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	ow must be completed (see instructions on	page 2).
1. Check one box below for the case type that	t best describes this case:	
Auto Tort	<u>Contract</u> Pro	visionally Complex Civil Litigation
Auto (22)	Breach of contract/warranty (06) (Ca	I. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403)
Uninsured motorist (46)	Rule 3.740 collections (09)	Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)
Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property	Other collections (09)	Construction defect (10)
Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	Insurance coverage (18)	Mass tort (40)
Asbestos (04)		
Product liability (24)	Other contract (37)	Securities litigation (28)
	Real Property	Environmental/Toxic tort (30)
Medical malpractice (45)	Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)	Insurance coverage claims arising from the
Other PI/PD/WD (23)		above listed provisionally complex case types (41)
Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort	Wrongful eviction (33)	
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Employment (20)	Petition re: arbitration award (11)	☐ Other petition (not specified above) (43)
Wrongful termination (36)	Writ of mandate (02)	į
Other employment (15)	Other judicial review (39)	
	plex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules	of Court. If the case is complex, mark the
factors requiring exceptional judicial mana	gement:	
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# CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION (CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.0 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Item I.	Check the types	of hearing and fill in	the estimated lengt	h of hear	ing expected for this case:	
JURY	TRIAL? PYES	CLASS ACTION?	YES LIMITED CASE?	OYES	TIME ESTIMATED FOR TRIAL 3-5	☐ HOURS/ Ø DAYS
Item II.	Indicate the con	rect district and cour	thouse location (4 st	teps – If y	ou checked "Limited Case", sk	ip to Item III, Pg. 4):

Step 1: After first completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet form, find the main Civil Case Cover Sheet heading for your case in the left margin below, and, to the right in Column A, the Civil Case Cover Sheet case type you selected.

Step 2: Check one Superior Court type of action in Column B below which best describes the nature of this case.

Step 3: In Column C, circle the reason for the court location choice that applies to the type of action you have checked. For any exception to the court location, see Local Rule 2.0.

## Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (see Column C below)

- Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, central district. May be filed in central (other county, or no bodily injury/property damage). Location where cause of action arose.
- Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.
- 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.

- 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.
  7. Location where petitioner resides.
  8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
  9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
  10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office

Step 4: Fill in the information requested on page 4 in Item III; complete Item IV. Sign the declaration.

<b>A</b> Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Auto (22)	☐ A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 2., 4.
Uninsured Motorist (46)	☐ A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1., 2., 4.
Asbestos (04)	☐ A6070 Asbestos Property Damage ☐ A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	2.
Product Liability (24)	A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1., 2., 3., 4., 8.
Medical Malpractice (45)	□ A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons □ A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1., 4. 1., 4.
Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<ul> <li>□ A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fail)</li> <li>□ A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.)</li> <li>□ A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress</li> <li>□ A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death</li> </ul>	1., 4. 1., 4. 1., 3. 1., 4.

Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort

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Real Property

**Unlawful Detainer** 

A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No. Business Fort (07)	<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons -
Business Tort (07)	<del>and de la final de la final</del>	See Step 3 Above
	☐ A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1., 3.
Civil Rights (08)	☐ A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1., 2., 3.
Defamation (13)	☐ A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1., 2., 3.
Fraud (16)	☐ A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1., 2., 3.
	☐ A6017 Legal Malpractice	1 2 3.
Professional Negligence (25)	☐ A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1
	☐ A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	2.,3.
Wrongful Termination (36)	□ A6037 Wrongful Termination	1., 2., 3.
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Other Employment (15)	☐ A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case	ł
	☐ A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above  ud/breach of contract)  1., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 5.  1., 2., 3.  1., 2.,
1	☐ A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)	2., 5.
	☐ A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence)	2., 5.
(not incurance)	☐ A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud)	1., 2., 5.
	☐ A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	1., 2., 5.
	□ A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff	2., 5., 6.
Collections (09)	☐ A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	2., 5.
Insurance Coverage (18)	☐ A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1., 2., 5., 8.
	☐ A6009 Contractual Fraud	1., 2., 3., 5.
Other Contract (37)	☐ A6031 Tortious Interference	1., 2., 3., 5.
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	☐ A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels	2.
Wrongful Eviction (33)	☐ A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2., 6.
	☐ A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure	2., 6.
Other Real Property (26)	☐ A6032 Quiet Title	2., 6.
	A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2., 6.
•	☐ A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
*	☐ A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
	☐ A6020FUnlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	□ A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2., 6.

