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28UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DON LAU,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERCEDES-BENZ USA LLC,

Defendant.

No. C-11-01940 DMR

**CASE MANAGEMENT AND PRETRIAL
ORDER FOR JURY TRIAL**

This case was reassigned to the undersigned for all further proceedings on November 14, 2013. [Docket No. 100.] The court is aware that the parties have already submitted a number of pretrial filings pursuant to Judge James's Case Management Order. Therefore, the parties shall comply with the court's order regarding pretrial filings (*see* Section 2, Pretrial Conference, *infra*) but need not resubmit the following items as they are duplicative of the parties' previous submissions: sections 2(c)(1)(a); 2(c)(1)(b); 2(c)(1)(d)(i) and (ii); 2(c)(1)(e)(i); and 2(c)(2).

1. TRIAL DATE

a. Jury trial will begin on **February 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** at the U.S. District Court, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, California. For courtroom number and floor information, please check the Court's on-line calendar at www.cand.uscourts.gov one week prior to trial, or call Ivy Garcia (Judge Ryu's Courtroom Deputy) at (510) 637-3639. Attorneys shall arrive at the courthouse by 8:30 a.m.

1 b. The length of the trial will be not more than 5 days. The Court may shorten the
2 allotted time as it deems appropriate, and may also allocate a fixed number of hours for each side.
3 Court hours for trial normally are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., subject to the Court’s availability.

4 2. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

5 a. A pretrial conference shall be held on **January 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Lead counsel**
6 **who will try the case (or the party if *pro se*) must attend.** The timing of disclosures required by
7 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3) and other pretrial disclosures shall be governed by this
8 order.

9 b. **By December 23, 2013, thirty (30) days** prior to the date of the pretrial conference,
10 lead counsel shall meet and confer regarding:

- 11 (1) Preparation and content of the joint pretrial conference statement;
- 12 (2) Preparation and exchange of pretrial materials to be served and lodged
- 13 pursuant to paragraph 5(c) below; and
- 14 (3) Settlement of the action.

15 c. **By January 2, 2014, twenty (20) days** prior to the pretrial conference, counsel
16 and/or parties shall:

- 17 (1) Serve and file a joint pretrial statement that includes the pretrial disclosures
- 18 required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3) as well as the following
- 19 supplemental information:

- 20 (a) *The Action.*
 - 21 (i) Substance of the Action. A brief description of the substance
 - 22 of claims and defenses which remain to be decided.
 - 23 (ii) Relief Prayed. A detailed statement of all the relief claims,
 - 24 particularly itemizing all elements of damages claimed as well
 - 25 as witnesses, documents or other evidentiary material to be
 - 26 presented concerning the amount of those damages.

- 27 (b) *The Factual Basis of the Action.*

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- (i) Undisputed Facts. A plain and concise statement of all relevant 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.
 - (ii) Disputed Factual Issues. A plain and concise statement of all disputed factual issues which remain to be decided.
 - (iii) Agreed Statement. A statement assessing whether all or part of the action may be presented upon an agreed statement of facts.
 - (iv) Stipulations. A statement of stipulations requested or proposed for pretrial or trial purposes.
- (c) *Disputed Legal Issues.*
- Without extended legal argument, a concise statement of each disputed point of law concerning liability or relief, citing supporting statutes and decisions.
- (d) *Trial Preparation.*
- (i) Witnesses to Be Called. With regard to witnesses disclosed pursuant to Federal Civil Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3)(A), a brief statement describing the substance of the testimony to be given.
 - (ii) Estimate of Trial Time. An estimate of the number of hours needed for the presentation of each party’s case, indicating possible reductions in time through proposed stipulations, agreed statements of facts, or expedited means of presenting testimony and exhibits.
 - (iii) Use of Discovery Responses. Designate excerpts from discovery that the parties intend to present at trial, other than solely for impeachment or rebuttal, from depositions specifying the witness page and line references, from

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interrogatory answers, or from responses to requests for admission.

(e) *Trial Alternatives and Options.*

(i) Settlement Discussion. A statement summarizing the status of settlement negotiations and indicating whether further negotiations are likely to be productive.

(ii) Amendments, Dismissals. A statement of requested or proposed amendments to pleadings or dismissals of parties, claims or defenses.

(f) *Miscellaneous.*

Any other subjects relevant to the trial of the action or material to its just, speedy and inexpensive determination.

