

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA**

**Espinola v. Ford Motor Co.**

No. 2:25-cv-01117 WBS AC (E.D. Cal. Aug. 4, 2025) · No. 2:25-cv-01117 WBS AC · Decided August 5, 2025

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**OPINION**

Espinola v. Ford Motor Co.

PER CURIAM.

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 ----oo0oo---- 11 12 PATRICIA MARIA ESPINOLA, an No. 2:25-cv-01117 WBS AC  
individual, and ALBINO

13 MEDEIROS ESPINOLA, an

individual, 14 Plaintiffs, 15 v. 16

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, a

17 Delaware Corporation, 18 Defendant. 19 20 ----oo0oo----

21 STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING) ORDER

22 After reviewing the parties' Joint Status Report, the 23 court hereby vacates the Status (Pretrial  
Scheduling) Conference 24 scheduled for August 11, 2025, and makes the following findings 25  
and orders without needing to consult with the parties any 26 further.

27 I. SERVICE OF PROCESS

28 All defendants have been served, and no further service 1 is permitted without leave of court,  
good cause having been shown 2 under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b).

3 II. JOINDER OF PARTIES/AMENDMENTS

4 No further joinder of parties or amendments to 5 pleadings will be permitted except with leave  
of court, good 6 cause having been shown under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7 16(b). See  
Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc., 975 F.2d 604 8 (9th Cir. 1992).

9 III. JURISDICTION/VENUE

10 Jurisdiction in this action brought under the Song- 11 Beverly Consumer Warranty Act is  
predicated upon 28 U.S.C. § 12 1332, because the parties are of diverse citizenship and the 13  
amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. Venue is undisputed and 14 hereby found to be proper.

15 IV. DISCOVERY

16 The parties agree to serve the initial disclosures 17 required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
26(a)(1) on or before

18 August 25, 2025.

19 The parties shall disclose experts and produce reports 20 in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) by no 21 later than February 27, 2026. With regard to expert testimony 22 intended solely for rebuttal, those experts shall be disclosed 23 and reports produced in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil

24 Procedure 26(a)(2) on or before March 13, 2026.

25 All discovery, including depositions for preservation 26 of testimony, is left open, save and except that it shall be so 27 conducted as to be completed by March 27, 2026. The word 28 “completed” means that all discovery shall have been conducted so 1 that all depositions have been taken and any disputes relevant to 2 discovery shall have been resolved by appropriate order if 3 necessary and, where discovery has been ordered, the order has 4 been obeyed. All motions to compel discovery must be noticed on 5 the magistrate judge’s calendar in accordance with the local 6 rules of this court and so that such motions may be heard (and 7 any resulting orders obeyed) not later than March 27, 2026.

#### 8 V. MOTION HEARING SCHEDULE

9 All motions, except motions for continuances, temporary 10 restraining orders, or other emergency applications, shall be 11 filed on or before May 15, 2026. All motions shall be noticed 12 for the next available hearing date. Counsel are cautioned to 13 refer to the local rules regarding the requirements for noticing 14 and opposing such motions on the court’s regularly scheduled law 15 and motion calendar.

#### 16 VI. FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

17 The Final Pretrial Conference is set for July 27, 2026, 18 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom No. 5. The conference shall be 19 attended by at least one of the attorneys who will conduct the 20 trial for each of the parties and by any unrepresented parties. 21 Counsel for all parties are to be fully prepared for 22 trial at the time of the Pretrial Conference, with no matters 23 remaining to be accomplished except production of witnesses for 24 oral testimony. Counsel shall file separate pretrial statements, 25 and are referred to Local Rules 281 and 282 relating to the 26 contents of and time for filing those statements. In addition to 27 those subjects listed in Local Rule 281(b), the parties are to 28 provide the court with: (1) a plain, concise statement which 1 identifies every non-discovery motion which has been made to the 2 court, and its resolution; (2) a list of the remaining claims as 3 against each defendant; and (3) the estimated number of trial 4 days. 5 In providing the plain, concise statements of 6 undisputed facts and disputed factual issues contemplated by 7 Local Rule 281(b)(3)-(4), the parties shall emphasize the claims 8 that remain at issue, and any remaining affirmatively pled 9 defenses thereto. If the case is to be tried to a jury, the 10 parties shall also prepare a succinct statement of the case, 11 which is appropriate for the court to read to the jury.

#### 12 VII. TRIAL SETTING

13 The jury trial is set for September 22, 2026 at 9:00 14 a.m. The parties estimate that the trial will last 3 to 5 days.

15 VIII. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

16 A Settlement Conference with a magistrate judge will be 17 set at the time of the Pretrial  
Conference. Counsel are 18 instructed to have a principal with full settlement authority 19 present  
at the Settlement Conference or to be fully authorized to 20 settle the matter on any terms. At least  
seven calendar days 21 before the Settlement Conference counsel for each party shall 22 submit a  
confidential Settlement Conference Statement for review 23 by the settlement judge. The  
Settlement Conference Statements 24 shall not be filed and will not otherwise be disclosed to the  
25 trial judge.

26 IX. MODIFICATIONS TO SCHEDULING ORDER

27 Any requests to modify the dates or terms of this 28 Scheduling Order, except requests to  
change the date of the eee nee OE EO EINER OIE IIE 1 trial, may be heard and decided by the  
assigned Magistrate Judge. 2 All requests to change the trial date shall be heard and decided 3  
only by the undersigned judge. 4 IT IS SO ORDERED. 5 Dated: August 4, 2025 Ate a, ~~ ak pag!  
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6 WILLIAM B. SHUBB

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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