	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.			<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Asset Forfeiture (05)			6108	Asset Forfeiture Case	2., 6.
view	Petition re Arbitration (11)	□ A(	6115	Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2., 5.
Judicial Review	Writ of Mandate (02)	l		Writ - Administrative Mandamus Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter	2., 8.
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	Other Judicial Review (39)	□ A6	6150	Other Writ /Judicial Review	2., 8.
tion	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	□ A6	6003	Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1., 2., 8.
Litiga	Construction Defect (10)	□ A6	6007	Construction Defect	1., 2., 3,
mplex	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	□ A6	3006	Claims Involving Mass Tort	1., 2., 8.
lly Co	Securities Litigation (28)	□ A6	5035	Securities Litigation Case	1., 2., 8.
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	□ A6	5036	Toxic Tort/Environmental	1., 2., 3., 8.
Pro	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	□ A6	5014	Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1., 2., 5., 8.
•		□ A6	5141	Sister State Judgment	2., 9.
ent	-	□ A6	61 <del>6</del> 0	Abstract of Judgment	2., 6.
mgr Igm	Enforcement	□ A6	5107	Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)	2., 9.
nfor Second	of Judgment (20)			Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2., 8.
Enforcement of Judgment		ļ		Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax	2., 8.
		□ A6	3112	Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2., 8., 9.
us nts	RICO (27)	□ A6	8033	Racketeering (RICO) Case	1., 2., 8.
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints		□ A6	030	Declaratory Relief Only	1., 2., 8.
com Com	Other Complaints	□ A6	6040	Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2., 8.
Misc	(Not Specified Above) (42)	□ A6	5011	Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)	1., 2., 8.
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	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	□ A6	3113	Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2., 8.
		□ A6	3121	Civil Harassment	2., 3., 9.
suos		□ A6	123	Workplace Harassment	2., 3., 9.
llane etiti	Other Petitions	□ A6	124	Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case	2., 3., 9.
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	(Not Specified Above)	□ A6	190	Election Contest	2.
<b>≅</b> ℧	(43)	□ A6	110	Petition for Change of Name	2., 7.
		□ A6	3170	Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law	2., 3., 4., 8.
		□ A6	100	Other Civil Petition	2., 9.

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Item III. Statement of Location: Enter the address of the accident, party's residence or place of business, performance, or other circumstance indicated in Item II., Step 3 on Page 1, as the proper reason for filing in the court location you selected.

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# PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

- 1. Original Complaint or Petition.
- 2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
- 3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
- 4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 03/11).
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
- 6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
- 7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.



NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC., a corporation, and DOES 1-100, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: *(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):* ELISE ROSKOPF, an individual

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NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfflelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta, Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Stanley Mosk Courthouse III North Hill Street Los Angeles, California 90012

CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso): BC 5 6 4 5 3 3

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Lucas T. Novak, Esq., 8335 W Sunset Blvd., Suite 217, Los Angeles, California 90069

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10	ELISE ROSKOPF, an individual,	) CASE NO. <b>BC 5 6 4 5 3 3</b>
11	Plaintiff,	PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR
12	v.	CIVIL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
13	WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC., a corporation, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq.)
14	Defendants.	Unlimited Jurisdiction
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## INTRODUCTION

- 1. This Complaint is brought by Plaintiff, ELISE ROSKOPF ("Plaintiff") in the public interest of the citizens of the State of California, a representative action to enforce the People's right to be informed of the presence of lead and lead compounds (collectively "LEAD"), chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm, found in ceramic mugs with exterior decorations sold by Defendants.
- 2. The purpose of this Complaint is to remedy Defendants' continuing failure to warn California residents about the risk of exposure to LEAD in the ceramic mugs with exterior decorations manufactured, distributed, sold, and/or offered for sale to consumers in California.
- 3. Defendants have and continue to manufacture, distribute, sell, and/or offer to sell ceramic mugs with exterior decorations containing dangerous levels of LEAD, including, without limitation the "Bntcl Wreathing" ceramic mug (104-3569738-3784). The products described in this paragraph shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Products".
- 4. Children and adults are exposed to LEAD when they use, touch, handle, eat or drink from the Products.
- Hazardous levels of LEAD are found in the accessible surface areas of the
   Products manufactured, distributed, sold, and/or offered for sale by Defendants to consumers in
   California.
- 6. California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65") provides in pertinent part: "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual..."
- 7. Studies repeatedly conclude that exposure to LEAD is hazardous to the health of children and adults. Children are especially vulnerable to the toxic effects of LEAD.

