

1 the trial proceeded separately. Dkt. 41, p. 4.

2 Plaintiff cites several cases in support of his argument. However, most of the cases stated
3 stand for the proposition that the phases of a trial should be separated, not the parties. The cases
4 cited by Plaintiff separate the liability and damages phases of a trial. The Plaintiff is not asking
5 for this Court to separate liability and damages phases, but to proceed with seventeen (17)
6 different trials involving the same corpus of facts and issues in each. Proceeding in such a
7 manner is not prudent, wastes judicial resources, and multiplies litigation unreasonably.
8 Proceeding with seventeen different trials based on the same set of facts and issues presents a
9 risk of multiple, inconsistent results. Additionally, it would be a strain on judicial resources.
10 Finally, the Plaintiff has not made an adequate showing that the Defendants would be prejudiced
11 if they proceeded in one action. The Defendants state they would not be prejudiced if they
12 proceeded in one action. Dkt. 48, p. 2. Plaintiff's argument that Defendants would be
13 prejudiced is unsupported at this stage of litigation. For the foregoing reasons, the Plaintiff's
14 motion to bifurcate should be denied.

15 **III. ORDER**

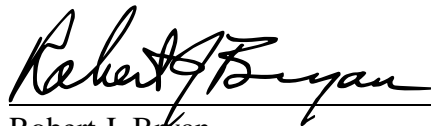
16 The Court does hereby find and ORDER:

17 (1) Plaintiff's Motion to Bifurcate and Proceed with Separate Trials (Dkt. 41) is

18 **DENIED**; and

19 (2) The Clerk is directed to send uncertified copies of this Order to all counsel of record
20 and to any party appearing *pro se* at said party's last known address.

21 DATED this 15th day of March, 2010.

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23 Robert J. Bryan
24 United States District Judge