

RECALLED U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE BARBARA A. McAULIFFE



United States District Court - Eastern District of California
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1. Settlement Conferences:

- a) The case must be ready for meaningful settlement discussions.
- b) Confidential Settlement Conference Statements are **MANDATORY** for each party and must be submitted to Judge McAuliffe's chambers **at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Conference**.
- c) For any case set for a settlement conference, the Court will issue an order setting forth the requirements for the contents of a settlement conference statement.

2. Video Conference Appearances:

- a) Video conference appearances by local or out-of-town counsel are permitted and encouraged for all matters excluding trial. As appropriate, the parties will be provided with the conference ID and password by the Courtroom Deputy prior to the conference. Parties are expected to be as timely for video conferences as they would be if personally appearing in court. Conferences will be held only via Zoom video conference, and no other methods, such as teleconference or CourtCall, will be utilized.
- b) Parties shall notify the Court if counsel will be appearing by video conference by providing a notification in the caption of their papers or by email to clopez@caed.uscourts.gov at least one week prior to the hearing.

3. Informal Telephonic or Video Conferences re Discovery Disputes:

The Court may employ an informal discovery resolution process whereby the Court will rule on a discovery dispute via a telephonic or video conference, provided the parties stipulate to an informal resolution. If the parties stipulate, Judge McAuliffe will resolve discovery disputes outside the formal procedures.

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 bamorders@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. **Do not submit unsigned documents.** Also, do not submit documents for signature in .pdf format as they will not be considered.

5. Length of Briefs on Motions:

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 briefing exceeding 10 pages shall include a table of contents and a table of authorities. Briefs that exceed the page limitations or are sought to be filed without leave may not be considered. If combined supporting papers or opposition papers exceed 25 pages, the parties are required to submit a complete set of all papers as chambers courtesy copy, properly tabbed and fastened.