  Accordingly, California has listed LEAD as chemicals known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity and therefore subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements.
- 8. Defendants have and continue to manufacture, distribute, sell, and/or offer to sell the Products without the required warnings. Defendants' conduct violates the warning

requirements of Proposition 65.

## **PARTIES**

- 9. Plaintiff is a citizen of the state of California who is dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health and the health of ecosystems, and supporting environmentally sound practices. Plaintiff brings this action in the public interest pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(d).
- 10. Defendant, WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC. is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.11. WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC. manufactures, distributes, and/or sells the Products for sale and use in California.
- 11. DOES 1 through 100 are each a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.11. DOES 1 through 100 manufacture, distribute, and/or sell the Products for sale and use in California. The true names of DOES 1 through 100 are unknown to Plaintiff at this time. When their identities are discovered, Plaintiff's Complaint shall be amended to reflect their true names.
- 12. The defendant identified in paragraph 10, collectively with DOES 1 through 100, shall be referred to herein as "Defendants".

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 13. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7, which allows enforcement in any court of competent jurisdiction, and pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, Section 10, because this lawsuit is based on a cause not given by statute to other trial courts.
- 14. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants because each is a person, firm, corporation, or association with sufficient minimum contacts in the State of California, or otherwise purposefully avails itself to the California market as to render jurisdiction by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 15. Venue is proper is Los Angeles County Superior Court because one or more occurrences of the wrongful conduct occurred, and continues to occur, in Los Angeles County,

and/or because Defendants conducted, and continue to conduct, business in this County with respect to the Products.

## **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

## (Violations of Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 et seq.)

- 16. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, Paragraphs 1 through 15, inclusive.
- 17. On April 11, 2014, a sixty-day notice of violation ("60-Day Notice"), along with a Certificate of Merit, was provided to WILLIAMS-SONOMA, INC. and various public enforcement agencies. In addition, on said date, in compliance with Health & Safety Code section 25249.7(d), confidential factual information sufficient to establish the basis for the Certificate of Merit was provided to the California Attorney General.
- 18. None of the public prosecutors with the authority to prosecute Proposition 65 violations has commenced and/or is diligently prosecuting the cause of action against Defendants based on the claims asserted in Plaintiff's 60-Day Notice.
- 19. By placing the Products into the stream of commerce, each Defendant is a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code section 25249.11.
- 20. Defendants knew and intended that consumers, including children, will eat and drink from, use, touch or handle the Products.
- 21. Defendants knew or should have known that the Products contain LEAD.

  Defendants, who are in the business of marketing consumer goods, also have constructive knowledge that the Products contain LEAD from widespread media coverage concerning the presence of LEAD in consumer goods, especially in ceramics, paints, and glazes made in China.
- 22. LEAD is a chemical listed by the State of California as known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.
- Defendants' Products contain sufficient quantities of LEAD such that consumers, including children, who eat from, drink from, use, touch or handle the Products are exposed to unsafe levels of LEAD. LEAD is present in the Products in such a way as to expose individuals to LEAD, as exposure is defined by 27 CCR section 25602(b), through ingestion and/or dermal

contact during the reasonably foreseeable use of the Products.

- 24. Defendants knew or should have known that the reasonably foreseeable use of the Products exposes individuals to LEAD through ingestion and/or dermal contact.
- 25. Defendants failed to provide a "clear and reasonable warning" to individuals in the State of California who were or could become exposed to LEAD during the reasonably foreseeable use of the Products.
- 26. By committing the acts alleged in this Complaint, Defendants have violated California Health & Safety Code section 25249.6 et seq. by knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals to LEAD without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individuals regarding the toxicity of LEAD.
- As a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, individuals in the State of California have been exposed to LEAD through the ingestion and/or dermal contact during the reasonably foreseeable use of the Products without a "clear and reasonable warning", and have suffered and continue to suffer harm.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1. That the Court, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code section 25249.7(b), assess civil penalties against Defendants in the amount of \$2,500 per day for each violation alleged herein;
- 2. That the Court, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code section 25249.7(a), preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from manufacturing, distributing, or offering the Products for sale in California without providing "clear and reasonable warnings" as defined by 27 CCR section 25601;
- 3. That the Court, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code section 25249.7(a), order Defendants to take action to stop ongoing unwarned exposures to LEAD resulting from use of Products sold by Defendants;
- 4. That the Court, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, or any other applicable theory, grant Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit; and

5. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: November 20, 2014

LAW OFFICES OF LUCAS T. NOVAK

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Attorney for Plaintiff, Elise Roskopf

## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT - UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE (NON-CLASS ACTION)

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All non-class action cases designated as provisionally complex are forwarded to the Supervising Judge of the Complex Litigation Program located in the Central Civil West Courthouse (600 S. Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles 90005), for complex/non-complex determination pursuant to Local Rule 3.3(k). This procedure is for the purpose of assessing whether or not the case is complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court, rule 3.400. Depending on the outcome of that assessment, the case may be reassigned to one of the judges of the Complex Litigation Program or reassigned randomly to a court in the Central District.

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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES

The following critical provisions of the Chapter Three Rules, as applicable in the Central District, are summarized for your assistance.

#### APPLICATION

The Chapter Three Rules were effective January 1, 1994. They apply to all general civil cases.

## PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Chapter Three Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

#### CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure section 170.6 must be made within 15 days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

#### TIME STANDARDS

Cases assigned to the Individual Calendaring Court will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

COMPLAINTS: All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days of filing.

CROSS-COMPLAINTS: Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

A Status Conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

#### FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court will require the parties at a status conference not more than 10 days before the trial to have timely filed and served all motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested jury instructions, and special jury instructions and special jury verdicts. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least 5 days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Eight of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

## **SANCTIONS**

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party or if appropriate on counsel for the party.

This is not a complete delineation of the Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is absolutely imperative.

# **VOLUNTARY EFFICIENT LITIGATION STIPULATIONS**

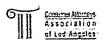


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California Employment Lawyers Association The Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, Discovery Resolution Stipulation, and Motions in Limine Stipulation are voluntary stipulations entered into by the parties. The parties may enter into one, two, or all three of the stipulations; however, they may not alter the stipulations as written, because the Court wants to ensure uniformity of application. These stipulations are meant to encourage cooperation between the parties and to assist in resolving issues in a manner that promotes economic case resolution and judicial efficiency.

The following organizations endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases.

- ◆Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section◆
  - **♦** Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section **♦**
  - **♦**Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles**♦** 
    - **♦**Southern California Defense Counsel**♦**
    - ◆Association of Business Trial Lawyers◆
    - ◆California Employment Lawyers Association◆

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STIPULATION - DISCOVERY RESOLUTION CASE NUMBER:	

This stipulation is intended to provide a fast and informal resolution of discovery issues through limited paperwork and an informal conference with the Court to aid in the resolution of the issues.

## The parties agree that:

- 1. Prior to the discovery cut-off in this action, no discovery motion shall be filed or heard unless the moving party first makes a written request for an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the terms of this stipulation.
- At the Informal Discovery Conference the Court will consider the dispute presented by parties and determine whether it can be resolved informally. Nothing set forth herein will preclude a party from making a record at the conclusion of an Informal Discovery Conference, either orally or in writing.
- 3. Following a reasonable and good faith attempt at an informal resolution of each issue to be presented, a party may request an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the following procedures:
  - a. The party requesting the Informal Discovery Conference will:
    - i. File a Request for Informal Discovery Conference with the clerk's office on the approved form (copy attached) and deliver a courtesy, conformed copy to the assigned department;
    - ii. Include a brief summary of the dispute and specify the relief requested; and
    - iii. Serve the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Request for Informal Discovery Conference no later than the next court day following the filing.
  - b. Any Answer to a Request for Informal Discovery Conference must:
    - i. Also be filed on the approved form (copy attached);
    - ii. Include a brief summary of why the requested relief should be denied;