- (2) Serve and file trial briefs, motions in limine (including any motion regarding the qualifications or testimony or any expert witness), proposed voir dire questions, jury instructions, verdict forms and excerpts from discovery that will be offered at trial (include a copy of the deposition testimony or admission). The parties shall submit proposed jury instructions **jointly**. If there are any instructions on which the parties cannot agree, those instructions may be submitted separately. The parties shall submit a **jointly prepared** proposed form of verdict, or, if the parties cannot agree, their respective proposals;
- (3) Serve and file an exhibit setting forth the qualifications and experience for each expert witness;
- (4) Serve and file a list of each party's exhibits by number (plaintiff) or letter (defendant), including a brief statement describing the substance and purpose of each exhibit and the name of the sponsoring witness;
- (5) Exchange exhibits which shall be premarked (plaintiff shall use numbers; defendant shall use letters) and tabbed; and

1 (6) Deliver two sets of all premarked exhibits to chambers (exhibits are not to be
2 filed).

3 No party shall be permitted to call any witness or offer any exhibit in its case in chief that is
4 not disclosed in its pretrial statement without leave of the Court and for good cause.

5 d. **By January 13, 2014, ten (10) days** prior to the pretrial conference, after meeting
6 and conferring in a good faith attempt to resolve any objections, counsel and/or parties shall serve
7 and file: (1) any objections to exhibits or to use of deposition excerpts or other discovery; (2) any
8 objections to witnesses, including the qualifications of an expert witness; (3) any objection to
9 proposed voir dire questions, jury instructions and verdict forms that the parties have been unable in
10 good faith to resolve; (4) any opposition to a motion in limine. No replies shall be filed.

11 e. All motions in limine and objections shall be heard at the pretrial conference.

12 3. JURY TRIAL

13 a. The attached voir dire questionnaire (or similar) shall be given or presented to the
14 venire members to be answered orally in Court. Counsel shall submit an agreed upon set of
15 additional voir dire questions to be posed by the Court. Any voir dire questions on which counsel
16 cannot agree may be submitted separately. Counsel shall be allowed brief follow-up voir dire after
17 the Court's questioning.

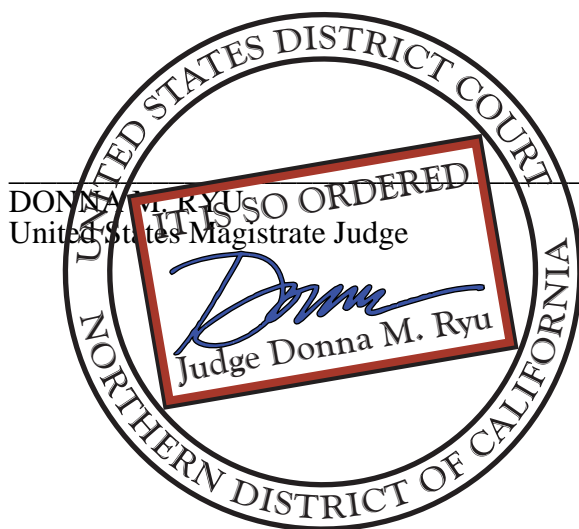
18 b. The following jury instructions from the Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury
19 Instructions (available on the Ninth Circuit website at www.ce9.uscourts.gov) shall be given absent
20 objection: 1.1-1.2, 1.6-1.14, 1.18, 2.11, 3.1-3.3. Counsel shall submit jointly an agreed upon set of
21 case specific instructions, using the Ninth Circuit Manual where appropriate. Do not submit
22 duplicates of those listed above. Any instructions on which counsel cannot agree may be submitted
23 separately. Each requested instruction shall be typed in full on a separate page with citations to the
24 authority upon which it is based and a reference to the party submitting it. A second blind copy of
25 each instruction and verdict form shall also be submitted omitting the citation to authority and the
26 reference to the submitting party.

27 4. All documents filed with the Clerk of the Court shall list the civil case number followed by
28 the initials "DMR". One copy shall be clearly marked as a chambers copy. Chambers' copies shall

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be three-hole punched at the left side, suitable for insertion into standard binders. In addition, Counsel shall email copies of all proposed jury instructions, motions in limine, forms of verdict and trial briefs in a standard word processing format (and not .pdf format) to dmrpo@cand.uscourts.gov.

Dated: December 2, 2013



JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

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