

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
27
28

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JESSIE JOHNSON, et al.,)	
)	
Plaintiff(s),)	No. C09-3153 JSW (BZ)
)	
v.)	
)	
)	INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER
CITY OF ANTIOCH, et al.,)	
)	
Defendant(s).)	
_____)	

All discovery in this matter has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area, by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent positioning letters; parties shall instead make a contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder or a court reporter.

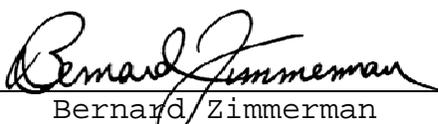
In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the parties must participate in a telephone conference with the Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.

1 The party seeking discovery **shall** request a conference in a
2 letter **filed electronically** not exceeding **two pages** (with no
3 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action
4 and the issues in dispute. Other parties **shall** reply in
5 similar fashion within two days of receiving the letter
6 requesting the conference. The Court will contact the parties
7 to schedule the conference.

8 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is
9 deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically** with the
10 Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly to**
11 **Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688)**. A
12 chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette
13 formatted in WordPerfect or e-mailed to the following address:

14 **bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov**

15 Dated: May 7, 2010

16 
17 _____
18 Bernard Zimmerman
United States Magistrate Judge

19 G:\BZALL\REFS\JOHNSON V. CITY OF ANTIOCH\INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER.wpd