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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES  
INSURANCE COMPANY, INC. a  
Florida Corporation,  
  
Plaintiff,

v.

KINSALE INSURANCE COMPANY, an  
Arkansas Corporation; and DOES 1  
through 10, inclusive ,  
  
Defendants.

Case No.: 3:24-cv-01722-JLS-VET

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT  
MOTION TO CONTINUE EARLY  
NEUTRAL EVALUATION AND  
CASE MANAGEMENT  
CONFERENCE**

**[Doc. No. 11]**

Before the Court is the parties’ Stipulation and Request to Continue Early Neutral Evaluation Conference and Case Management Conference (“Joint Motion”)<sup>1</sup>. Doc. No. 11. Therein, the parties request to continue by forty-five (45) days the Early Neutral Evaluation and Case Management Conference (“ENE/CMC”), currently set for February 5, 2024. Defense counsel has a trial set in January and the parties seek a continuance to ensure counsel has sufficient time to prepare for the ENE. *Id.* at 2. The parties filed the Joint Motion on December 16, 2024, fourteen (14) days after the Court issued the Notice and Order setting the ENE/CMC. *See* Doc. No. 10.

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<sup>1</sup> The parties filed the Stipulation and Request as a “Joint Motion” in the CM/ECF system in accordance with Local Civ. R. 7.2.b.

1 Any request to continue the ENE based on pre-existing conflicts was due within ten  
2 days of the Court setting the ENE/CMC, *i.e.*, December 12, 2024. *See id.* at 6. The parties  
3 do not specify when defense counsel became aware of the January trial date or why they  
4 could not otherwise comply with the ten-day deadline. Setting aside this oversight, the  
5 Court agrees that a continuance is appropriate so Defendant can adequately prepare for the  
6 ENE. Therefore, based on a review of the Joint Motion and the record, and good cause  
7 appearing, the Court **GRANTS** the Joint Motion. The Court **ORDERS** the following:

8 1. The dates and deadlines set forth in the Court’s Notice and Order Setting the  
9 ENE/CMC, dated December 2, 2024, are hereby **VACATED**. *See* Doc. No. 10.

10 2. Counsel and party representatives must appear for an Early Neutral  
11 Evaluation Conference (“ENE”) on **March 12, 2025** at **9:30 a.m.** before Magistrate Judge  
12 Valerie E. Torres.

13 3. No later than **March 5, 2025**, each party must *lodge a confidential ENE*  
14 *Statement* by e-mail to the Court at [efile\\_torres@casd.uscourts.gov](mailto:efile_torres@casd.uscourts.gov).

15 4. Counsel must meet and confer pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) no later than  
16 **February 19, 2025**.

17 5. Initial disclosures, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A-D), must occur on  
18 or before **March 5, 2025**.

19 6. A Joint Discovery Plan must be filed on the CM/ECF system no later than  
20 **March 5, 2025**.

21 7. All other requirements and guidance set forth in the Court’s Notice and Order  
22 Setting the ENE/CMC, dated December 2, 2024, remain in effect. *See* Doc. No. 10.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

24 Dated: January 3, 2025



25 Hon. Valerie E. Torres  
26 United States Magistrate Judge