

**RECALLED MAGISTRATE JUDGE SHEILA K. OBERTO (SKO)**

United States District Court - Eastern District of California

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1. **Consent**

Due to the pressing workload of the two district judges and the priority of criminal cases under the U.S. Constitution, the parties are strongly encouraged to consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction in an effort to have their cases adjudicated in a timely and cost-effective manner. The law requires district judges to give their criminal docket priority over civil and other matters. If your case is before a district judge, the proceedings in the case may be delayed and the litigation costs associated with the case may increase.

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2. **Civil Law and Motion Calendar:**

- a) **Civil Law & Motion:** Hearings are on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom # 1. Motion dates are subject to change at the Court's discretion.
- b) **Clearing of Law & Motion Dates:** 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. **MOTION DATES ARE NOT RESERVED.**
- c) **Length of Briefs:** Unless prior leave of Court is obtained seven days before the filing date, all moving and opposition briefs or legal memorandum in civil cases shall not exceed 25 pages. Reply briefs filed by moving parties shall not exceed 10 pages. **Any brief exceeding 15 pages shall include a table of contents and a table of authorities.** Briefs that exceed the page limitations without leave may not be considered.
- d) **Courtesy Copies:** Courtesy Copies of ALL Motion-Related Pleadings over 25 pages should be properly tabbed, fastened, and clearly identified as a "Courtesy Copy" (to avoid duplicate and erroneous filing by court staff) and shall be mailed in hard copy to the Court, Attn: Judge Oberto.
- e) **Law & Motion Hearings:** On short notice, Minute Orders may be issued vacating the hearing and taking the matter under submission pursuant to Local Rule 230(g) (Fed. R. Civ. P. 78) - *please refer to the court's Notice of Electronic Filing.*

3. **Telephonic Appearances:**

- a) Telephonic appearances for certain law and motions by local or out-of-town counsel are generally acceptable with prior approval.
- b) Please notify the Courtroom Deputy if one or more attorneys will be appearing telephonically, so that a notation can be placed on the court calendar and the dial in information can be provided.

4. **All Documents Requiring Court Approval:**

As required by Local Rule 137(b), counsel shall submit all proposed orders, stipulations, etc., in Microsoft Word format, to chambers at [skoorders@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:skoorders@caed.uscourts.gov). Pursuant to Local Rule 131(c), the documents should include the attorneys' electronic signatures (i.e. /s/First/Last Name), as well as the date the document was signed.