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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Kenneth Allen,
Plaintiff,
v.
Department of Homeland Security, et al.
Defendants.

No. CV 09-373-TUC-FRZ

ORDER

This order requires the parties to file a joint report by 3/19/10.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The parties are directed to confer at least 7 days prior to the deadline for the joint report , in accordance with Rule 26(f), FED.R.CIV.P., to discuss the following matters:

- A. Any matters relating to jurisdiction, venue or joinder of additional parties;
- B. The nature and basis of their claims and defenses and the possibilities for a prompt settlement or resolution of the case;
- C. The scope of discovery, and possible limitations thereof. Counsel are expected to comply with Rule 26(f), FED.R.CIV.P., and seek to minimize the expense of discovery.

1 In cases where dispositive motions will be filed, counsel should
2 consider limiting discovery to the issue at hand until the Court has ruled on the
3 motion;

4 D. A schedule of all pretrial proceedings, including a trial date, an estimate of the
5 length of trial, and any suggestions for shortening trial. The parties shall also
6 discuss any issues relating to disclosure or discovery of electronically stored
7 information, including the form or forms in which it should be produced, and
8 any issues relating to claims of privilege or work product. *See*
9 FED.R.CIV.P. 16(b)(5) & (b)(6), 26(f)(3). At the joint request of the parties,
10 the Court may include deadlines in the Scheduling Order pertaining to these
11 issues.

12 E. Modification of pretrial procedures due to the simplicity or complexity of the
13 case;

14 F. Prospects for settlement, including a request to have a settlement conference
15 before a Magistrate Judge or United States District Court Judge, or
16 participating in any other alternative dispute resolution forum;

17 G. Arrangements for Initial Disclosures in compliance with Rule 26(a)(1),
18 FED.R.CIV.P. Unless otherwise stipulated or directed by the Court, Initial
19 Disclosures shall be made at or within 14 days after the scheduling conference;

20 H. Possibility of consent to trial before a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant
21 to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), suitability for referral to any alternative dispute
22 resolution mechanism, or reference to a master;

23 I. Any other matters which counsel feel may help dispose of the matter in an
24 efficient and economical manner.

25 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**

26 J. By **3/19/10**, counsel shall file with the Court the **joint report** reflecting the
27 results of their discussion. The report shall include individually numbered
28 brief statements indicating:

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1. The nature of the case, setting forth in brief statements the factual and legal basis of Plaintiff's claims and Defendants' defenses;
2. The factual and legal issues genuinely in dispute, and whether they can be narrowed by stipulation or motion;
3. The jurisdictional basis of the case, citing specific statutes;
4. Parties, if any, which have not been served, as well as parties which have not filed an answer or other appearance. Unless counsel can otherwise show cause, an order shall accompany the joint report dismissing any party which has not been served, or seeking default judgment on any non-appearing party;
5. The names of parties not subject to the Court's jurisdiction;
6. Whether there are further dispositive or partially dispositive issues to be decided by pretrial motions, and the legal issues of any pretrial motions contemplated;
7. Whether the case is suitable for reference to a master, or whether the parties consent to trial before a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c);
8. The status of related cases pending before other judges of this Court or before other courts;
9. A statement of when Initial Disclosures were made or will be made, or any proposed changes in the requirements for Initial Disclosures set forth in Rule 26(a), FED.R.CIV.P.;
10. Suggested changes, if any, in the limitations on discovery set forth in Rule 26(b)(2), FED.R.CIV.P.;
11. Proposed deadlines for:
 - (a) completing discovery;
 - (b) filing dispositive motions;
 - (c) pretrial disclosure of witnesses and expert testimony pursuant to

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- Rule 26(a)(2) and (3), FED.R.CIV.P.; and
- (d) lodging a proposed joint pretrial order;
- 12. Estimated date and length of trial;
 - 13. Whether a jury trial has been requested;
 - 14. The prospects for settlement, including any request to have a settlement conference before another Magistrate Judge or United States District Court Judge, or other request of the Court for assistance in settlement efforts;
 - 15. Whether any unusual, difficult, or complex problems or issues exist which would require this case to be placed on the **complex track** for case management purposes pursuant to Local Rule Civil (LRCiv) 16.2; and
 - 16. Any other matters which counsel feel will aid the Court in expediting the disposition of this matter efficiently.

After the Court reviews the joint report, the Court will enter a Scheduling Order, which shall control the course of this action, unless modified by subsequent Order.

DATED this 8th day of February, 2010.


FRANK R. ZAPATA
United States District Judge