

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Haynes v. Contreas

Case No. 1:22-cv-00536-JLT-EPG (PC) · No. 1:22-cv-00536-JLT-EPG (PC) · Decided March 3, 2023

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California ordered the parties to file statements addressing scheduling and discovery matters within thirty days of service. The order requires defendants to address exhaustion, potential third-party subpoenas, investigation materials, recordings or photographs, and whether the named defendants are properly identified.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	March 3, 2023
DOCKET	1:22-cv-00536-JLT-EPG (PC)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	After screening Plaintiff's complaint and ordering the action to proceed, the court issued an order requiring the parties to submit statements concerning scheduling and discovery.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- civil procedure
- prisoners rights
- section 1983

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- prisoner civil rights
- discovery

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What scheduling and discovery information must the parties provide before the court schedules the case?
2. Whether Defendants' failure to respond to the court's earlier settlement-conference order should be construed as opting out of the settlement conference.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Court construes Defendants’ failure to respond as opting out of the settlement conference.” (at 1)

“[P]roper exhaustion improves the quality of those prisoner suits that are eventually filed because proper exhaustion often results in the creation of an administrative record that is helpful to the court. When a grievance is filed shortly after the event giving rise to the grievance, witnesses can be identified and questioned while memories are still fresh, and evidence can be gathered and preserved.” (548 U.S. at 94-95)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The order provides no substantive account of the incident underlying Plaintiff's prisoner civil-rights claims. The court states only that it had screened the complaint and ordered the case to proceed. The order focuses on scheduling, discovery, exhaustion, potential evidence, and the identities of potentially responsible defendants.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The prisoner civil-rights action was pending in the Eastern District of California after the court screened the complaint and ordered it to proceed. The court had previously ordered Defendants to respond regarding an early settlement conference; after the deadline was extended and Defendants did not comply, the court construed the failure to respond as an election to opt out of the conference. The court then required each party to file a scheduling and discovery statement within thirty days.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Woodford v. Ngo, 548 U.S. 81, 94-95 (2006)

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