

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Knutson v. Equifax, Inc., et al.

Knutson · No. 1:25-cv-00255-JLT-SAB · Decided August 12, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California ordered the parties to show cause why sanctions should not issue for failing to file stipulated dispositional documents by the court-ordered deadline. The order warns that failure to comply may result in sanctions, including possible dismissal, and sets August 15, 2025, as the response deadline.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Stanley A. Boone
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	August 12, 2025
DOCKET	1:25-cv-00255-JLT-SAB
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court issued an order to show cause after the parties failed to file court-ordered dispositional documents by the deadline established following notice of settlement.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished, nonprecedential district court order

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the parties should be required to show cause why sanctions should not issue for failing to file court-ordered dispositional documents by the deadline.

2. Whether the court possesses authority under its inherent power and Local Rule 110 to impose sanctions, potentially including dismissal, for failure to comply with a court order.

HOLDINGS

1. A federal district court has inherent power to control its docket and may impose appropriate sanctions, including dismissal, when a party or counsel fails to comply with court rules or orders.
2. The parties must show cause in writing by August 15, 2025, why sanctions should not issue for failing to file the required stipulated dispositional documents, and failure to comply with the show-cause order will result in sanctions.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Court has the inherent power to control its docket and may, in the exercise of that power, impose sanctions where appropriate, including dismissal of the action.” (at 1)

“Failure to comply with this order will result in the issuance of sanctions.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff brought the action against multiple defendants, including Equifax, Inc., which later became the only remaining defendant. After the parties notified the court that they had reached a settlement, the court ordered them to file dispositional documents within sixty days. The deadline passed without the required documents or a request for additional time, prompting the order to show cause.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff commenced the action on February 27, 2025, and Equifax filed an answer on April 14, 2025. Plaintiff notified the court on June 9, 2025, that she had settled with Equifax, the only remaining defendant, and that dispositional documents would be filed within sixty days. The court ordered the parties to file those documents by June 10, 2025, but the deadline expired without filing or a request for extension. The court therefore required the parties to show cause in writing why sanctions should not issue.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Bautista v. Los Angeles County*, 216 F.3d 837, 841 (9th Cir. 2000)