

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

Civil Action No. 12-cv-02413-REB-MJW

THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

JACQUELINE D. RUYBAL,
ELISE S. RUYBAL,
BRIANNA ELENA RUYBAL and
ELISE S. RUYBAL as personal representative of Estate of Rudolpho Ruybal,

Defendants.

TRIAL PREPARATION CONFERENCE ORDER

Blackburn, J.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(e), D.C.COLO.LCivR 16.3, and
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 **July 29, 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;
2. That the court reserves three (3) days for trial;
3. 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;

4. That a combined **Trial Preparation Conference** and **Final Pretrial Conference** (conference) shall commence on **July 26, 2013**, at 2:00 p.m., in courtroom A1001;

5. That lead counsel and any *pro se* party shall attend the Conference;

6. That for use and consideration during the conference, the parties shall prepare and submit a proposed final pretrial order in the time, manner, and form prescribed by D.C.COLO.LCivR 16.3 and the “Instructions For Preparation of Final Pretrial Order” to Appendix G in Section V of the Local Rules of Practice of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado-Civil; except that the proposed final pretrial order under section “**7. EXHIBITS**” shall not require the parties to the exhibits to be offered by each party as otherwise required under subsection “a” (See *instead*, paragraph 8, *infra.*), and shall provide under subsection “b” that copies of the exhibits must be provided to opposing counsel or any *pro se* party no later than 45 days before trial and that objections to the exhibits must be served by personal delivery, electronic mail, or facsimile no later than 30 days before trial;

7. That at the outset of the 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 in addition to the information required to be submitted under section “**6. WITNESSES**” of the final pretrial order, 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 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. issues concerning witnesses and exhibits;
- g. the allocation of trial time between the parties;
- h. identification of all persons permitted to be seated at each party’s table

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

- i. the names or monikers that may be used when referring to a party or a

witness;

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

k. anticipated evidentiary issues; and

l. requests or requirement for trial briefs;

m. security precautions, requirements, or issues;

n. training on the uses of courtroom technology; and

o. 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 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

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.

total for each party; and

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.

Dated November 14, 2012, at Denver, Colorado.

BY THE COURT:



Robert E. Blackburn
United States District Judge