



**SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR. (MCE)**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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CIVIL LAW AND MOTION

Available hearing dates are subject to change without notice. Hearing dates are NOT reserved, and hearings are at 2:00 p.m., in courtroom 7. Motions are submitted upon filing without appearance and argument. The opposition or statement of non-opposition and reply due dates shall be filed in accordance with the original motion hearing date. If the Court determines that oral argument is needed it will be scheduled at a later date. Please file your motion(s) in accordance with Local and Federal Rules of Court.

The following are available 2020 hearing dates:

October 29
November 12
December 3, 17

The following are available 2021 hearing dates:

January 14, 28
February 11, 25
March 11, 25
April 8, 22
May 13, 27
June 10, 24
July 8, 22
August 12, 26
September 9, 23
October 7, 12
November 4, 18
December 2, 16

Page Limitations

As set forth in the Court's Initial Pretrial Scheduling Order, the Court places a page limit for points and authorities (exclusive of exhibits and other supporting documentation) of twenty (20) pages on all initial moving papers, twenty (20) pages on oppositions, and ten (10) pages for replies. Sur-replies are viewed with disfavor and will only be considered upon a showing of good cause. All requests for page limit increases must be made in writing with a proposed order setting forth any and all reasons for any increase in page limit at least seven (7) days prior to the filing of the motion.

Courtesy Copies

No party shall submit paper courtesy copies of pleadings or exhibits to the Court unless expressly ordered to do so.

Emailing of Proposed Order

Pursuant to Local Rule 137(b), regarding the requirements for proper filing of a proposed order, you are required to email the proposed order in **Microsoft Word** format to: mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov, in addition to filing the pdf version via the CM/ECF system. The email must contain the case number in the subject line. Pursuant to Local Rule 101, the definition for signature, you may enter /s/ for signatures of counsel.

Tentative Rulings

Judge England does not issue tentative rulings.

Telephonic Appearance

Any party seeking to appear telephonically must file, for the Court's consideration, a request to appear telephonically and proposed order, not later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the hearing date. The proposed order must comply with Local Rule 137(b). The Eastern District of California does not utilize the services of Court Call.

Discovery Matters

Pursuant to Local Rule 302, all discovery matters and other duties shall be noticed before the assigned magistrate judge, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Ex Parte Applications

Ex parte applications submitted for the Court's consideration must include a proposed order and is filed without a hearing date. If after review of the application the Court determines a hearing is necessary, the parties will be notified accordingly.

CRIMINAL LAW AND MOTION

Available hearing dates are subject to change without notice. Hearing dates are NOT reserved, and all hearings are at 10:00 a.m., in courtroom 7. Please file your motion(s) in accordance with Local and Federal Rules of Court.

The following are available 2020 hearing dates:

October 22, 29
December 3, 10, 17

The following are available 2021 hearing dates:

January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18, 25
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20, 27
June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August 5, 12, 19, 26
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4, 18
December 2, 9, 16

Request for Continuance

The Court prefers the submission of a stipulation and proposed order on any matter than can be handled without an in-court hearing. Stipulations and proposed orders for continuances must be submitted not later than Tuesday, by 4:00 p.m., on the week of the hearing unless otherwise notified by the courtroom deputy. Pursuant to Local Rule 137(b), regarding the requirements for proper filing of a proposed order, you are required to email the proposed order in **Microsoft Word** format to: mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov in addition to filing the pdf version via the CM/ECF system. The email must contain the case number in the subject line. Pursuant to Local Rule 101, the definition for signature, you may enter /s/ for signatures of counsel.

Stand-in Counsel

Counsel is required to notify the Court, in advance, if you will have stand-in counsel appearing on your behalf for a hearing.

Interpreter Services

Pursuant to Local Rule 403, it is the responsibility of defense counsel to arrange for the services of an interpreter prior to the scheduled hearing date, as well as, to cancel the services of an interpreter prior to the scheduled hearing date. Failure to comply with Local Rule 403 may result in the issuance of sanctions. Interpreter services for a hearing may be arranged by contacting Yolanda Riley-Portal, with the Court's Interpreter Office, at 916-930-4221 or YRiley-Portal@caed.uscourts.gov.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Trials

Presumptive trial hours, subject to adjustment based on the Court's calendar are as follows. Motions in limine (prisoner cases and pro se trials only), jury selection, and the start of trial are on Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The presentation of evidence is heard on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jury deliberations are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The lunch recess is 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and two twenty-minute breaks are given at 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If Monday is a holiday, trial commences on Tuesday of that week from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Conference rooms are available on either side of the front courtroom doors for use during trial.

Trial documents as outlined in the Court's final pretrial order should be submitted in **Microsoft Word** to: mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov according to the schedule set by that order.

Exhibits

The parties are directed to comply with the Court's final pretrial order regarding the preparation and submission of trial exhibits. Questions should be directed to the courtroom deputy. The parties are advised to mark their trial exhibits exactly as outline in the Court's final pretrial order. To bring large physical items, demonstrative exhibits, or electronic equipment, etc., to the courtroom, counsel are to make arrangements through the Court Security Office at 916-930-2080.

Jury Instructions

Counsel shall use the Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instructions and any revisions. Alternate instruction or authority may only be used if a Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instruction is unavailable.

Voir Dire

The Court reserves the right to conduct all examination of prospective jurors. Notwithstanding this reservation, the Court will permit each side up to ten (10) minutes to conduct voir dire, if desired.

Lodging of Deposition Transcripts

The parties are directed to comply with the final pretrial order regarding the use of and lodging of deposition transcripts for trial. Questions should be directed to the courtroom deputy.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Audio Visual Equipment

Electronic evidence presentation systems are available for use by attorneys in courtrooms in the Eastern District. Information about the Court's Electronic Evidence Presentation System can be found on the court's website under the Attorney Information tab, Electronic Evidence Presentation. Requests for audio visual orientation and training should be filed electronically.