

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE DENNIS L. BECK**

United States District Court - Eastern District of California

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**1. Civil Law & Motion Calendar - Judge Beck does NOT issue tentative rulings:**

- a) Held on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom #9 - motion dates are not reserved.
- b) Parties do not need to clear a motion hearing date. File your moving papers in accordance with the Local and Federal Rules, if the date conflicts with the Court's calendar, the Court will reschedule the matter by minute order. DATES ARE NOT RESERVED.
- c) Courtesy Copies of ALL Motion-Related Pleadings: **properly tabbed, fastened, and clearly identified as a "Courtesy Copy" (to avoid duplicate and erroneous filing by court staff)** - shall be mailed in hard copy to the Court, Attn: Judge Beck.
- d) on short notice - Minute Orders can be issued vacating the hearing and taking the matter under submission pursuant to Local Rule 230(h) (Fed. R. Civ. P. 78) - please refer to your electronic NEF.
- e) Motion dates are subject to change without notice.

**2. Settlement Conferences:**

- a) Parties must appear with counsel.
- b) Telephonic appearance: for some parties may be granted BUT a written request with cause must be sent to Judge Beck for approval.
- c) Confidential Settlement Conference Statement is MANDATORY from each party, and must be submitted to Judge Beck chambers, at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Conference.

### **3. Telephonic Appearance:**

a) Please contact the courtroom deputy if one or more attorneys will be appearing telephonically, so that a notation can be made on the Court's calendar.

b) plaintiff(s)/defendant(s) counsel shall make arrangements for a conference call with the AT&T operator (if counsel does not have conference call capabilities on their telephone systems), and shall initiate the call at the above-designated time. After all parties are on the line, the call should then be placed to Judge Beck's chambers at (559)499-5670.

Telephonic appearance for out-of-town counsel is greatly encouraged by chambers.

### **4. Scheduling Conference:**

A JOINT Scheduling Conference Report carefully prepared and executed by all counsel, shall be electronically filed in CM/ECF, in full compliance with the requirements set forth in, ORDER SETTING MANDATORY SCHEDULING CONFERENCE Exhibit "A", one (1) full week prior to the Scheduling Conference, and shall be e-mailed, in WordPerfect or Word format, to [dlborders@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:dlborders@caed.uscourts.gov).

### **5. Telephonic Conference calls re Discovery Disputes:**

a) Please contact the courtroom deputy, who will give you dates & times for said conference possibilities. Thus contact opposing counsel, select one of those dates & times, then call the courtroom deputy back as to which date the parties preferred.

b) A letter brief must be emailed to the Courtroom Deputy by each counsel, in regards to the Conference Call.

### **6. Discovery hearings:**

a) Local Rule 251(a) (Fed.R.Civi.P. 37) requires a joint statement: HOWEVER, with the press of business, Judge Beck REQUIRES a joint statement re discovery disagreement be filed seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date (i.e., the Friday before the customary Friday hearing).

### **7. All documents that require Court Approval:**

a) As required by the rules, counsel shall submit via email to [dlborders@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:dlborders@caed.uscourts.gov) the proposed order, application, request, stipulation, etc., in either Word Perfect (preferred) or Microsoft Word format. Pursuant to Local Rule 131A© the document should include the

attorney(s) electronic signature(s) (i.e. /s/First/Last name), as well as the date the document was signed.