

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2010-022683

07/11/2011

HON. ANDREW G. KLEIN

CLERK OF THE COURT
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Deputy

BARBARA KERTMAN, et al.

BURTON ROSENBLATT

v.

CHETAN GUJRATHI, et al.

GORDON K CLEVINGER

MARY G PRYOR
ANDREW E ROSENZWEIG

JURY TRIAL SET

Courtroom OCH 103

9:05 a.m. This is the time set for Pretrial Status and Scheduling Conference. Counsel Burton Rosenblatt appears telephonically on behalf of Plaintiffs Barbara and Paul Kertman. Counsel Gordon Clevenger appears telephonically on behalf of Defendants Chetan Gujrathi, M.D., David L. Simms, M.D. and Arizona Otolaryngology Consultants. Counsel Andrew E. Rosenzweig appears telephonically on behalf of Defendants St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Jeremy Hopkin, M.D., and Bradley Mullen, M.D. Counsel Henry Timmerman for Mary G. Pryor appears telephonically on behalf of Defendants Lindley T. Bliss, M.D. and Desert Hospitalists.

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Discussion is held regarding the status of the case and the setting of a trial date.

Based on the discussion,

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IT IS ORDERED setting this matter for a **12-day** Jury Trial beginning on **September 10, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.**

NOTE: Judge Michael Herrod will be assuming this calendar as of July 25, 2011.

**THE HONORABLE MICHAEL HERROD
MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
CENTRAL COURT BUILDING, SUITE 9C
COURTROOM 903
201 WEST JEFFERSON
PHOENIX AZ 85003**

Trial days are Monday through Thursday.

NOTE: This Court utilizes FTR for an electronic record of the proceedings. However, any party may request the presence of a court reporter by contacting the division three (3) court business days before the scheduled hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED setting this matter for a **Final Trial Management Conference** for **August 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** (time allotted: **two hours**) before Judge Herrod. All counsel must *appear in person* and cannot appear telephonically.

9:15 a.m. Matter concludes.

Based upon the foregoing trial setting,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

DUTIES PRIOR TO THE PRETRIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

1. **MOTIONS IN LIMINE.** All motions in limine shall be filed no later than **5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2012**, and such motions must meet the test of *State v. Superior Court*, 108 Ariz. 396, 397; 499 P.2d 152 (1972): The primary purpose of a motion in limine is to avoid disclosing to the jury prejudicial matters which may compel a mistrial. See also, Ariz. R. Evid. 103(c). A written response to a motion in limine may be filed no later than ten (10) calendar days thereafter. The Court may rule on motions in limine without oral argument. No replies shall be filed. The parties must comply with Rule 7.2(a) Ariz.R.Civ.P., prior to filing any motion in limine. Any motion in limine filed without the movant having first complied with Rule 7.2(a), will be stricken by the Court.

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2. **JOINT PRETRIAL STATEMENT.** Counsel shall file with the Court no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2012, a Joint Pretrial Statement** signed by all counsel.
- a) **Deposition Summary:** In addition to the information required by Rule 16(d), counsel shall at the Pretrial Management Conference provide to the Court copies of any deposition transcripts to be read to the jury. The offering party will highlight the portions to be read, the other side will highlight Rule 106 additions, and any objections for the court to rule on will be clearly marked in the margin. The parties are encouraged to agree on narrative summaries of deposition testimony, using brief question and answer excerpts only to emphasize very important testimony or to cover areas of testimony that cannot be summarized to the satisfaction of all counsel. No stipulation should be unreasonably refused.
 - b) **Final Trial Witnesses:** In addition to the information required by Rule 16(d), the Joint Pretrial Statement shall include an exhibit titled: **Final Trial Witness List.** This list shall contain the name of each witness a party *actually intends to call* at trial, the day on which they intend to call each witness and the estimated time needed for direct, cross and re-direct examination.
3. **JURY INSTRUCTIONS; VOIR DIRE QUESTIONS.** Counsel shall meet and agree on as many proposed jury instructions as possible. Counsel shall file with the Court, with their Joint Pretrial Statement, copies of:
- a) Proposed voir dire questions.
 - b) A joint set of agreed-upon preliminary and final jury instructions and **proposed forms of verdicts.**
 - c) Separate sets of requested instructions that have not been agreed upon. Please read *Rosen v. Knaub*, 175 Ariz. 329; 85 P.2d 381 (1993) and the RAJI Civil 4th Statement of Purpose and Approach before preparing requests for non-RAJI instructions.

Recommended Arizona Jury Instructions (RAJI) need not be typed and may be requested in the following manner: RAJI 4th Standard 1 - Duty of Jurors. Non-RAJI instructions should be typed. Each instruction should cover only one subject.

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Any jury instructions not filed with the Court together with the Joint Pretrial Statement will be deemed waived by the Court, unless the Court concludes that good cause exists for the untimely submission.

DUTIES AT PRETRIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

4. At the Pretrial Management Conference, counsel shall be prepared to discuss:
 - a) Time limits in voir dire, opening statements, examination of witnesses and closing arguments.
 - b) Stipulations for the foundation and authenticity of exhibits.
 - c) Preliminary jury instructions, juror notebooks (counsel shall bring any proposed juror notebooks to the conference), mini opening statements and voir dire.
 - d) Agreed-upon deposition summaries and excerpts from deposition transcripts and the editing of any videotaped depositions.
 - e) Use of short-trial or summary jury trial.
 - f) Any special scheduling or equipment issues.
 5. Counsel shall contact the Division no later than **August 27, 2012** to make arrangements with the courtroom clerk for delivering exhibits. The exhibits will be marked serially as they are listed in the Joint Pretrial Statement – Plaintiff's first, Defendant's second. Please advise the clerk, by signed stipulation or on the record referring specifically to the Joint Pretrial Statement, which exhibits may be marked directly into evidence. **Prior to** presenting the exhibits to the clerk, counsel shall also meet and confer to **eliminate any duplicate exhibits**.
- The Court requires one set of exhibits to be marked and a second set in a binder for the Judge's use during the trial.**
6. One day's jury fees will be assessed unless the court is notified of settlement before 2:00 p.m. on the judicial day before the trial. Counsel are reminded to promptly notify the court of any settlement pursuant to Rule 5.1(c), Ariz.R.Civ.P.

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7. The dates set forth in this Order are FIRM dates and will not be extended or modified by this Court absent good cause. Lack of preparation will not ordinarily be considered good cause.

ALERT: eFiling through AZTurboCourt.gov is mandatory in civil cases for attorney-filed documents effective May 1, 2011. See Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Orders 2010-117 and 2011-010. The Court may impose sanctions against counsel to ensure compliance with this requirement after May 1, 2011.