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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ELLEN ANNETE GOLD,

Plaintiff,

v.

MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT,  
INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. [13-cv-02019-WHO](#)

**CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE  
ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(b) and Civil L. R. 16-10, a Case Management Conference will be held in this case before the Honorable William H. Orrick on August 6, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 2, 17th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. This conference shall be attended by lead trial counsel for parties who are represented. Parties who are proceeding without counsel must appear personally.

**1. Case Management Conference Requirements**

- a. Plaintiffs shall serve copies of this Order at once on all parties to this action, and on any parties subsequently joined, in accordance with the provisions of Fed.R.Civ.P. 4 and 5. Following service, plaintiffs shall file a certificate of service with the Clerk of this Court.
- b. Counsel are directed to confer in advance of the Case Management Conference. Not less than seven days before the conference, counsel shall file a joint case management statement in compliance with the Civil Local Rules and the Standing Order for All Judges of the Northern District of California. Failure to file a joint

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statement shall be accompanied by a signed declaration setting forth the grounds for such failure. Failure to show good cause for such failure may subject the parties to sanctions.

- c. Each party shall be represented at the Case Management Conference by counsel prepared to address all of the matters referred to in this Order, and with authority to enter stipulations and make admissions pursuant to this Order.
- d. Any request to reschedule the above date should be made in writing, and by stipulation, if possible, not less than ten days before the conference date. Good cause must be shown.
- e. At the Case Management Conference the parties should be prepared to address and resolve the following: setting the date and the estimated length of the trial; setting the date for discovery cutoff; setting the date to designate experts and other witnesses; and setting the date for the pretrial conference.

**2. Notice to Unrepresented (Pro Se) Parties in Non-Prisoner Cases**

- a. Parties representing themselves should visit the link titled "Representing Yourself" on the Court's homepage, [www.cand.uscourts.gov](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov). The link discusses the Court's "Legal Help Center" for unrepresented parties, run by the Court's Federal Pro Bono Project. The Legal Help Center can be reached at 415-782-9000 ext. 8657 and is located on the 15th Floor, Room 2796, of the courthouse at 450 Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco.
- b. If you are representing yourself and you have not been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP) by the Court, you must comply with the service requirements of Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as set forth below. Failure to follow the procedures may result, under Rule 4(m), in dismissal of your case:

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- (i) It is your responsibility to obtain a valid summons from the clerk and to effect service of the summons and complaint on all defendants in accordance with Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. If you have named the United States government, a federal agency, a federal official or a federal employee as a defendant, you must comply with the special requirements of Rule 4(i).
- (ii) Service may be effected by any person who is not a party and who is at least 18 years of age, which means that you, as a party, may not effect service. If service of the summons and complaint is not made upon a defendant within 120 days after the filing of the complaint, your action will, under Rule 4(m), be dismissed as to that defendant.
- (iii) Within 125 days after the filing of the complaint, you must file proof of service indicating which defendants were served within the 120 days allowed under Rule 4(m) and showing, in accordance with Rule 4(i), how each of those defendants was served (for example, by attaching appropriate certificates of service). You must also show cause why a defendant not served within the 120 days allowed under Rule 4(m) should not be dismissed without prejudice.
- (iv) Failure to do these things within the designated time will result in the dismissal of your case under Rule 4(m) and Rule 41(b).

Dated: July 24, 2013

  
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WILLIAM H. ORRICK  
United States District Judge