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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LAURENCE FAULKES,
Plaintiff,
v.
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. [13-cv-02871-MEJ](#)

**UPDATED CASE MANAGEMENT
ORDER**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16, the Court issues the following Updated Case Management Order. Failure to comply with this Order is cause for sanctions under Rule 16(f). The Case Management Conference is VACATED. All questions should be directed to Rose Maher, Courtroom Deputy, at (415) 522-4708.

SUMMARY OF CASE MANAGEMENT DEADLINES	
Deadline to Amend Pleadings	1/8/2016
Disclosure of Expert Witnesses	1/22/2016
Close of Discovery	1/22/2016
Deadline to File Dispositive Motions	3/3/2016
Hearing on Dispositive Motions	4/7/2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Exchange of Pretrial Disclosures	6/8/2016
Deadline to File Pretrial Conference Statement and Related Disclosures, Motions in Limine, and Trial Briefs and Related Documents	6/23/2016
Deadline to File Motions in Limine Oppositions	6/30/2016
Pretrial Conference	7/14/2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Final Pretrial Conference	8/11/2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Jury Trial	8/22/2016 at 9:30 a.m. (Duration: 5 days)

1 **PRETRIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2 **A. ADR:** The parties were referred to mediation, which did not result in settlement. The
3 parties may request a further mediation at any time, or may instead request a referral to another
4 magistrate judge for a settlement conference.
- 5 **B. Deadline to Amend Pleadings:** January 8, 2016.
- 6 **C. Discovery:** The parties shall abide by the undersigned’s Discovery Standing Order,
7 available at <http://cand.uscourts.gov/mejorders>. All discovery, including depositions of expert
8 witnesses, must be completed by January 22, 2016. Pursuant to Rule 16(b) and Civil Local Rule
9 26-2, a discovery request or stipulation that calls for responses or depositions after the discovery
10 cut-off date is not enforceable except by order of the Court and upon a showing of good cause. No
11 discovery disputes may be brought to the Court’s attention more than seven (7) days after the
12 discovery cut-off date.
- 13 **D. Disclosure of Expert Witnesses:** Any party wishing to present expert witness testimony
14 shall serve on all other parties the expert’s name, address, qualifications, resume, and a written
15 report in compliance with Rule 26(a)(2)(B) by January 22, 2016. This disclosure must be made
16 with respect to a person who is either: (a) specifically retained or specially employed to provide
17 expert testimony pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 702; or (b) a regular employee or agent or
18 treating physician who may be called to provide expert opinion testimony. All parties have a
19 continuing duty to supplement the disclosure of expert witnesses when required under Rule
20 26(e)(1).
- 21 **E. Disclosure of Rebuttal Expert Witnesses:** Any expert testimony intended solely to
22 contradict or rebut another party’s opinion testimony shall be disclosed in compliance with Rule
23 26(a)(2)(B) by February 2, 2016.
- 24 **F. Limitation on Testimony by Expert Witnesses:** Each party is limited to one expert
25 witness in each discipline involved in the case, except by order of the Court. To ensure that all
26 factual material (including tests and/or reports) upon which expert opinion may be based is timely
27 disclosed, an expert witness shall be precluded from testifying about any actions or opinions not
28 disclosed prior to the expert’s deposition, unless the parties enter into a written stipulation

1 otherwise. Any party objecting to the admissibility of expert testimony must file a motion in
2 limine to exclude the testimony by the deadline set forth below.

3 **G. Pretrial Motions:** All pretrial motions shall be filed in accordance with Civil Local Rule 7
4 and noticed for hearing on any available Thursday at 10:00 a.m., without contacting the Court.
5 All dispositive motions shall be filed, served, and noticed by March 03, 2016. The Court shall
6 hear dispositive motions on April 07, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom B, located on the 15th
7 Floor of the Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

8 All summary judgment motions shall comply with the following requirements for
9 statements of facts:

10 (1) Separate Statement of Facts: Any party filing a motion for
11 summary judgment must file a statement, separate from the motion
12 and memorandum of law, setting forth each material fact on which
13 the party relies in support of the motion. Each material fact in the
14 separate statement must be set forth in a separately numbered
15 paragraph and must refer to a specific admissible portion of the
16 record where the fact finds support (for example, affidavit,
17 deposition, discovery response, etc.). A failure to submit a separate
18 statement of facts in this form may constitute grounds for denial of
19 the motion.

20 (2) Controverting Statement of Facts: Any party opposing a motion
21 for summary judgment must file a statement, separate from that
22 party's memorandum of law, setting forth: (a) for each paragraph of
23 the moving party's separate statement of facts, a correspondingly
24 numbered paragraph indicating whether the party disputes the
25 statement of fact set forth in that paragraph and a reference to the
26 specific admissible portion of the record supporting the party's
27 position if the fact is disputed; and (b) any additional facts that
28 establish a genuine issue of material fact or otherwise preclude
judgment in favor of the moving party. Each additional fact must be
set forth in a separately numbered paragraph and must refer to a
specific admissible portion of the record where the fact finds
support.

