

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Clifton Richardson, et al. v. Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC

Richardson · No. 2:25-cv-01613-DJC-CSK · Decided August 12, 2025

SUMMARY

This is a scheduling order in Richardson v. Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. It establishes discovery, expert disclosure, dispositive-motion, pretrial, and jury-trial deadlines, with trial set for May 24, 2027.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Daniel J. Calabretta
DECIDED	August 12, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-01613-DJC-CSK
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The federal district court issued a scheduling order in a removed civil product-liability action after service of the named defendant.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Discovery rulings by the assigned magistrate judge are subject to modification by the district judge only if clearly erroneous or contrary to law, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential case-management order

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- discovery dispute
- joinder
- pleadings
- summary judgment

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- commercial litigation
- product liability

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What deadlines and procedures should govern service, joinder, amendment of pleadings, discovery, dispositive motions, settlement, pretrial proceedings, and trial?

2. What procedures govern referral and review of discovery disputes handled by the assigned magistrate judge?
3. What showing is required to modify the scheduling order or extend its deadlines?

HOLDINGS

1. Once final, the scheduling order may be modified only by leave of court upon a showing of good cause; party stipulation alone does not modify the schedule or applicable procedural requirements.
2. Discovery disputes that do not implicate the case schedule or sealing or redaction of documents related to dispositive motions are referred to the assigned magistrate judge, whose written ruling is final subject to district-judge modification only when clearly erroneous or contrary to law.
3. No further joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings are permitted without leave of court and a showing of good cause.
4. The parties must comply with the specified fact-discovery, expert-disclosure, expert-discovery, and initial-disclosure deadlines; noncompliance may result in sanctions, including preclusion of expert testimony or other expert evidence.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The schedule, once final, shall not be modified except by leave of the Court upon showing of good cause.”
(Section X, lines 4-15)

“The written ruling of the assigned Magistrate Judge shall be final, subject to modification by the District Judge only where it has been shown that the Magistrate Judge’s order is clearly erroneous or contrary to law.” (Section III, page 2, lines 8-10)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Clifton Richardson and other plaintiffs brought a civil action against Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC. The named defendant had been served, and the court entered a case-management schedule addressing discovery, motions, pretrial proceedings, and trial. The order identifies the action as a product-liability matter through the provided docket metadata, but the order itself does not describe the underlying accident or substantive claims.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action was filed in the Eastern District of California under docket number 2:25-cv-01613-DJC-CSK. After the named defendant was served, the court entered a scheduling order governing joinder, amendment, discovery, dispositive motions, pretrial proceedings, and trial.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc., 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir. 1992)

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