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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

RANDALL EUGENE ANDERSON,)

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

WARREN G. FENTON,)

Defendants.)

3:17-cv-00486-WGC

**ORDER RESCHEDULING
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

The court is advised of a scheduling conflict regarding the settlement conference set for Tuesday, October 16, 2018. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the settlement conference is **RESCHEDULED** to **Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.**, Fifth Floor Chambers, Bruce R. Thompson U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building, 400 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada, before Magistrate Judge Robert A. McQuaid, Jr.

Unless excused by order of the court, clients or client representatives with complete authority to negotiate and consummate a settlement shall be in attendance at the settlement conference. This requires the presence of the client or if a corporate, governmental, or other organizational entity, an authorized representative of the client. For a Defendant, such representative must have final settlement authority to commit the organization to pay, in the representative's own discretion, a settlement amount up to the Plaintiff's prayer, or up to the Plaintiff's last demand, whichever is lower. For a Plaintiff, such representative must have final authority, in the representative's own discretion, to authorize dismissal of the case with prejudice, or to accept a settlement amount down to the Defendant's last offer. If board approval is required to authorize settlement, the attendance of at least one sitting member of the board (preferably the chairperson) is absolutely required. Any insurance company that

1 is a party or is contractually required to defend or to pay damages, if any, assessed within its
2 policy limits in this case must have a fully authorized settlement representative present. Such
3 representative must have final settlement authority to commit the company to pay, in the
4 representative's own discretion, an amount within the policy limits, or up to the Plaintiff's last
5 demand, whichever is lower. If trial counsel has been fully authorized to commit the client
6 to pay or to accept in settlement the amount last proposed by the opponent, in counsel's sole
7 discretion, the client, client representative, or insurance company representative, as
8 applicable, need not attend. The purpose of this requirement is to have in attendance a
9 representative who has both the authority to exercise his or her own discretion, and the
10 realistic freedom to exercise such discretion without the negative consequences, in order to
11 settle the case during the settlement conference without consulting someone else who is not
12 present. In the event counsel for any party is aware of any circumstance which might cast
13 doubt on a client's compliance with this paragraph, s/he shall immediately discuss the
14 circumstance with opposing counsel to resolve it well before the settlement conference, and,
15 if such discussion does not resolve it, request a telephone conference with the court and
16 counsel.

17 Counsel appearing for the settlement conference without their client representatives
18 or insurance company representatives, authorized as described above, will cause the
19 settlement conference to be canceled or rescheduled. The non-complying party, attorney or
20 both may be assessed the costs and expenses incurred by other parties and the court as a
21 result of such cancellation, as well as any additional sanctions deemed appropriate by the
22 court. Counsel are responsible for timely advising any involved non-party insurance
23 company of the requirements of this order.

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1 **THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENTS SHALL BE RECEIVED**
2 **IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 301, NOT LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON**
3 **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018. DO NOT SERVE A COPY ON OPPOSING**
4 **COUNSEL.** The settlement conference statement should be delivered to the Clerk's Office
5 in an envelope clearly marked "Confidential Contains Settlement Brief".

6 The purpose of the settlement conference statement is to assist the court in preparing
7 for and conducting the settlement conference. In order to facilitate a meaningful conference,
8 your utmost candor in responding to all of the above listed questions is required. The
9 settlement conference statements will not be seen by the trial judge. The confidentiality of
10 each statement will be strictly maintained in my chambers. Following the conference, the
11 settlement conference statements will be destroyed.

12 DATED: August 7, 2018.

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17 ROBERT A. McQUAID, JR.
18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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