



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

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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Sacramento, California 95814**

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As of December 1, 2021, Senior United States District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. is no longer presiding over criminal matters.

Senior Judge England's 2023 civil law and motion hearing dates are as follows.

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

Available civil law and motion hearing dates are subject to change without notice. Hearing dates are not reserved and hearings are at 10:00 a.m., in courtroom 7 or by Zoom videoconference. 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 filing date (see Local Rule 230(c)-(d)). 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.

### **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.

### **Request to Seal Documents**

Pursuant to Local Rule 141, a Notice of Request to Seal Document(s) shall be filed electronically. The Request to Seal, a proposed sealing order (in Microsoft Word format), and all documents covered by the request shall be emailed to [mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov). If the request is approved and notice of electronic filing of the sealing order is received, all documents covered by the order must be emailed to [ApprovedSealed@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:ApprovedSealed@caed.uscourts.gov) for filing under seal.

### **Emailing Proposed Orders**

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](mailto:mceorders@caed.uscourts.gov), in addition to filing the pdf version via the CM/ECF system. The email must contain the case number and case caption in the subject line. Pursuant to Local Rule 101, the definition for signature, you may enter /s/ for signatures of counsel.

### **Tentative Rulings**

Senior Judge England does not issue tentative rulings.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Trials**

Presumptive trial hours, subject to adjustment based on the Court's calendar are Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a brief morning recess. If the Monday falls on a Federal Holiday, trial will begin on the subsequent Tuesday. Hearing on Motions in Limine are set at 10:00 a.m. on the Thursday preceding the trial date by Zoom videoconference. Conference rooms are available on either side of the courtroom for use during trial.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Transcript Orders**

Any request to order a transcript(s) should be emailed directly to the assigned Court Reporter(s) who covered the proceeding. Contact information for individual Court Reporters can be found on the United States District Court, Eastern District of California's website ([www.caed.uscourts.gov](http://www.caed.uscourts.gov)).

### **Additional Information**

Please contact Senior Judge England's Courtroom Deputy/Judicial Assistant, Stephanie Deutsch, at [SDeutsch@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:SDeutsch@caed.uscourts.gov) or (916) 930-4207 for all scheduling and case related questions. Emails are preferred given Ms. Deutsch's courtroom responsibilities.

All case related filing questions should be directed to the Clerk's Office Help Desk at (916) 930-4000.