

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Haggerty v. Lynch

Haggerty · No. 2:21-cv-01248-DJC-AC · Decided April 1, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California grants Defendants’ request to extend the deadline for filing their pretrial statement because Plaintiff had not yet filed his statement. Defendants must file their statement by April 7, 2025, and may amend it after reviewing Plaintiff’s submission.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Daniel C. Calabretta
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	April 1, 2025
DOCKET	2:21-cv-01248-DJC-AC
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendants moved for an extension of time to file their pretrial statement in a prisoner civil-rights action.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The district court has broad discretion in supervising the pretrial phase of litigation; modification of a Rule 16 schedule requires good cause and the judge's consent.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished

TOPICS

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure prisoner civil rights

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Defendants had shown good cause under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b)(4) to extend the deadline for filing their pretrial statement.

HOLDINGS

1. Good cause existed to modify the scheduling order because Plaintiff had not filed his pretrial statement, so Defendants' request for an extension was granted. Defendants were permitted to file their pretrial statement by April 7, 2025, with leave to amend it after reviewing Plaintiff's submission.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The district court has broad discretion in supervising the pretrial phase of litigation.” (at 1)

“The schedule may be modified if it cannot be reasonably met despite the diligence of the party seeking the extension.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Court's scheduling order required Plaintiff to submit a pretrial statement by March 20, 2025, and Defendants to submit theirs by April 3, 2025. Plaintiff had not filed his pretrial statement as of the date of the order. Defendants therefore requested an extension until fourteen days after Plaintiff submitted his statement.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Court's October 3, 2024 Scheduling Order required Plaintiff to file and serve his pretrial statement by March 20, 2025, and Defendants to file theirs by April 3, 2025. Plaintiff had not filed his statement when Defendants requested an extension. The Court granted Defendants leave to file their statement by April 7, 2025, and to amend it after reviewing Plaintiff's submission.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc., 975 F.2d 604, 607 (9th Cir. 1992)
- Zivkovic v. Southern California Edison Co., 302 F.3d 1080, 1087 (9th Cir. 2002)

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