

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO
Judge Robert E. Blackburn**

Civil Case No. 10-cv-03050-REB-BNB

(Consolidated with Civil Action Nos. 10-cv-03051-REB-BNB, 11-cv-01832-REB-BNB, 11-cv-01874-REB-BNB, 11-cv-02894-REB-BNB, 11-cv-02895-REB-BNB, 11-cv-03069-REB-BNB, and 11-cv-03070-REB-BNB)

REGINA RESSLER, and
RANDY RESSLER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

TRIAL PREPARATION CONFERENCE ORDER

Blackburn, J.

Pursuant to **D.C.COLO.LCivR 43.1**, the court enters this **Trial Preparation Conference Order**.

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. That trial to the court shall commence **April 1, 2013**, at 9:00 a.m., in courtroom A1001, on the tenth floor of the Alfred A. Arraj, United States Courthouse Annex, at 901 19th St., Denver, Colorado 80294, at which all parties shall appear in person without further notice, order, or subpoena;

3. That the court reserves ten (10) days for trial:

- Monday, April 1, 2013, through Thursday, April 4, 2013;
- Monday, April 8, 2013, through Thursday, April 11, 2013; and
- Monday, April 15, through Tuesday, April 16, 2013;

4. That counsel and any *pro se* party shall appear in courtroom A1001 on the first

day of trial, at 8:00 a.m., to review and discuss with the courtroom deputy clerk and the court, if necessary, any final details, arrangements, or requirements concerning the trial;

5. That the **Trial Preparation Conference** required by REB Civ. Practice Standard IV.C.1., shall commence on **March 22, 2013**, at 1:00 p.m., in courtroom A1001. The court reserving one (1) hour for this hearing;

6. That lead counsel and any *pro se* party shall attend the Trial Preparation Conference;

7. That at the outset of the Trial Preparation Conference, the parties shall submit one Parties' Joint Exhibit List on the form required by the court (an original for the court with copies for the courtroom deputy clerk, the court reporter and all other parties) and each party shall submit on the Witness List form required by the court (an original for the court with copies for the courtroom deputy clerk and all other parties) a "will call" witness list enumerating the name and address (city or county and state only) of each witness that will be called and a "may call" witness list enumerating the name and address (city or county and state only) of each witness that may be called; provided, furthermore, that the "will call" witness list constitutes a representation on which the court and every other party may rely that the witnesses listed will be present and available to testify during trial;

8. That at the Trial Preparation Conference the parties shall be prepared to review and discuss, *inter alia*, the following:

- a. identification of "will call" and "may call" witnesses;
- b. the estimated time for direct examination of each "will call" witness;
- c. the pronunciation of problematic party's and witness' names;
- d. use of deposition testimony;

e. use of video depositions:

1. resolution of objections;
2. pretrial redaction, if necessary; and
3. arrangements for necessary equipment to broadcast the

deposition;

f. the allocation of trial time between the parties;

g. identification of all persons permitted to be seated at each party's table

[Please review Fed.R.Evid. 615];

h. the names or monikers that may be used when referring to a party or a witness;

i. the admission of stipulated exhibits or exhibits about which there are no objections;

j. anticipated evidentiary issues; and

k. requests or requirement for trial briefs;

l. security precautions, requirements, or issues;

m. training on the uses of courtroom technology; and

n. transporting and bringing equipment, models, props, or other property into the courthouse and courtroom for the use during trial;¹

9. That trial witnesses subject to sequestration under Fed.R.Evid. 615 shall be

¹ The court has audio, video, audio-visual, evidentiary presentation, and other special equipment that may be used by the parties. A listing of available equipment can be found on the District Court's website at <http://www.cod.uscourts.gov/Judges/Judges.aspx> under "Courtroom Technology Manual for Attorneys." Arrangements for training on courtroom technology must be made with the courtroom deputy clerk, **Nel Steffens**, at **303-335-2090** at least 14 days before trial. Notify the courtroom deputy clerk no later than **fourteen (14) days** before the date and time you need such equipment or need your own equipment to be brought through security for use in the courtroom.

sequestered by order entered *sua sponte* immediately before opening statements;

10. That opening statements shall be limited to **thirty (30)** minutes per party;

11. That pursuant to REB Civ. Practice Standard III.B.4.b., each party shall have available at trial a set of exhibits for the court, the courtroom deputy clerk, opposing counsel (one set per party), and any *pro se* party;

12. That unless interrupted by the court, in marshaling motions or objections during trial, the following sequential protocol shall be observed: objection, response, reply, ruling;

13. That if permitted, closing argument shall be limited to forty-five **(45)** minutes total for each party;

14. That for additional information about courtroom protocol, courtroom technology and training, trial preparation, transport of items into the courthouse and courtroom, or submission of trial exhibits, the courtroom deputy clerk, **Nel Steffens**, at **303-335-2090** should be contacted; and

15. That pursuant to REB Civ. Practice Standard IV.A.1.b., the Final Pretrial Order as modified or supplemented by this Trial Preparation Conference Order and any order entered during the trial preparation conference shall control the subsequent course of this action and the trial, and may not be amended except by consent of the parties and approval of the court or by order of the court to prevent manifest injustice.

Dated September 25, 2012, at Denver, Colorado.

BY THE COURT:



Robert E. Blackburn
United States District Judge