Department 75 Central - Hall of Justice

Honorable James A. Mangione, Presiding

Court Clerk: (619) 450-7075

Calendar Clerk: (619) 450-7183 - Phone hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

1. Conformity with Local Rules

Unless otherwise indicated herein, Department 75 adheres to the San Diego Superior Court Local Rules, Division II.

2. Calendars

- **2.1 General.** Virtual appearance via Microsoft Teams is allowed for most hearing types. All Judgment Debtor Examinations must have a personal appearance made in the department.
- **2.2 Ex-Parte Matters.** Ex parte appearances are set by reservation and held Tuesday through and Thursday at 8:30 a.m., or at such other time as the Court may designate. Ex-parte papers are due one day prior to the hearing by 10:30 a.m. The ex-parte papers are to be filed digitally via E-FILE with a courtesy copy placed in Department 75's mailbox on the second floor in the Hall of Justice Civil Business Office.
- **2.3 Law and Motion.** Motions are heard on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. by reservation. Any request for priority on the Friday calendar must be made the Thursday before the hearing no later than 3:30 pm. Counsel can call the department directly and leave a voicemail to request priority.
- **2.4 Trial Readiness Conference.** Trial Readiness Conferences are held on Fridays at 8:55 a.m. Please review the department <u>Advanced Trial Review Order</u> and <u>Sanchez Waiver</u> prior to any Trial Readiness Conference hearing. The Court requests that a signed copy of these documents be brought to the first day of trial.
- **2.5 Trial Call.** Trial Calls are held on Fridays at 8:50 a.m., unless otherwise designated by the court.

3. Trial Matters

3.1 Hours. Trial hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

and 1:30 p.m. until 4:15 p.m., unless otherwise ordered.

- **3.2 Binders and Preparation.** Counsel must provide a three-ring binder with tabs to the Court on the Friday before trial that includes the following: Trial Briefs, All Pre-Trial Motions (including opposition and reply), all proposed jury instructions with brackets removed and edits made as to the specific case as needed, a proposed verdict form, exhibit list, and witness list. Two additional copies of the verdict form, witness list, and exhibit list should be provided for the courtroom clerk. The Court should be provided a copy of the exhibits and a copy should be provided for the witness stand. The copy for the witness stand should be pre-tagged with the brown exhibit tags. If depositions are likely to be referenced during the trial, a copy must be lodged with the clerk for the Court's review. The copy should have the name of the deponent written on the spine for ease of access. The Court will accept certified copies of the deposition in lieu of originals.
- **3.3 Equipment.** Department 75 only has a projector screen. Any and all other technology must be provided by the parties.

4. Law and Motion

- **4.1 Filings.** All motion should be filed digitally, and a courtesy copy placed in Department 75's mailbox on the second floor in the Hall of Justice Civil Business Office. Parties are to adhere to the page limitations for memoranda of points and authorities set forth within CRC 3.1113(d). Exhibits submitted with motions should be separately tabbed (for lodgments and courtesy copies) and electronically bookmarked.
- **4.2 Taking Motions Off-Calendar.** If your case has settled or you have decided to take the motion off calendar, please call the court <u>immediately</u> so that the Court does not spend valuable time preparing a ruling that is no longer required.
- **4.3 Tentative Rulings.** The tentative ruling will generally be posted to the Superior Court web site one day prior to the hearing but may, as necessary, be posted the morning of the hearing. If neither party appears on the date and at the time noticed for the hearing, the tentative ruling will be adopted as the final ruling of the Court.
- **4.4 Sealing/Stipulated Protective Orders.** The Court requires adherence with statutory procedures to file documents under seal or "conditionally under seal". The Court will not seal any document not submitted in accordance with California Rules of Court, Rule Nos. 2.550 and 2.551. (*See NBC Subsidiary (KNBC-TV), Inc. v. Superior Court* (1999) 20 Cal.4th 1178). Note: "The court must not permit a record

to be filed under seal based solely on the agreement or stipulation of the parties." (CRC 2.551(a).)

For determination of discovery and other motions, the Court prefers parties to lodge confidential documents for review. If a party desires to file supporting documents with redactions and/or under seal, CRC Rule Nos. 2.550 and 2.551 apply, and the discovery motion will not be determined until a noticed motion to seal has been calendared and decided. The submitting party must include a USB drive containing the unredacted version of any documents filed or conditionally filed under seal. For documents filed conditionally under seal, if no motion to seal is filed within the allotted statutory time, the submitting party is directed to inform the court clerk that the documents are to be made part of the public record and file a notice with the Court.

Proposed Stipulated Protective Orders for protection of confidential information will only be approved by the Court if the language in the proposed order is consistent with the Court's stated policy discussed above.

4.5 Discovery Dispute Outline in Lieu of Separate Statement. Code of Civil Procedure sections 2030.300, 2031.310, and 2033.290 allow a court to authorize a moving party to submit a concise outline of the discovery request and each response in dispute. This Court permits such practice without express court order. For discovery motions in Song-Beverly cases, the <u>Lemon Law Discovery Procedure</u> applies.

5. Court Orders

- **5.1 Minute Orders.** The Court's minute order is the final order of the Court. No further order need be prepared unless the Court directs counsel to prepare and submit an order.
- **5.2 Proposed Orders/Judgments.** Documents submitted to the Court for review must be accompanied by a proof of service. An exception to this requirement exists where a stipulation is signed by all parties to the case.