

Order Setting Agenda for Status Conference

It is hereby ordered that counsel shall come to the status conference set for February 23, 2001 prepared to discuss all matters specified in this order, as applicable.

The items on the agenda are as follows:

- (1) Whether the Court needs to do any further appointment of liaison counsel in accordance with rule 1506 to facilitate the resolution of this coordinated case.
- (2) Provision of a complete service list of all real parties who have been served.
- (3) Establishment of a schedule for non-discovery motions.
- (4) Schedule for discovery, if any.
- (5) Timing for any responsive pleadings, to include an evaluation of what, if any, portions of the coordinated case may be subject to some expedited resolution.
- (6) Briefing schedule on merit issues, again including an evaluation of what, if any, portions of the coordinated case may be subject to some expedited resolution.
- (7) Potential appropriateness of a specific web site for listing information relevant to this coordinated case.
- (8) Scheduling of future hearings.
- (9) Any other matters deemed appropriate.

Not later than February 20, 2001, each party shall serve on all other parties and file with the coordination judge in department 17 a memorandum setting forth each party's views and suggestions as to each item on the agenda, including proposed stipulations with respect to issues of fact and law and other matters. Any compliance of status conference matters and statements, to include any meet and confer requirements, with local rules is waived.

The coordination trial judge will consider, pursuant to Rule 1541(b), whether to:

- (1) schedule and conduct hearings, conferences, and a trial or trials at any site within the state he deems appropriate with due consideration to the convenience of parties, witnesses, and counsel; the relative development of the actions and the work product of counsel; the efficient utilization of judicial facilities and manpower, and the calendar of the courts; and
- (2) order any issue or defense to be tried separately and prior to the trial of the remaining issues when it appears the disposition of any of the coordinated actions might thereby be expedited.

