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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

YUHONG YAO, as Heir, and on behalf of  
all Heirs and the Estate of Xiulan Zhang,  
Deceased,

No. C 14-03561 WHA

Plaintiff,

v.

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and  
BIN YAO,

Defendants.

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This notice serves as a friendly reminder that this case remains set for a **FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE** on **JANUARY 6, 2016**, at **2:00 P.M.**, with a **BENCH TRIAL** on **JANUARY 16, 2016**. 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.

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


1 received. It will not be enough to inform the clerk that a settlement in principle has been  
2 reached or to lodge a partially executed settlement agreement or to lodge a fully executed  
3 agreement (or dismissal) that resolves less than the entire case. Where, however, a  
4 fully-executed and unconditional settlement agreement clearly and fully disposing of the entire  
5 case is lodged reasonably in advance of the pretrial conference or trial and only a ministerial  
6 act remains, the Court will arrange a status conference to work out an alternate procedure  
7 pending a formal dismissal.

8 Please state whether the Court can be of further ADR assistance (but avoid stating  
9 offers, counteroffers or dollar amounts).

10 The Court strongly encourages attorneys with fewer than four years of experience to  
11 take witnesses and to be an important part of the trial so as to train the next generation of trial  
12 lawyers.

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Dated: October 26, 2015.

  
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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE