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United States District Court  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JANE ROE,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
FRITO-LAY, INC.,  
Defendant.

Case No.14-cv-00751-HSG

**ORDER DENYING ADMINISTRATIVE  
MOTION TO RELATE CASES**

Re: Dkt. No. 127

Before the Court is an administrative motion to consider whether Chism v. PepsiCo, Inc., Frito-Lay, Inc., and First Advantage Background Services Corp., no. 3:17-cv-00152 (the “Chism Matter”), also filed in this District, is related to the above-captioned case. The time to file an opposition has passed.

Civil Local Rule 3-12(a) provides that an action is related to another when (1) “[t]he actions concern substantially the same parties, property, transaction, or event” and (2) “[i]t appears likely that there will be an undue burdensome duplication of labor and expense or conflicting results if the cases are conducted before different Judges.”


The Court finds that the Chism Matter is not related to this case within the meaning of Civil Local Rule 3-12. In particular, the Court sees little possibility of “unduly burdensome duplication of labor and expense or conflicting results” if the Chism Matter is conducted before Judge Chhabria. The Court granted final approval of the class action settlement and entered judgment in this case on April 7, 2017. See Dkt. Nos. 125, 126. The only substantive orders the Court issued were for preliminary and final settlement approval; the case is now closed. Given the procedural posture of this case, the Court concludes that relating the Chism Matter to this case is not necessary to avoid duplicative labor or conflicting results.

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Accordingly, Defendant Frito-Lay, Inc.'s administrative motion to relate the cases is DENIED.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 4/20/2017

  
HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR.  
United States District Judge