

MAGISTRATE JUDGE CHRISTOPHER D. BAKER (CDB)

United States District Court - Eastern District of California
United States Courthouse
510 19th Street, Suite 200
Bakersfield, CA 93301
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Proposed Orders e-mail: CDBorders@caed.uscourts.gov

Unless otherwise noted by Order of the Court, all matters set before Magistrate Judge Christopher D. Baker will be heard at the United States Courthouse, 510 19th Street, Bakersfield.

1. Scheduling Conferences:

Scheduling Conferences are held **daily** at 9:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. At least one full week prior to the conference, the parties SHALL electronically file a Joint Scheduling Report in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Court's *Order Setting Mandatory Scheduling Conference* and SHALL e-mail a copy in Word format to CDBorders@caed.uscourts.gov.

2. Civil Law and Motion Calendar:

- a) Civil law and motion heard **daily** at 10:30 a.m.
- b) Hearing dates DO NOT need to be pre-cleared with the Court. If the selected date conflicts with the Court's calendar, the Court will reschedule the matter by minute order.
- c) HEARING DATES ARE NOT RESERVED.
- d) File your moving papers in accordance with the Local and Federal Rules.
- e) Judge Baker does NOT issue tentative rulings.

3. Discovery Motions:

- a) Please refer to the Court's *Scheduling Order*, issued in each case, for procedures with respect to discovery motions.
- b) To request an informal telephonic conference re: discovery dispute, file a formal request in CM/ECF as *Other Filings > Other Documents > Informal Discovery Dispute Letter Brief*, and e-mail the CRD with the request which should include the following: i) a summary of the discovery dispute, ii) what attempts have been made to meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute, iii) outcome of any such meet and confer, and iv) provide 2-3 dates/times that the parties are available for the telephonic conference.
- c) The parties may attach to their request any documents they deem relevant to the dispute.

4. Settlement Conferences:

- a) Confidential Settlement Conference statements shall be lodged via email to CDBorders@caed.uscourts.gov, at least one week prior to the settlement conference, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Court's *Scheduling Order* or *Order Setting Settlement Conference*.
- b) Parties must appear with counsel. Any written request with *good cause* for telephonic appearance(s) must be submitted via CM/ECF, with a copy of the proposed order submitted in Word format to CDBorders@caed.uscourts.gov.

5. Videoconference Appearances:

- a) Videoconference appearances by out-of-town counsel are encouraged, and any such remote appearances shall be via Zoom videoconference.
- b) Zoom meeting ID and passcode will be provided by the courtroom deputy. To request the meeting invitation, contact SHall@caed.uscourts.gov.
- c) For Zoom appearances, use of an electronic device with stable Internet connection is required. For telephonic appearances, use of a landline or hand-held cell phone is required. To enhance the quality of the audio recording of all hearings, use of any feature(s) that may have an impact upon the quality of voice transmission (such as speakerphones, headsets, etc.) are prohibited.
- d) As with in-person appearances, counsel and parties appearing remotely are required to dress in appropriate court attire.

6. Chambers Courtesy Paper Copies:

- a) Refer to Local Rule 133(f) for guidelines with respect to courtesy copies.
- b) Mail courtesy copies to: Magistrate Judge Christopher D. Baker, United States Courthouse, 510 19th Street, Suite 200, Bakersfield, CA 93301.
- c) For cases designated (PC), mail courtesy copies to the Fresno Clerk's Office.

7. Document filings are NOT ACCEPTED in Bakersfield:

The Bakersfield Courthouse is supported by the Fresno Clerk's Office. All pro se (paper documents) filings shall be directed to:

Office of the Clerk
United States District Court, Eastern District of California
2500 Tulare Street, Room 1501
Fresno, CA 93721
Telephone: (559) 499-5600

8. Criminal Matters:

- a) Criminal hearings are set **daily** (as necessary) at 2:30 p.m.
- b) To schedule a criminal hearing, contact CRD Susan Hall to confirm availability of Magistrate Judge Baker.
- c) The arresting agency shall also communicate with the USMS (Bakersfield) with respect to anticipated arrests/initial appearances.
- d) To set the matter on the Court's calendar, complete and e-mail the New Arrest Notification Form to the BKNA e-mail address as noted on the form. The e-mail distribution list will notify the affected agencies (i.e., federal defender, pretrial services, probation, U.S. Marshals, etc.)

CENTRAL VIOLATIONS BUREAU (CVB) – VIOLATION NOTICES

Court Contact:

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For information pertaining to Magistrate Judge Baker's procedures as to Central Violations Bureau violation notices, please refer to *INFORMATION REGARDING VIOLATION NOTICES (TICKETS) and CENTRAL VIOLATIONS BUREAU (CVB) – BAKERSFIELD COURT* which can be found on the Court's website at www.caed.uscourts.gov > attorney information > violation notices > Bakersfield.

CVB Payments:

- a) Payments are not accepted in Court.
- b) You must: 1) mail your payments to the CVB, 2) make payment on the CVB website at www.cvb.uscourts.gov with credit or debit, or 3) make payment by telephone at 1-800-827-2982.
- c) If you are seeking an extension from a Court ordered fine, please be advised that **NO EXTENSIONS** are granted. In addition, you may risk late penalties.

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