

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Hernandez v. Gonzales

No. 1:20-cv-01019-SAB (PC) (E.D. Cal. June 23, 2025) · No. 1:20-cv-01019-SAB (PC) · Decided June 23, 2025

SUMMARY

This is an order from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California setting a settlement conference in a prisoner civil-rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The order requires the parties to attend the conference on July 28, 2025, submit confidential settlement statements by July 14, 2025, and ensure that representatives with full settlement authority participate.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Stanley A. Boone
DECIDED	June 23, 2025
DOCKET	1:20-cv-01019-SAB (PC)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, was involved in a civil rights action that the district court referred to a magistrate judge for a settlement conference.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished procedural order; precedential status unknown

TOPICS

mediation civil procedure civil rights

PRACTICE AREAS

civil rights civil procedure settlement and mediation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the case should be set for a mandatory settlement conference.
- What attendance and confidential-submission requirements should govern the settlement conference.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“the district court has the authority to order parties, including the federal government, to participate in mandatory settlement conferences...” (2-3)

“the district court has broad authority to compel participation in mandatory settlement conference[s].” (2-3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Armando Hernandez is a state prisoner proceeding pro se in a civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The court determined that the case would benefit from a settlement conference and scheduled one before a federal magistrate judge at California State Prison, Sacramento. The order required the parties to attend with principals possessing full authority to settle and to submit confidential settlement statements addressing the facts, claims, defenses, proceedings, settlement positions, and related matters.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The district court determined that the case would benefit from a settlement conference and issued an order setting the conference for July 28, 2025, at California State Prison, Sacramento. The order also directed the parties to attend with representatives possessing full settlement authority and to submit confidential settlement statements.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- United States v. United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, 694 F.3d 1051, 1053, 1057, 1059 (9th Cir. 2012)
- G. Heileman Brewing Co., Inc. v. Joseph Oat Corp., 871 F.2d 648, 653 (7th Cir. 1989)
- Official Airline Guides, Inc. v. Goss, 6 F.3d 1385, 1396 (9th Cir. 1993)
- Pitman v. Brinker International, Inc., 216 F.R.D. 481, 485-86 (D. Ariz. 2003)
- Pitman v. Brinker International, Inc., 2003 WL 23353478 (D. Ariz. 2003)
- Nick v. Morgan's Foods, Inc., 270 F.3d 590, 596-97 (8th Cir. 2001)

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