(3) Reply Statement of Facts: If the party opposing summary
judgment sets forth additional facts, the moving party shall file a
statement, separate from the reply brief, with correspondingly
numbered paragraphs indicating whether the party admits or
disputes the statement of fact set forth in that paragraph and, if
disputed, a reference to the specific admissible portion of the record
supporting the party's position. Facts that are not already included
in the motion and/or opposition are not permitted.

(4) Alternative Procedure: As an alternative to filing a statement of
facts and controverting statement of facts, the movant and the party
opposing the motion may jointly file a stipulation signed by the

1 parties setting forth a statement of the stipulated facts and the
2 following statement: "The parties agree there is no genuine issue of
3 any material fact." As to any stipulated facts, the parties so
stipulating may state that their stipulations are entered into only for
the purpose of the motion for summary judgment and are not
intended to be otherwise binding.

4 **H. Exchange and Filing of Pretrial Disclosures:** By June 08, 2016, lead counsel who will
5 try the case shall meet and confer with respect to the preparation and content of the joint pretrial
6 conference statement and shall exchange the papers described in Rule 26(a)(3). These papers
7 must be filed with the Court by June 23, 2016.

8 **I. Joint Pretrial Conference Statement:** By June 23, 2016, the parties shall file a joint
9 pretrial conference statement with the following information:

10 (1) Substance of the Action: A brief description of the substance of
11 claims and defenses which remain to be decided.

12 (2) Relief Prayed: A detailed statement of all the relief claimed,
13 particularly itemizing all elements of damages claimed as well as
witnesses, documents or other evidentiary material to be presented
concerning the amount of damages.

14 (3) Undisputed Facts: A plain and concise statement of all relevant
15 facts not reasonably disputable, as well as which facts parties will
stipulate for incorporation into the trial record without the necessity
of supporting testimony or exhibits.

16 (4) Disputed Factual Issues: A plain and concise statement of all
17 disputed factual issues which remain to be decided.

18 (5) Disputed Legal Issues: Without extended legal argument, a
19 concise statement of each disputed point of law concerning liability
or relief, citing supporting statutes and decisions.

20 (6) Agreed Statement: A statement assessing whether all or part of
21 the action may be presented upon an agreed statement of facts.

22 (7) Stipulations: A statement of stipulations requested or proposed
for pretrial or trial purposes.

23 (8) Amendments or Dismissals: A statement of requested or
24 proposed amendments to pleadings or dismissals of parties, claims,
or defenses.

25 (9) Estimated Time of Trial: An estimate of the number of hours
26 needed for the presentation of each party's case.

27 (10) Bifurcation or Separate Trial of Issues: A statement of whether
28 bifurcation or a separate trial of specific issues is feasible and
desired.

1 (11) Settlement: A statement summarizing the status of the parties'
2 settlement negotiations and indicating whether further negotiations
are likely to be productive.

3 **J. Witness list**: A witness list shall be provided as an appendix to the joint pretrial conference
4 statement. The following information should be included. For each party, a list of all witnesses to
5 be called for trial, including those appearing by deposition. For each witness, a statement of the
6 substance of his or her testimony and an estimate regarding the length of testimony (including
7 direct and cross-examination).

8 If the witness is an expert witness, the statement should clearly state the expert's theories
9 and conclusions and the bases therefor, which shall also specify to which disputed fact the
10 testimony relates, and an estimate of the time required for direct and cross examination. In
11 addition, the expert's curriculum vitae and report (if any) should be attached. If there are
12 objections to a live witness's testimony, whether in whole or in part, that objection should be
13 raised through a motion in limine.

14 No party shall be permitted to offer any witness that is not disclosed in its witness list,
15 except with leave of the Court for good cause shown.

16 **K. Exhibit list**: A joint list of all exhibits to be offered at trial shall be provided as an
17 appendix to the joint pretrial conference statement. Plaintiff(s) shall mark the exhibits
18 numerically; Defendant(s) shall mark the exhibits alphabetically. The list shall state each
19 proposed exhibit by its number or alphabetical letter, description and sponsoring witness. All
20 documents shall be authenticated prior to trial. The list shall include a joint exhibit list in tabular
21 form, with (a) a column that briefly describes the exhibit; (b) a column that describes for what
22 purpose the party will offer the exhibit and identifies its sponsoring witness; (c) a column that
23 states any objections to the exhibit; (d) a column that briefly responds to the objections; and (e) a
24 blank column for the Court's use. Before this list is filed, the parties shall meet and confer, in
25 person, to consider eliminating duplicate exhibits, and to make a good faith effort to stipulate to
26 admissibility. No party shall be permitted to offer any exhibit that is not disclosed in its exhibit
27 list

28 **L. Use of Discovery Responses**: Excerpts of interrogatory responses, responses to requests

1 for admission, and deposition testimony (with specific line references identified) that each party
2 intends to present at trial shall be included as an appendix to the joint pretrial conference
3 statement. If there are objections to the use of written responses, the parties should include a joint
4 memorandum that briefly states the objecting party's objection and the opposing party's response.
5 If there is an objection to the general subject matter of a deponent's testimony, the objection
6 should be made through a motion in limine. The Court expects the parties to meet and confer in
7 good faith in an attempt to resolve specific objections before any statements are filed.

