

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 09-cv-02087-KLM

SAMMIE LEE DENSON, JR.

Plaintiff,

v.

MAJOR L. MAIFELD, and  
JOHN DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

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**CIVIL TRIAL PROCEDURES ORDER**  
(effective August 15, 2012)

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Pursuant to the **Joint Consent to the Exercise of Jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge** [Docket No. 109], the case has been reassigned to this Court. [#111] The following procedures and orders supplement the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the local rules of this court. In order to fairly and efficiently try the merits of each case, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

**I. Trial Preparation Conference (“TPC”)**

The TPC will be held on **April 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.** in Courtroom C204, Second Floor, Byron Rogers U.S. Courthouse, 1929 Stout St., Denver, Colorado. Trial counsel must attend in person or by telephone. Permission to attend by telephone must be sought by filing a written motion no later than 14 days before the TPC.

**II. Pretrial Deadlines**

**1. Exchange of exhibit and witness lists.** The parties shall exchange exhibit and witness lists fourteen (14) days before the TPC. Exhibit lists shall identify all exhibits by Date-numbers. Witness lists shall identify “will call” witnesses and “may call” witnesses.

**2. Objections to exhibits and witnesses.** The parties shall file all objections to exhibits and witnesses three (3) days before the TPC.

**3. Trial briefs.** The parties *may* file Trial Briefs ten (10) days before trial.

**4. Motions in limine.** Motions in limine are discouraged. Instead, the parties may flag evidentiary issues in their trial briefs. Motions to exclude expert testimony may not be filed at this stage of the case without leave of court.

**5. Proposed jury instructions.** The parties shall file proposed jury instructions ten (10) days before trial. Proposed jury instructions shall be in WordPerfect or Word format and include citations of relevant authority in footnotes.

**6. Special accommodations.** Counsel shall notify my courtroom deputy of any need for special accommodations for any attorney, party or witness, and any need for technological equipment for videoconferencing or electronic presentation of evidence no later than thirty (30) days before trial.

**7. Settlement.** Pursuant to D.C.COLO.LCivR 54.2, counsel must notify the court clerk and my Chambers of a settlement before twelve o'clock noon on the last court business day before the scheduled trial date. The assessment of jury costs may be imposed as a consequence of noncompliance with this instruction.

### **III. First Day of Trial**

**1. Witness lists.** Three copies of each party's witness list shall be provided to the courtroom deputy and one copy to opposing counsel.

**2. Exhibit lists.** Three copies of each party's exhibit list shall be provided to the courtroom deputy and one copy to opposing counsel.

**3. Exhibit notebooks.** Each party shall prepare an exhibit notebook containing original exhibits, properly marked and tabbed, with pages of each exhibit numbered. These notebooks shall be provided to the courtroom deputy. Similar notebooks with exhibit copies shall be provided to the court and to opposing counsel. Exhibits with more than one page shall have each page numbered.

**4. Copies of exhibits for jurors.** Each party shall provide notebooks for juror exhibits. Those exhibits which have been stipulated to may be placed in the jurors' notebooks prior to trial. Additional exhibits may be published to the jury for placement in juror notebooks following the exhibit's admission into evidence at trial. Blank pages may be inserted into juror notebooks so that jurors may take notes of the proceedings.

**5. List of stipulated facts.** Plaintiff shall provide an original list of any stipulated facts to the court and two copies to the courtroom deputy.

### **IV. General Information**

**1. Voir dire.** Counsel will be permitted to conduct voir dire of potential jurors, if trial

is to a jury, for a specified amount of time, to be determined at the Trial Preparation Conference. Accordingly, counsel should be prepared to conduct voir dire at trial as they deem appropriate.

**2. Courtroom Deputy.** My courtroom deputy's name is Monique Wiles. She can be reached at (303) 335-2054. Any questions concerning exhibits or courtroom equipment may be directed to her. For jury trials, a court reporter will record the proceedings. Otherwise, the proceedings will be digitally recorded. Any request for transcripts should be directed to the courtroom deputy. Extraordinary requests, such as for daily copy, should be made at least 30 days in advance of the trial date.

**3. Law Clerks.** My law clerks can be reached at (303) 335-2770. Please do not call them about issues which are handled by the courtroom deputy, as indicated in this Order.

**4. Witness salutations.** At trial, all parties and witnesses shall be addressed as "Mr.", "Mrs.", "Ms.", "Dr.", etc. Informal references are not permitted except when children are testifying.

**5. Timing of giving of jury instructions.** In jury trials, instructions will be given prior to closing arguments. Copies of written instructions will be given to the jury for its deliberations.

**6. Trial dates.** A three-day jury trial is set for **April 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** in Courtroom C-204, Second Floor, Byron Rogers U.S. Courthouse, 1929 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado.

Dated and entered at Denver, Colorado, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013.

BY THE COURT:



Kristen L. Mix  
United States Magistrate Judge