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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WALTER ZELHOFER,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. 2:16-cv-0773 TLN AC PS

ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure (“Rule”) 16 and E.D. Cal. R. (“Local Rule”) 240, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. A Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference is set for March 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in courtroom no. 26 before the undersigned. All parties shall appear by counsel or in person if acting without counsel.
2. Not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Status Conference, the parties shall file status reports addressing the following matters:<sup>1</sup>
  - a. Service of process;
  - b. Possible joinder of additional parties;

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<sup>1</sup> The parties are encouraged, when possible, to file a joint status report.

- 1 c. Any expected or desired amendment of the pleadings;
- 2 d. Jurisdiction and venue;
- 3 e. Anticipated motions and their scheduling;
- 4 f. The report required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26 outlining the proposed
- 5 discovery plan and its scheduling, including disclosure of expert witnesses;
- 6 g. Future proceedings, including setting appropriate cut-off dates for discovery and
- 7 law and motion, and the scheduling of a pretrial conference and trial;
- 8 h. Special procedures, if any;
- 9 i. Estimated trial time;
- 10 j. Modification of standard pretrial procedures specified by the rules due to the
- 11 simplicity or complexity of the proceedings;
- 12 k. Whether the case is related to any other cases, including bankruptcy;
- 13 l. Whether a settlement conference should be scheduled;
- 14 m. Whether counsel will stipulate to the magistrate judge assigned to this matter
- 15 acting as settlement judge and waiving disqualification by virtue of her so acting,
- 16 or whether they prefer to have a settlement conference before another judge;
- 17 n. Any other matters that may add to the just and expeditious disposition of this
- 18 matter.

19 3. Plaintiff and counsel are reminded of their continuing duty to notify chambers  
20 immediately of any settlement or other disposition of the case (see Local Rule 160). In  
21 addition, the parties are cautioned that pursuant to Local Rule 230(c), opposition to the  
22 granting of a motion must be filed fourteen days preceding the noticed hearing date. The  
23 Local Rule further provides that “[n]o party will be entitled to be heard in opposition to a  
24 motion at oral arguments if written opposition to the motion has not been timely filed by  
25 that party.” Moreover, Local Rule 230(i) provides that failure to appear may be deemed  
26 withdrawal of opposition to the motion or may result in sanctions. Finally, Local  
27 Rule 110 provides that failure to comply with the Local Rules “may be grounds for

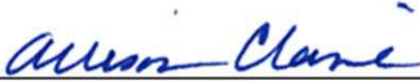
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imposition of any and all sanctions authorized by statute or Rule or within the inherent power of the Court.”

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 30, 2018

  
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ALLISON CLAIRE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE