trial statement.

7 **Also at the time of filing the Joint Pretrial Statement, counsel**
8 **are requested to e-mail the Joint Pretrial Statement in WPD or**
9 **Word format to Judge Mendez's assistant, Jane Pratt**
10 **at: jpratt@caed.uscourts.gov.**

11 Where the parties are unable to agree as to what legal or
12 factual issues are properly before the court for trial, they
13 should nevertheless list all issues asserted by any of the
14 parties and indicate by appropriate footnotes the disputes
15 concerning such issues. The provisions of Local Rule 16-281
16 shall, however, apply with respect to the matters to be included
17 in the joint pre-trial statement. Failure to comply with Local
18 Rule 16-281, as modified herein, may be grounds for sanctions.

19 The parties are reminded that pursuant to Local Rule
20 16-281(b)(10) and (11) they are required to list in the final
21 pre-trial statement all witnesses and exhibits they propose to
22 offer at trial, no matter for what purpose. These lists shall
23 not be contained in the body of the final pre-trial statement
24 itself, but shall be attached as separate documents so that the
25 court may attach them as an addendum to the final pre-trial
26 order. The final pre-trial order will contain a stringent

1 standard for the offering at trial of witnesses and exhibits not
2 listed in the final pre-trial order, and the parties are
3 cautioned that the standard will be strictly applied. On the
4 other hand, the listing of exhibits or witnesses that a party
5 does not intend to offer will be viewed as an abuse of the
6 court's processes.

7 The parties are also reminded that pursuant to Rule 16,
8 Fed. R. Civ. P., it will be their duty at the final pre-trial
9 conference to aid the court in: (a) formulation and
10 simplification of issues and the elimination of frivolous claims
11 or defenses; (b) settling of facts which should properly be
12 admitted; and (c) the avoidance of unnecessary proof and
13 cumulative evidence. Counsel must cooperatively prepare the
14 joint pre-trial statement and participate in good faith at the
15 final pre-trial conference with these aims in mind. A failure to
16 do so may result in the imposition of sanctions which may include
17 monetary sanctions, orders precluding proof, elimination of
18 claims or defenses, or such other sanctions as the court deems
19 appropriate.

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TRIAL SETTING

Jury trial in this matter is set for **June 11, 2012 at 9:00**
a.m. The parties estimate a trial length of approximately 3 to 5
days.

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SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

No Settlement Conference is currently scheduled. If the parties wish to have a settlement conference, one will be scheduled at the final pretrial conference or at an earlier time upon request of the parties.

OBJECTIONS TO STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING) ORDER

This Status Order will become final without further Order of Court unless objection is lodged within seven (7) days of the date of the filing of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 5, 2011

/s/ John A. Mendez
JOHN A. MENDEZ
United States District Judge