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4 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
5 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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7 ALI CALMA,  
8 Plaintiff(s),

Case No. 2:22-cv-02136-RFB-NJK

9 v.

**ORDER**

10 EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES,  
11 LLC, et al.,

Defendant(s).

12 On August 4, 2023, Plaintiff filed a notice of settlement with Defendant Equifax, indicating  
13 that dismissal papers would be filed by September 6, 2023. Docket No. 40. Dismissal papers  
14 were not filed. On April 18, 2024, the Court ordered the parties to file dismissal papers by May  
15 10, 2024. Docket No. 41. Dismissal papers were not filed and there was no response to that order.  
16 Pending before the Court now is an order to show cause why attorneys George Haines and Gerardo  
17 Avalos should not be sanctioned. Docket No. 42.<sup>1</sup> The order to show cause finally prompted  
18 some action and a response. Docket No. 45.

19 The gist of the response to the order to show cause is that a series of calendaring issues and  
20 staffing problems led to the multiple failures identified above. *See id.* The problem with these  
21 excuses is that this is not an isolated occurrence. *See, e.g., Villamor v. Experian Information*  
22 *Solutions*, No. 2:23-cv-00327-JAD-NJK, Docket No. 21 (D. Nev. Oct. 26, 2023). If counsel  
23 continue to choose to litigate cases in this forum, then they have an obligation to exercise due care  
24 and reasonable professional diligence in each of those cases. *Carisbrook Asset Holding Tr. v.*  
25 *SFR Invs. Pool 1, LLC*, 2019 WL 2393614, at \*3 n.2 (D. Nev. June 6, 2019). The Court will not  
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27 <sup>1</sup> The order to show cause is also addressed to defense counsel, but the response to the  
28 order to show cause makes plain that it is Plaintiff's counsel who bears the brunt of the  
responsibility, so this order will be focused on those attorneys.

1 impose monetary sanctions in this case, but counsel should expect that similar issues arising in  
2 the future in any of their cases within this District will result in the imposition of monetary  
3 sanctions. *See, e.g., Garcia v. GEICO Cas. Co.*, 2014 WL 7474773, at \*3-4 (D. Nev. Jan. 6, 2014)  
4 (addressing need for more serious repercussions when similar misconduct continues in the future).  
5 For the time-being, however, the Court **ADMONISHES** attorneys George Haines and Gerardo  
6 Avalos.

7 The order to show cause is otherwise **DISCHARGED**.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: June 3, 2024

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13 Nancy J. Koppe  
14 United States Magistrate Judge  
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