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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHANELL S. WATKINS,
Plaintiff,
v.
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, et al.,
Defendants.

No. 2:17-cv-02247-MCE-EFB

RELATED CASE ORDER

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE
ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
v.
CHANELL S. WATKINS and DOES I
through X, inclusive,
Defendants.

No. 2:18-cv-00512-KJM-CKD

The Court construes paragraph 4 of the Notice of Removal in Case No. 18-cv-00512 (ECF No. 1) as a Notice of Related Cases.

Examination of the above-entitled civil actions reveals that these actions are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a) (E.D. Cal. 1997). The actions involve many of the same defendants and are based on the same or similar claims, the same

1 property transaction or event, similar questions of fact and the same questions of law,
2 and would therefore entail a substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.
3 Accordingly, the assignment of the matters to the same judge is likely to effect a
4 substantial savings of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient for the parties.

5 The parties should be aware that relating the cases under Local Rule 123 merely
6 has the result that both actions are assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the
7 action is effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related cases are generally
8 assigned to the district judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was
9 assigned.

10 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated 2:18-cv-00512-KJM-
11 CKD, Federal National Mortgage Association v. Chanell S. Watkins, is reassigned to
12 District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. and Magistrate Judge Edmund F. Brennan for all
13 further proceedings, and any dates currently set in this reassigned case only are hereby
14 VACATED. The Clerk of the Court is to issue an Initial Pretrial Scheduling Order. The
15 caption on documents filed in the reassigned case shall be shown as 2:18-cv-00512-
16 MCE-EFB.

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make appropriate
18 adjustment in the assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.

19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: March 14, 2018

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23 MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.
24 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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