

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Alphonso Habbaba v. Gorilla Mind, LLC

Habbaba · No. 3:24-cv-00921-JLS-AHG · Decided October 27, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of California grants the parties’ joint motion to extend discovery and related pretrial deadlines by 30 days. The order finds good cause based on delays caused by corrupted data requiring re-extraction and sets revised deadlines for document production, depositions, expert disclosures and discovery, and pretrial motions.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Allison H. Goddard
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of California
DECIDED	October 27, 2025
DOCKET	3:24-cv-00921-JLS-AHG
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties jointly moved under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b) (4) to amend the scheduling order and extend document-production, fact-discovery, deposition, expert-disclosure, expert-discovery, and related pretrial deadlines by 30 days.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A scheduling order may be modified only for good cause and with the judge's consent. The good-cause inquiry focuses on the diligence of the party seeking modification and the reasons for the requested change.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- civil procedure
- commercial litigation
- sanctions

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- commercial litigation
- discovery

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the parties demonstrated good cause under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b)(4) to modify the scheduling order and extend discovery and related deadlines.
2. What revised document-production, deposition, expert-disclosure, expert-discovery, and pretrial-motion deadlines should govern the case.

HOLDINGS

1. The parties demonstrated good cause under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b)(4) to modify the scheduling order because they acted diligently and the requested extension was supported by documented production delays and the need to review more than one million pages.
2. The court ordered document production to be completed by November 13, 2025; depositions to occur no later than December 15, 2025; expert designations and Rule 26(a)(2)(A)-(B) disclosures by January 13, 2026; rebuttal-expert disclosures by February 10, 2026; expert discovery by March 10, 2026; and other pretrial motions by April 6, 2026.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Parties seeking to continue deadlines in the scheduling order, or other deadlines set forth by the Court, must demonstrate good cause.” (at 1)

“The Court finds that the parties have been diligent in their production efforts and appreciates that the parties are working together. As such, the Court finds good cause to GRANT the joint motion.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties reached an agreement concerning the defendant's document and data production. Much of the extracted data was corrupted and had to be extracted again, after which search terms and date ranges were applied to the newly extracted data. The defendant was reviewing more than one million pages for responsiveness, and the plaintiff required additional time to review the production before depositions of the defendant's representatives.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action was pending in the Southern District of California. The parties had previously entered a second amended scheduling order and jointly sought modifications after delays in producing electronically stored information. The court granted the joint motion and established revised discovery and pretrial deadlines while leaving all other scheduling-order provisions in place.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Ahanchian v. Xenon Pictures, Inc., 624 F.3d 1253, 1259 (9th Cir. 2010)

- Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc., 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir. 1992)
- Olvera v. Citibank, N.A., No. 25-cv-789-H-AHG, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 117769, at *2, *4-*5 (S.D. Cal. June 19, 2025)
- Merck v. Swift Transp. Co., No. 16-cv-1103-PHX-ROS, 2018 WL 4492362, at *2 (D. Ariz. Sept. 19, 2018)

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