

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SCOTT BOWMAN

No. C-12-03832-DMR

Plaintiff(s),

v.

**ORDER SETTING CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AND
STANDING ORDER FOR MAGISTRATE
JUDGE DONNA M. RYU
[Reassigned Case]**

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A.,

Defendant(s).

INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The above-entitled matter having been reassigned to the Honorable Donna M. Ryu for trial and all further proceedings,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 16 and Civil L.R.16-10, that a Case Management Conference shall be held in this case before the Honorable Donna M. Ryu on **November 28, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.**, in Courtroom 4, 3rd Floor, U.S. District Court, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, California.

No later than November 21, 2012, the parties shall file a Joint Case Management Statement in conformance with Judge Ryu's attached Standing Order.

1 5. Pursuant to Civil L.R. 5-1(e)(7) and 5-2(b), parties must lodge an extra paper copy of certain
2 filings and mark it as a copy for “Chambers.” Please three-hole punch the chambers copy and
3 submit it to the Oakland Clerk’s Office.

4 6. Any stipulation or proposed order submitted by an e-filing party shall be submitted by email
5 to dmrpo@cand.uscourts.gov as a word processing attachment on the same day the document is e-
6 filed. This address should only be used for this stated purpose unless otherwise directed by the
7 court.

8 **CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT**

9 7. No later than seven days before the initial case management or status conference, the parties
10 shall file a Joint Case Management Statement in full compliance with the Court's Standing Order for
11 All Judges of the Northern District of California governing “Contents of Joint Case Management
12 Statement,” available on the Court’s website.

13 8. Parties may not stipulate to continue a case management or pretrial conference without court
14 approval. Each party shall be represented **in person** at the Case Management Conference by lead
15 trial counsel (or a party if *in pro se*), who shall be (1) prepared to address all of the matters referred
16 to in the Northern District of California’s standing order on Joint Case Management Statements; and
17 (2) have full authority to enter stipulations and make admissions pursuant to that order. Permission
18 for a party to attend by telephone may be granted, in the court's discretion, upon written request
19 made at least one week in advance of the hearing if the court determines that good cause exists to
20 excuse personal attendance, and that personal attendance is not needed in order to have an effective
21 conference. The facts establishing good cause must be set forth in the request.

22 9. All case management conferences are audio recorded. They are not reported by a court
23 reporter unless counsel requests a court reporter in advance.

24 **CIVIL DISCOVERY**

25 **Discovery Disputes**

26 10. In order to respond to discovery disputes in a flexible, cost-effective and efficient manner,
27 the court uses the following procedure. The parties shall not file formal discovery motions. Instead,
28 as required by the federal and local rules, the parties shall first meet and confer to try to resolve their

1 disagreements. The meet and confer session must be *in person or by telephone*, and may not be
2 conducted by letter, e-mail, or fax. If disagreements remain, the parties shall file a joint letter no
3 later than five business days after the meet and confer session, unless otherwise directed by the
4 court. **Lead trial counsel for both parties must sign the letter**, which shall include an attestation
5 that the parties met and conferred in person or by telephone regarding all issues prior to filing the
6 letter. Going issue-by-issue, the joint letter shall describe each unresolved issue, summarize each
7 party's position with appropriate legal authority; and provide each party's final proposed
8 compromise before moving to the next issue. The joint letter shall not exceed ten pages without
9 leave of court. **Parties are expected to plan for and cooperate in preparing the joint letter so**
10 **that each side has adequate time to address the arguments.** In the rare instance that a joint letter
11 is not possible, each side may submit a letter not to exceed four pages, which shall include an
12 explanation of why a joint letter was not possible. The parties shall submit one exhibit to the letter
13 that only sets forth each disputed discovery request in full, followed immediately by the objections
14 and/or responses thereto. No other information shall be included in any such exhibit. No other
15 exhibits shall be submitted without prior approval by the court. The court will review the
16 submission(s) and determine whether formal briefing or proceedings are necessary. **Discovery**
17 **letter briefs must be e-filed under the Civil Events category of Motions and Related Filings >**
18 **Motions - General > "Discovery Letter Brief".**

19 11. In the event that a discovery hearing is ordered, the court has found that it is often efficient
20 and beneficial for counsel to appear *in person*. This provides the opportunity, where appropriate, to
21 engage counsel in resolving aspects of the discovery dispute while remaining available to rule on
22 any disputes that counsel are not able to resolve. For this reason, the court expects counsel to appear
23 in person. Permission for a party to attend by telephone may be granted, in the court's discretion,
24 upon written request made at least one week in advance of the hearing if the court determines that
25 good cause exists to excuse personal attendance, and that personal attendance is not needed in order
26 to have an effective discovery hearing. The facts establishing good cause must be set forth in the
27 request.

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1 12. In emergencies during discovery events (such as depositions), any party may, after exhausting
2 good faith attempts to resolve disputed issues, seek judicial intervention pursuant to Civil L.R. 37-
3 1(b) by contacting the court through the courtroom deputy. If the court is unavailable, the discovery
4 event shall proceed with objections noted for the record.

5 **Privilege Logs**

6 13. If a party withholds information that is responsive to a discovery request by claiming that it is
7 privileged or otherwise protected from discovery, that party shall *promptly* prepare and provide a
8 privilege log that is sufficiently detailed and informative for the opposing party to assess whether a
9 document's designation as privileged is justified. *See* Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(b)(5). The privilege log shall
10 set forth the privilege relied upon and specify separately for each document or for each category of
11 similarly situated documents:

- 12 (a) the title and description of the document, including number of pages or Bates-number
- 13 range;
- 14 (b) the subject matter addressed in the document;
- 15 (c) the identity and position of its author(s);
- 16 (d) the identity and position of all addressees and recipients;
- 17 (e) the date the document was prepared and, if different, the date(s) on which it was sent to or
- 18 shared with persons other than its author(s); and
- 19 (f) the specific basis for the claim that the document is privileged or protected.

20 Communications involving trial counsel that post-date the filing of the complaint need not be placed
21 on a privilege log. Failure to furnish this information promptly may be deemed a waiver of the
22 privilege or protection.

23 **SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

24 14. Motions for summary judgment shall be accompanied by a joint statement of the material
25 facts not in dispute by citations to admissible evidence. If the parties are unable to reach complete
26 agreement after meeting and conferring, they shall file a joint statement of the undisputed facts about
27 which they do agree. Separate statements of undisputed facts shall not be filed and will not be
28 considered by the court.

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UNREPRESENTED (PRO SE) PARTIES

15. Parties representing themselves should visit the Quick Link titled “If You Don’t Have a Lawyer” on the Court’s homepage, www.cand.uscourts.gov. The link discusses the Court’s “Legal Help Center” for unrepresented parties which is located on the 15th floor, room 2796, of the United States Courthouse, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



DONNA M. RYU
United States Magistrate Judge