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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

ROY BELL,	) Case No.: 2:14-cv-00476-RFB-NJK
Plaintiff,	ORDER GRANTING
VS.	MOTION TO VACATE AND CONTINUE THE APRIL 22, 2016
THE STATE OF NEVADA, et al.,	SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
Defendants.	
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Defendants, Dr. Romeo Aranas, Dr. Robert Bruce Bannister, Dr. Joyce Chang, Dr. James Holmes, and Cynthia Sablica, by and through counsel, ADAM PAUL LAXALT, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and FRANK A. TODDRE II, Deputy Attorney General, hereby submit this Motion to Vacate the April 22, 2016, Mediation Conference. (Dkt. #59)

## **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

On February 16, 2016, this Court issued an Order setting a Mediation Conference in this case for April 22, 2016, at 9:30 am. (Dkt. #59). However, the undersigned, Frank Toddre II, is already scheduled to be in trial on the matter of *Reginald Howard vs S. Foster, et al.*, Case No. 2:13-cv-01368-RFB-NJK, which starts on April 19. (Dkt. #39 Minute Order). Further, Nancy Katafias, the Tort Claims Manager for the Office of the Attorney General, is already scheduled to be at a separate Early Mediation Conference on this same date. Thus, Defendants request that this Court reschedule the April 22, 2016, Mediation Conference. Counsel has also drafted a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ms. Katafias is the person with authority to settle cases on behalf of the State of Nevada

letter to Plaintiff advising him of the Defendants' intention to move for a continuance. As of the filing of this Motion, Defendants, including Ms. Katafias, are available on the following dates:

- Friday, May 27, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.;
- Friday, June 3, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.;
- Friday, June 10, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.;
- Friday, June 17, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.;
- Friday, June 24, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.;

The Court Order provides that any request to change the date of the settlement conference must be filed within seven days of the issuance of the Order and provides that the moving party includes at least five alternative dates. This request is timely and provides the requested alternative dates.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM PAUL LAXALT Nevada Attorney General

By: /s/ Frank A. Toddre II
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This motion is GRANTED, and the settlement conference is hereby CONTINUED to 9:30 a.m. on June 3, 2016. Settlement statements shall be submitted by May 20, 2016. All other requirements in Docket No. 59 continue to apply. IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 18, 2016

United States Magistrate Judge