

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 12-cv-01501-MSK-MJW

KRISTIE HANNEMNA and
CRAIG HANNEMAN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Entered by Magistrate Judge Michael J. Watanabe

Pursuant to the Order Referring Case to Magistrate Judge Watanabe (Docket No. 5) entered by Chief Judge Marcia S. Krieger and the Minute Order (Docket No. 32) granting the parties' request for a Settlement Conference, it is hereby

ORDERED that a Settlement Conference is set on June 10, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom A-502, Fifth Floor, Alfred A. Arraj U.S. Courthouse, 901 19th Street, Denver, Colorado.

FURTHER, IT IS ORDERED that counsel **shall have parties present** who shall have **full authority** to negotiate all terms and demands presented by the case, and **full authority** to enter into a settlement agreement, including an adjustor if an insurance company is involved. "Full authority" means that the person who attends the settlement conference has the complete and unfettered capacity and authority to meet or pay all terms or amounts which are demanded or sought by the other side of the case without consulting with some other person, committee or agency. If any person has limits upon the extent or amount within which he or she is authorized to settle on behalf of a party, that person does not have "full authority." **No party shall be permitted to attend the settlement conference by phone unless that party has obtained leave of Court following the filing of an appropriate motion, no later than five (5) business days prior to the settlement conference date.**

In order that productive settlement discussions can be held, the parties shall prepare and submit **two** settlement documents: one to be sent to the other party or

parties, and the other to be submitted only to the Magistrate Judge. The documents which are presented to opposing parties shall contain an overview of the case from the presenter's point of view, shall summarize the evidence which supports that side's claims, and shall present a demand or offer. These documents should be intended to persuade the clients and counsel on the other side.

The document to be submitted to the Magistrate Judge shall contain copies of the above materials, but additionally shall contain any confidential comments which counsel wishes to make, any comments with regard to perceived weaknesses in the case, and any comments which would be helpful to the Magistrate Judge in assisting the parties to negotiate a settlement.

ECF participants shall e-mail their Confidential Settlement Statements to chambers with **a subject line "Confidential Settlement Statement" and their CASE NUMBER, and DATE OF THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE** to: Watanabe_Chambers@cod.uscourts.gov, on or before June 6, 2013. The Confidential Settlement Statement should be in PDF format and sent as an *attachment* to the e-mail. Statements shall be limited to fifteen (15) pages in length.

Date: May 24, 2013