8 **M. Motions in limine:** The parties are directed to meet and confer in person to resolve any
9 evidentiary disputes prior to filing motions in limine. Any motions in limine shall be filed by June
10 23, 2016, with oppositions due by June 30, 2016. Each motion in limine should address a single
11 topic and contain no more than seven pages of briefing per side. Reply briefs are not permitted.

12 **N. Trial Briefs:** Each party shall file a trial brief, not to exceed 15 pages absent Court order,
13 by June 23, 2016. The trial briefs shall: (1) summarize the party's theory of the case; (2) identify
14 key evidence; and (3) provide the applicable legal standard, pursuant to Ninth Circuit authority,
15 for all controlling issues of law, including foreseeable procedural and evidentiary issues.

16 **O. Voir Dire:** In a jury trial, the parties shall file a joint set of requested voir dire to be posed
17 by the Court, as well as any separate questions upon which counsel cannot agree, by June 23,
18 2016. These shall also be submitted to the Court on a portable storage device (such as a USB
19 thumb drive) in Microsoft Word format. Any question on which the parties cannot agree shall be
20 marked as "disputed" and included within the joint set. Counsel will be allowed brief follow-up
21 voir dire after the Court's questioning.

22 **P. Jury Instructions:** In a jury trial, the parties shall file a joint set of proposed jury
23 instructions by June 23, 2016. These shall also be submitted to the Court on a portable storage
24 device in Microsoft Word format. Jury instructions should conform to the Manual of Model Civil
25 Jury Instructions for the Ninth Circuit. The instructions shall be ordered in a logical sequence,
26 together with a table of contents. Any instruction on which the parties cannot agree shall be
27 marked as "disputed" and included within the jointly submitted instructions, in the place where the
28 party proposing the instruction believes it should be given. Argument for and against each

1 disputed instruction shall be included on a separate page directly following the disputed
2 instruction. At the close of Defendant’s case in chief the Court shall hear oral argument on the
3 disputed jury instructions and will then render its rulings.

4 **Q. Proposed Verdict Forms:** In a jury trial, the parties shall file a joint proposed verdict form
5 by June 23, 2016. If the parties are unable to stipulate to a verdict form, then each party or side
6 shall submit a proposed verdict form. The parties shall also submit the forms to the Court on a
7 portable storage device.

8 **R. Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:** In a bench trial, each party shall
9 file proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law by June 23, 2016. The parties shall also
10 submit the proposed findings to the Court on a portable storage device.

11 **S. Pretrial Conferences:** The Court shall hold an initial pretrial conference on July 14, 2016
12 at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom B, 15th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.
13 Lead counsel who will try the case must attend the pretrial conference. The purpose of the pretrial
14 conference is for the Court to rule on any issues raised in the pretrial conference statement,
15 motions in limine, and to discuss the trial of the case. The Court shall hold a final pretrial
16 conference on August 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom B, to address any outstanding trial
17 issues.

18 **T. Trial:** The Court shall conduct a jury trial in this matter. The trial shall commence on
19 August 22, 2016 (Trial schedule: Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), and last 5 days.
20 In a jury trial, jury selection begins at 9:30 a.m. on the first day of trial.

21 For any documents that will be shown to a witness but not admitted into evidence, counsel
22 shall bring the original plus three copies of the documents. The original document will be handed
23 to the Court during testimony and the copies will be given to the witness and opposing counsel
24 during examination.

25 The parties shall maintain their own exhibits during trial. Plaintiff(s) shall mark the
26 exhibits numerically; Defendant(s) shall mark the exhibits alphabetically. Exhibits must be
27 premarked with tags attached to the upper left-hand corner. Sample tags may be obtained from the
28 Courtroom Deputy and are attached hereto. If a photo or chart is being used as an exhibit, the

1 exhibit tag should be placed on the back side of the exhibit. The Court will only admit pre-marked
2 exhibits which were listed on the earlier filed exhibit list. On the day of trial, counsel shall bring
3 the original pre-marked exhibits plus two copies, one for opposing counsel and one (in binders
4 with appropriate label dividers) for the Court. The exhibit binders are to be given to the
5 Courtroom Deputy on the morning of the trial.

6 **U. Transcripts and Courtroom Technology:**

7 1) Any party requesting a daily transcript and/or real time reporting shall contact
8 Debra Campbell, Supervisor Court Reporting Services, at (415) 522-2079, at least 14 days in
9 advance of the trial date.

10 2) All parties are instructed to review the information regarding the use of courtroom
11 technology and electronic evidence presentation, which is provided on the Court's web site at
12 <http://cand.uscourts.gov/courtroomtech>, and to prepare accordingly. Questions and/or requests to
13 pre-test equipment should be sent to the courtroom deputy.

14 If any party will utilize their own video recording equipment or demonstrative devices, a
15 signed order will need to be obtained at least 14 days in advance of the trial or hearing date for the
16 items to clear security.

17 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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19 Dated: December 16, 2015

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22 MARIA-ELENA JAMES
23 United States Magistrate Judge
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