

**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.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 10 ----oo0oo---- 11 12 TONY DORES, an individual, No. 2:25-cv-01256-WBS-
JDP 13 Plaintiff, 14 v. 15 GENERAL MOTORS LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability 16 Company,
17 Defendant. 18 19 ----oo0oo---- 20 STATUS (PRETRIAL SCHEDULING) ORDER 21 After
reviewing the parties’ Joint Status Report, the 22 court hereby vacates the Status (Pretrial
Scheduling) Conference 23 scheduled for August 25, 2025, and makes the following findings 24
and orders without needing to consult with the parties any 25 further.

26 I. SERVICE OF PROCESS 27 All defendants have been served, and no further service 28 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 consumer protection action under 11 the Song-
Beverly Consumer Warranty Act is predicated upon 28 12 U.S.C. § 1332, because the amount of
recovery sought exceeds 13 \$75,000.00 and there is complete diversity among the parties. 14
Venue is undisputed and hereby found to be proper.

15 IV. DISCOVERY 16 The parties agreed to serve the initial disclosures 17 required by Federal
Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) on or before 18 August 20, 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 13, 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 February 27, 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 13, 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 13, 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 April 30, 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 13, 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 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. 14 The parties estimate that the trial will last five 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 eee OI IEE EE NO OED EO 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 22, 2025 illo A. dé WILLIAM B. SHUBB 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28