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- iii. Be filed within two (2) court days of receipt of the Request; and
- iv. Be served on the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed upon method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Answer no later than the next court day following the filing.
- c. No other pleadings, including but not limited to exhibits, declarations, or attachments, will be accepted.
- d. If the Court has not granted or denied the Request for Informal Discovery Conference within ten (10) days following the filing of the Request, then it shall be deemed to have been denied. If the Court acts on the Request, the parties will be notified whether the Request for Informal Discovery Conference has been granted or denied and, if granted, the date and time of the Informal Discovery Conference, which must be within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference.
- e. If the conference is not held within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, unless extended by agreement of the parties and the Court, then the Request for the Informal Discovery Conference shall be deemed to have been denied at that time.
- 4. If (a) the Court has denied a conference or (b) one of the time deadlines above has expired without the Court having acted or (c) the Informal Discovery Conference is concluded without resolving the dispute, then a party may file a discovery motion to address unresolved issues.
- 5. The parties hereby further agree that the time for making a motion to compel or other discovery motion is tolled from the date of filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference until (a) the request is denied or deemed denied or (b) twenty (20) days after the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, whichever is earlier, unless extended by Order of the Court.
  - It is the understanding and intent of the parties that this stipulation shall, for each discovery dispute to which it applies, constitute a writing memorializing a "specific later date to which the propounding [or demanding or requesting] party and the responding party have agreed in writing," within the meaning of Code Civil Procedure sections 2030.300(c), 2031.320(c), and 2033.290(c).
- 6. Nothing herein will preclude any party from applying ex parte for appropriate relief, including an order shortening time for a motion to be heard concerning discovery.
- 7. Any party may terminate this stipulation by giving twenty-one (21) days notice of intent to terminate the stipulation.
- 8. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day.

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This stipulation is intended to encourage cooperation among the parties at an early stage in the litigation and to assist the parties in efficient case resolution.

## The parties agree that:

- 1. The parties commit to conduct an initial conference (in-person or via teleconference or via videoconference) within 15 days from the date this stipulation is signed, to discuss and consider whether there can be agreement on the following:
  - a. Are motions to challenge the pleadings necessary? If the issue can be resolved by amendment as of right, or if the Court would allow leave to amend, could an amended complaint resolve most or all of the issues a demurrer might otherwise raise? If so, the parties agree to work through pleading issues so that a demurrer need only raise issues they cannot resolve. Is the issue that the defendant seeks to raise amenable to resolution on demurrer, or would some other type of motion be preferable? Could a voluntary targeted exchange of documents or information by any party cure an uncertainty in the pleadings?
  - b. Initial mutual exchanges of documents at the "core" of the litigation. (For example, in an employment case, the employment records, personnel file and documents relating to the conduct in question could be considered "core." In a personal injury case, an incident or police report, medical records, and repair or maintenance records could be considered "core.");
  - c. Exchange of names and contact information of witnesses;
  - d. Any insurance agreement that may be available to satisfy part or all of a judgment, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment;
  - e. Exchange of any other information that might be helpful to facilitate understanding, handling, or resolution of the case in a manner that preserves objections or privileges by agreement;
  - f. Controlling issues of law that, if resolved early, will promote efficiency and economy in other phases of the case. Also, when and how such issues can be presented to the Court;
  - g. Whether or when the case should be scheduled with a settlement officer, what discovery or court ruling on legal issues is reasonably required to make settlement discussions meaningful, and whether the parties wish to use a sitting judge or a private mediator or other options as

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This stipulation is intended to provide fast and informal resolution of evidentiary issues through diligent efforts to define and discuss such issues and limit paperwork.

# The parties agree that:

- 1. At least \_\_\_\_ days before the final status conference, each party will provide all other parties with a list containing a one paragraph explanation of each proposed motion in limine. Each one paragraph explanation must identify the substance of a single proposed motion in limine and the grounds for the proposed motion.
- 2. The parties thereafter will meet and confer, either in person or via teleconference or videoconference, concerning all proposed motions in limine. In that meet and confer, the parties will determine:
  - a. Whether the parties can stipulate to any of the proposed motions. If the parties so stipulate, they may file a stipulation and proposed order with the Court.
  - b. Whether any of the proposed motions can be briefed and submitted by means of a short joint statement of issues. For each motion which can be addressed by a short joint statement of issues, a short joint statement of issues must be filed with the Court 10 days prior to the final status conference. Each side's portion of the short joint statement of issues may not exceed three pages. The parties will meet and confer to agree on a date and manner for exchanging the parties' respective portions of the short joint statement of issues and the process for filing the short joint statement of issues.
- 3. All proposed motions in limine that are not either the subject of a stipulation or briefed via a short joint statement of issues will be briefed and filed in accordance with the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

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