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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, a District
of Columbia non-profit corporation, TAMMY RENEE
COOPER, SCARLETT MILES, MARVELENA
QUESADA, ARLENE DOHERTY, ALICE
MARJORIE DONOVAN, BILLIE JEAN KEITH,
GEORGE P. SMITH, and DOROTHY JACKSON on
behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JO ANNE B. BARNHART, Commissioner of the
Social Security Administration, in her official capacity,
and SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendants.

No. C 05-04696 WHA

**REMINDER NOTICE
OF UPCOMING TRIAL
AND FINAL PRETRIAL
CONFERENCE**

This notice serves as a friendly reminder that this case remains set for a **FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE** on **AUGUST 24, 2009**, at **2:00 P.M.**, with a **BENCH TRIAL** on **SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**. Please consult the existing case management order and review and follow all standing guidelines and orders of the undersigned for civil cases on the Court's website at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>. Continuances will rarely be granted.

The final pretrial conference will be an important event, for it will be there that the shape of the upcoming trial will be determined, including *in limine* orders, time limits and exhibit mechanics. Lead trial counsel must attend.

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To avoid any misunderstanding with respect to the final pretrial conference and trial, the Court wishes to emphasize that all filings and appearances must be made — on pain of dismissal, default or other sanction — unless and until a dismissal fully resolving the case is received. It will not be enough to inform the clerk that a settlement in principle has been reached or to lodge a partially executed settlement agreement or to lodge a fully executed agreement (or dismissal) that resolves less than the entire case. Where, however, a fully-executed and unconditional settlement agreement clearly and fully disposing of the entire case is lodged reasonably in advance of the pretrial conference or trial and only a ministerial act remains, the Court will arrange a telephone conference to work out an alternate procedure pending a formal dismissal.

In order to evaluate whether the Court can be of further ADR assistance, please file a joint report within fourteen days of service of this order describing the progress and status of your ADR efforts to date and any further ADR recommendations by the parties.

Dated: June 12, 2009.



WILLIAM ALSUP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE