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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT**

In re Personal Injury Cases Assigned  
To the Personal Injury Courts  
(Departments 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the Spring  
Street Courthouse)

FIRST AMENDED STANDING ORDER –  
RE: FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE,  
PERSONAL INJURY (“PI”) COURTS  
(Effective as of April 16, 2018)

The dates for Trial and Final Status Conference (“FSC”) having been set in this matter, the Court **HEREBY AMENDS AND SUPERSEDES ITS JANUARY 2, 2018 STANDING ORDER—RE: FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE, PERSONAL INJURY (“PI”) COURTS AND, GENERALLY, ORDERS AS FOLLOWS IN THIS AND ALL OTHER GENERAL JURISDICTION PERSONAL INJURY ACTIONS:**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE FSC**

The purpose of the FSC is to verify that the parties/counsel are completely ready to proceed with trial continuously and efficiently, from day to day, until verdict. The PI Courts will verify at the FSC that all parties/counsel have (1) prepared the Exhibit binders and Trial Document binders and (2) met and conferred in an effort to stipulate to ultimate facts, legal issues, motions in limine, and the authentication and admissibility of exhibits.

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1           **2. TRIAL DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED**

2           At least five calendar days prior to the Final Status Conference, the parties/counsel  
3 shall serve and file (in Room 102 of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse or by e-Delivery) the  
4 following Trial Readiness Documents:

5                   **A. TRIAL BRIEFS (OPTIONAL)**

6           Each party/counsel may file, but is not required to file, a trial brief succinctly  
7 identifying:

- 8                   (1) the claims and defenses subject to litigation;  
9                   (2) the major legal issues (with supporting points and authorities);  
10                  (3) the relief claimed and calculation of damages sought; and  
11                  (4) any other information that may assist the court at trial.

12                   **B. MOTIONS IN LIMINE**

13           Before filing motions in limine, the parties/counsel shall comply with the  
14 statutory notice provisions of Code of Civil Procedure ("C.C.P.") Section 1005 and the  
15 requirements of Los Angeles County Court Rule ("Local Rule") 3.57(a). The caption of each  
16 motion in limine shall concisely identify the evidence that the moving party seeks to  
17 preclude. Parties filing more than one motion in limine shall number them consecutively.  
18 Parties filing opposition and reply papers shall identify the corresponding motion number in  
19 the caption of their papers.

20                   **C. JOINT STATEMENT TO BE READ TO THE JURY**

21           For jury trials, the parties/counsel shall work together to prepare and file a joint  
22 written statement of the case for the court to read to the jury. Local Rule 3.25(g)(4).

23                   **D. JOINT WITNESS LIST**

24           The parties/counsel shall work together to prepare and file a joint list of all  
25 witnesses in alphabetical order by last name that each party intends to call (excluding  
26 impeachment and rebuttal witnesses). Local Rule 3.25(g)(5). The joint witness list shall  
27 identify each witness by name, specify which witnesses are experts, and estimate the length  
28 of the direct, cross examination and re-direct examination (if any) of each witness. The

1 parties/counsel shall identify all potential witness scheduling issues and special  
2 requirements. Any party/counsel who seeks to elicit testimony from a witness not identified  
3 on the witness list must first make a showing of good cause to the trial court.

4 **E. LIST OF PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS**  
5 **(JOINT AND CONTESTED)**

6 The parties/counsel shall jointly prepare and file a list of proposed jury  
7 instructions, organized in numerical order, specifying the instructions upon which all sides  
8 agree and the contested instructions, if any. The List of Proposed Jury Instructions must  
9 include a space by each instruction for the judge to indicate whether the instruction was  
10 given.

11 **F. JURY INSTRUCTIONS**  
12 **(JOINT AND CONTESTED)**

13 The parties/counsel shall prepare a complete set of full-text proposed jury  
14 instructions, editing all proposed California Civil Jury Instructions ("CACI") and insert party  
15 name(s) and eliminate blanks and irrelevant material. The parties/counsel shall prepare  
16 special instructions in a format ready for submission to the jury with the instruction number,  
17 title, and text only (i.e., there should be no boxes or other indication on the printed  
18 instruction itself as to the requesting party).

