

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Lawrence Pointer v. Grant & Weber Arizona, Inc.

Pointer · No. CV 24-9134 FMO (PVCx) · Decided August 22, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Central District of California ordered the parties to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed for failing to comply with a prior order requiring a settlement conference and a related settlement filing. The court warned that failure to respond by August 29, 2025, could result in sanctions or dismissal for lack of prosecution under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Fernando M. Olguin
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Central District of California
DECIDED	August 22, 2025
DOCKET	CV 24-9134 FMO (PVCx)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court issued an order to show cause after the parties failed to file either a notice of settlement or a settlement status report required by a prior court order.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished

TOPICS

sanctions mediation civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure federal litigation alternative dispute resolution

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the parties should be required to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed for failing to comply with the court's settlement-conference and reporting order.

2. Whether failure to respond to the order to show cause could warrant sanctions or dismissal for lack of prosecution.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Failure to submit a response to this Order by the deadline set forth above may result in the imposition of sanctions and/or dismissal of this action for lack of prosecution.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties were required to participate in a settlement conference before a mediator from the court's ADR Panel no later than August 14, 2025. As of August 22, 2025, neither a notice of settlement nor a settlement status report had been filed.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 14, 2025, the court ordered the parties to complete a settlement conference by August 14, 2025. The parties were required to file a notice of settlement within 24 hours after settlement or a settlement status report within 48 hours after the conference. Neither filing had been made by the date of this order, so the court ordered the parties to show cause by August 29, 2025, why sanctions should not be imposed and warned that failure to respond could result in sanctions or dismissal for lack of prosecution.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Link v. Wabash R.R. Co., 370 U.S. 626, 629-30, 82 S. Ct. 1386, 1388 (1962)
- Pagtalunan v. Galaza, 291 F.3d 639, 642 (9th Cir. 2002), cert. denied, 538 U.S. 909 (2003)

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

No. CV 24-9134 FMO (PVCx) Date August 22, 2025 Title Lawrence Pointer v. Grant & Weber Arizona, Inc. Present: The Honorable Fernando M. Olguin, United States District Judge Vanessa Figueroa None Present Deputy Clerk Court Reporter / Recorder Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs: Attorneys Present for Defendants: None Present None Present Proceedings: (In Chambers) Order to Show Cause Re: Sanctions or Dismissal Pursuant to the Court's Order of February 14, 2025, the parties were required to complete a settlement conference before a mediator from the court's ADR Panel no later than August 14, 2025. (See Dkt. 23, Court's Order of February 14, 2025, at 17). If

the case settled, the parties were required to file a Notice of Settlement no later than 24 hours after settlement. (See *id.*). Otherwise, the parties were required to file a Status Report Re: Settlement no later than 48 hours after the settlement conference was complete. (See *id.*). As of the filing date of this Order, neither a Notice of Settlement nor a Status Report Re: Settlement has been filed. (See, generally, Dkt.). Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT, no later than August 29, 2025, the parties shall show cause in writing why sanctions should not be imposed for failure to comply with the Court's Order of February 14, 2025. Failure to submit a response to this Order by the deadline set forth above may result in the imposition of sanctions and/or dismissal of this action for lack of prosecution. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 629-30, 82 S.Ct. 1386, 1388 (1962); *Pagtalunan v. Galaza*, 291 F.3d 639, 642 (9th Cir. 2002), cert. denied, 538 U.S. 909 (2003). 00 : 00 Initials of Preparer vdr