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11UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

CONSUMER DEFENSE LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:18-cv-0030-JCM-PAL

ORDER

(Mot File CMECF – ECF No. 151)

12 Before the court is defendant Jonathan Hanley’s (“Hanley”) Motion to Approve Electronic
13 Case Filing (ECF No. 151). The court has considered the motion and plaintiff’s Non-Opposition
14 (ECF No. 153).

15 Defendant Hanley is proceeding in his individual capacity this action *pro se*, which means
16 he is not represented by an attorney. *See* LSR 2-1. Although *pro se* parties are generally held to
17 less stringent standards, “*pro se* litigants in the ordinary civil case should not be treated more
18 favorably than parties with attorneys of record.” *Jacobsen v. Filler*, 790 F.2d 1362, 1364 (9th Cir.
19 1986). A *pro se* litigant must follow the same rules of procedure that govern other litigants. *King*
20 *v. Atiyeh*, 814 F.2d 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1986); *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 54 (9th Cir. 1995)
21 (noting that “*pro se* litigants are bound by the rules of procedure”). The court appreciates that it is
22 difficult for *pro se* parties to litigate their claims. *Pro se* parties are advised to familiarize
23 themselves with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules of Practice, and relevant
24 case law as much as possible.¹

25 ¹ The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure may be accessed on the United States Courts website free of charge
26 at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/current-rules-practice-procedure/federal-rules-civil-procedure>.
27 The Local Rules of Practice may be accessed from this court’s website free of charge at
28 <http://www.nvd.uscourts.gov/>. In addition, litigants may access the District of Nevada’s *pro se* assistance
packet through a link on the court’s website, available at <https://www.nvd.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Representing-Yourself-Guide.pdf>.


1 The Local Rules of Practice require attorneys “to file all documents electronically.” LR
2 IC 2-1(a). However, “a pro se litigant may request the court’s authorization to register as a filer
3 in a specific case.” LR IC 2-1(b). Here, defendant asks the court to allow him to use the court’s
4 CM/ECF system in order to file, access, and electronically serve documents in this case.

5 Having reviewed and considered the matter, and good cause appearing,

6 **IT IS ORDERED:**

- 7 1. Defendant Hanley’s Motion for Pro Se Litigant to File Documents Electronically
8 (ECF No. 151) is **GRANTED**.
- 9 2. Plaintiff must comply with the following procedures in order to activate his
10 CM/ECF account:
- 11 a. On or before **January 3, 2019**, Plaintiff must complete the CM/ECF
12 tutorial, which is accessible on the court’s website www.nvd.uscourts.gov
13 in the Civil & Criminal Events Menu, and file certification indicating that
14 he / she is familiar with the electronic filing procedures and best practices.
- 15 b. Plaintiff is not authorized to file electronically unless the certification is
16 filed with the court within the specified time frame.
- 17 c. Upon timely filing of the certification, Plaintiff shall contact Robert
18 Johnson at the CM/ECF Help Desk at (702) 464-5555 to set up a CM/ECF
19 account.

20 DATED this 17th day of December 2018.

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23 PEGGY A. LEEN
24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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