19 **G. JOINT VERDICT FORM(S)**

20 The parties/counsel shall prepare and jointly file a proposed general verdict  
21 form or special verdict form (with interrogatories) acceptable to all sides. Local Rule  
22 3.25(g)(8). If the parties/counsel cannot agree on a joint verdict form, each party must  
23 separately file a proposed verdict form.

24 **H. JOINT EXHIBIT LIST**

25 The parties/counsel shall prepare and file a joint exhibit list organized with  
26 columns identifying each exhibit and specifying each party's evidentiary objections, if any, to  
27 admission of each exhibit. The parties/counsel shall meet and confer in an effort to resolve  
28 objections to the admissibility of each exhibit.

1                   **I. PAGE AND LINE DESIGNATION FOR**  
2                   **DEPOSITION AND FORMER TESTIMONY**

3                   If the parties/counsel intend to use deposition testimony or former trial  
4 testimony in lieu of any witness's live testimony, the parties/counsel shall meet and confer  
5 and jointly prepare and file a chart with columns for each of the following: 1) the line and  
6 page designations of the deposition or former testimony requested for use, 2) objections,  
7 3) counter-designations, 4) any responses thereto, and 5) the Court's ruling.

8                   **3. EVIDENTIARY EXHIBITS**

9                   The parties/counsel shall jointly prepare (and be ready to temporarily lodge for  
10 inspection at the FSC) three sets of tabbed, internally paginated by document, and properly-  
11 marked exhibits, organized numerically in three-ring binders (a set for the Court, the Judicial  
12 Assistant and the witnesses). The parties/counsel shall mark all non-documentary exhibits  
13 and insert a simple written description of the exhibit behind the corresponding numerical tab  
14 in the exhibit binder. If the parties have a joint signed exhibit list and electronic copies of  
15 their respective exhibits, then the parties/counsel will not be required to produce exhibit  
16 binders at the FSC. However, the exhibit binders may be required by the assigned trial  
17 judge when the trial commences. In the absence of either a joint signed exhibit list or  
18 electronic copies, exhibit binders will be required by all parties/counsel at the FSC.

19                   **4. TRIAL BINDERS REQUIRED IN THE PI COURTS**

20                   The parties/counsel shall jointly prepare (and be ready to temporarily lodge and  
21 include the following for inspection at the FSC) the Trial Documents consisting of conformed  
22 copies, tabbed and organized into three-ring binders with a table of contents that includes  
23 the following:

- 24                   Tab A:        Trial Briefs (Optional)  
25                   Tab B:        Motions in Limine  
26                   Tab C:        Joint Statement to Be Read to the Jury  
27                   Tab D:        Joint Witness List

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- 1           Tab E:       Joint List of Jury Instructions (identifying the agreed upon and  
2 contested instructions)
- 3           Tab F:       Joint and Contested Jury Instructions
- 4           Tab G:       Joint and/or Contested Verdict Form(s)
- 5           Tab H:       Joint Exhibit List
- 6           Tab I:       Joint Chart of Page and Line Designation(s) for Deposition and Former  
7 Testimony
- 8           Tab J:       Copies of the Current Operative Pleadings (including the operative  
9 complaint, answer, cross-complaint, if any, and answer to any cross-complaint).

10           The parties/counsel shall organize motions in limine (tabbed in numerical order)  
11 behind Tab B with the opposition papers and reply papers for each motion placed directly  
12 behind the moving papers. The parties shall organize proposed jury instructions behind  
13 Tab F, with the agreed upon instructions first in order followed by the contested instructions  
14 (including special instructions) submitted by each side.

15           **5. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FSC OBLIGATIONS**

16           The court has discretion to require any party/counsel who fails or refuses to comply  
17 with this Amended Standing Order to show cause why the Court should not impose  
18 monetary, evidentiary and/or issue sanctions (including the entry of a default or the striking  
19 of an answer).

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22 Dated: April 16, 2018

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Supervising Judge, Civil  
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