

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ROBERT NUNEZ RUIZ, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
STEWART TITLE GUARANTY COMPANY,
et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-00944-RFB-CWH
**ORDER SCHEDULING A
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

This matter is before the court on the parties’ stipulation (ECF No. 24) requesting a settlement conference, which was filed on April 4, 2018. The court grants the parties’ stipulation. Given that the date requested in the stipulation is not available, the court will set the settlement conference for the next available date.

Accordingly, this matter is set for a settlement conference on **Friday, June 8, 2018**. Plaintiffs must report to Magistrate Judge Hoffman’s chambers, Room 3014, Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada at **8:30 a.m.** Defendants must report to Magistrate Judge Hoffman’s chambers at **9:00 a.m.**

Unless the court orders otherwise, the following individual(s) must be present in person for the duration of the settlement conference:

1. An attorney of record who will be participating in the trial and who has full authority to settle this case;
2. All parties appearing pro se;
3. All individual parties;
4. In the case of non-individual parties, an officer or representative with binding authority to settle this matter up to the full amount of the claim or last demand made; and
5. If any party is subject to coverage by an insurance carrier, then a representative of the insurance carrier with authority to settle this matter up to the full amount of the claim or last demand.

1 A request for an exception to the foregoing personal attendance requirements must be filed and
2 served on all parties at least 14 days before the settlement conference.

3 **PREPARATION FOR SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

4 In preparation for the settlement conference, each party must submit a confidential settlement
5 conference statement for in camera review. The statement must contain the following:

6 1. A brief statement of the nature of the action.

7 2. A concise summary of the evidence that supports your theory of the case, including
8 the names of individuals disclosed pursuant to Rule 26(a)(1)(A)(i), the Rule 26(a)(1)(A)(iii)
9 computation of damages, and the Rule 26(a)(1)(A)(iv) insurance information. You must provide all
10 information which documents or supports your damages claims. Copies of medical records or
11 treatment records need not be submitted but, rather, must be provided in a table or summary format.

12 3. Attach to your statement any documents or exhibits that are relevant to key factual or
13 legal issues, including selected pages from deposition transcripts or responses to other discovery
14 requests.

15 4. An analysis of the key issues involved in the litigation. The analysis must include a
16 discussion of the strongest points in your case, both legal and factual, and a frank discussion of the
17 weakest points as well. The court expects you to present a thorough analysis of the key issues and
18 candid evaluation of the merits of your case.

19 5. Identify and explain any obstacles to settlement, e.g. medical liens, statutory caps, or
20 motions pending before the court.

21 6. The history of settlement discussions, if any, which have occurred in this case.
22 Provide any demands, offers, or offers of judgment that have been made and, if applicable, the
23 reasons they have been rejected. Attach a copy of all settlement correspondence, including all
24 written demands or offers and responses to the offers.

25 7. Provide the initial settlement proposal that will be presented at the settlement
26 conference with a justification for any monetary amount. The proposal must include any non-
27 monetary settlement terms that will be presented.

28 8. The parties are encouraged, but not required, to exchange non-confidential portions of

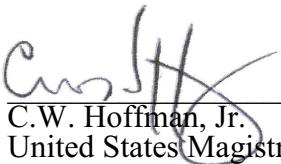
1 the settlement conference statements before the scheduled conference. The court has found the
2 exchange of statements beneficial for purposes of settlement discussion.

3 The settlement conference statements must be received in my chambers, Room 3014, not
4 later than **12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 1, 2018. Do not serve a copy on opposing counsel. Do not**
5 **deliver or mail copies to the clerk's office.**

6 The purpose of the statement is to assist the undersigned magistrate judge in preparing for
7 and conducting the settlement conference. To facilitate a meaningful conference, your utmost
8 candor in responding to all of the above-listed questions is required. The settlement conference
9 statement will remain confidential. If this case does not settle, the settlement conference statement
10 will not be disclosed to the judge who ultimately presides over the trial. Each statement will be
11 securely maintained in my chambers, and will be destroyed following the conference.

12 Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in this order will subject the non-compliant
13 party to sanctions under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(f).

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15 DATED: April 9, 2018

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19 United States Magistrate Judge
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