

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Dores v. General Motors LLC

Dores · No. 2:25-cv-01256-WBS-JDP · Decided August 22, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California issued a Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Order in *Dores v. General Motors LLC*. The order addresses service, amendments, discovery, motion deadlines, the final pretrial conference, trial setting, settlement procedures, and modification of scheduling dates in a Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act action.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	William B. Shubb
DECIDED	August 22, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-01256-WBS-JDP
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court issued a status and pretrial scheduling order after reviewing the parties' joint status report and vacated the scheduled status conference.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Tony Dores v. General Motors LLC

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- service of process
- joinder
- discovery dispute
- consumer protection

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- consumer protection

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should vacate the scheduled status and pretrial scheduling conference and enter a scheduling order based on the parties' Joint Status Report.

2. Whether further service, joinder of parties, or amendments to pleadings should be permitted absent leave of court and good cause.
3. Whether diversity jurisdiction and venue were adequately established for the action.
4. What deadlines and procedures should govern discovery, motions, pretrial proceedings, settlement, and trial.

HOLDINGS

1. Because all defendants had been served, no further service was permitted without leave of court and a showing of good cause under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b).
2. No further joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings would be permitted without leave of court and a showing of good cause under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b).
3. The court found diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because the amount sought exceeded \$75,000 and complete diversity existed, and found venue proper.
4. The court adopted deadlines for disclosures, expert reports, completion of discovery, motions, the final pretrial conference, settlement proceedings, and trial.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“No further joinder of parties or amendments to pleadings will be permitted except with leave of court, good cause having been shown under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b).” (at 1-2)

“Jurisdiction in this consumer protection action under the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act is predicated upon 28 U.S.C. § 1332, because the amount of recovery sought exceeds \$75,000.00 and there is complete diversity among the parties.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Tony Does brought a consumer protection action against General Motors LLC under the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act. The court found that all defendants had been served, that federal subject-matter jurisdiction was based on diversity because the amount in controversy exceeded \$75,000 and the parties were completely diverse, and that venue was proper. The parties agreed to deadlines for initial disclosures, expert disclosures, discovery completion, motion practice, pretrial proceedings, settlement, and trial.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This action was pending in the Eastern District of California when the court reviewed the parties' Joint Status Report. The court vacated the August 25, 2025 Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference and entered deadlines and case-management directives concerning service, amendments, joinder, discovery, motions, pretrial proceedings, settlement, and trial.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

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

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