



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**Monday, January 5, 2026 – Courtroom 9D**

**THE HONORABLE GEORGE H. WU, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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Court Reporter

Benjamin D. Hauser  
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Law Clerks

8:00 a.m.				
1.	CR 18-172-GW	U.S.A. v.	1. Michael Lerma 6. Carlos Gonzalez 7. Juan Sanchez 8. Jose Valencia Gonzalez	(CUSTODY) (CUSTODY) (CUSTODY) (CUSTODY)
JOSE VALENCIA GONZALEZ’S MOTION FOR ACQUITTAL UNDER FEDERAL RULE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 29(C) OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL UNDER RULE 33 [1799]				
DEFENDANT CARLOS GONZALEZ’ MOTION FOR JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL AS TO COUNTS SEVEN AND EIGHT AND FOR THE STRIKING OF A SPECIAL FINDING AS TO COUNT ONE [1800]				
DEFENDANTS’ JOINT MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL BASED ON (1) EXCLUSION OF EXPERT TESTIMONY OF ROY “TIM” GRAVETTE, AND (2) LIMITATIONS ON JOSE MARTINEZ CROSS EXAMINATION [1802]				
DEFENDANT CARLOS GONZALEZ’S MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL AND FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARING [1803]				
DEFENDANT LERMA’S MOTION FOR ACQUITTAL; NEW TRIAL PURSUANT TO FED. RULES 29 AND 33 [1804]				
Kellye Ng, AUSA x8408 Kyle W. Kahan, AUSA x2238 Jason C. Pang, AUSA x2652 Jason A. Gorn, AUSA x7962 J. Mark Childs, AUSA x2433			1. Marri B. Derby, CJA 949-510-4785 Joel Furman 949-887-2397 6. Richard G. Novak, 626-578-1175 Kenneth M. Miller 949-388-3440 7. Richard P. Lasting, CJA 213-489-9025 Charles Diamond, CJA 310-621-5843 8. Daniel A. Nardoni, CJA 626-578-9872 Shaun Khojayan, CJA 310-274-6111	
2.	CV 22-5921-GW-PDx CV 23-3316-GW-PDx (840 Trademark / FQ / CV 5921 filed 08/19/22; CV filed 05/02/23 – ADR)	LVDV Holdings, LLC v. Jabari Shelton Jabari Shelton v. LVDV Holdings, LLC, et al.		
STATUS CONFERENCE				

	Hayes Michel 310-277-7342	Benjamin C.R. Lockyer 773-340-0011 Brandon H. Leopoldus 323-682-0511
3.	CV 25-885-GW-MARx CV 25-3194-GW-MARx (Removal – 790 Other Labor / Div / CV 885 filed 01/31/25; CV 3194 filed 04/11/25 – ADR)	Stacy Kraebel v. Siemens Industry, Inc., et al. Stacy Kraebel v. Siemens Industry, Inc., et al.
	POST-MEDIATION STATUS CONFERENCE	
	Nicholas J. De Blouw 858-551-1223 Aparajit Bhowmik Jeffrey S. Herman Kyle R. Nordrehaug Norman B. Blumenthal Sergio J. Puche Trevor G. Moran	Alexander Polishuk 310-556-1801 Armida Derzakarian
4.	CV 25-9113-GW-PVCx  ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE SETTLEMENT  Jason J. Kim 213-205-6560	Sam Benford v. Ins & Outs Pottery, Inc., et al. (446 CV ADA / FQ / filed 09/24/25 – ADR)
5.	CV 25-5767-GW-JCx  SCHEDULING CONFERENCE  Thomas P. Riley 626-799-9797	G & G Closed Circuit Events, LLC v. Nicholas Vincent Velez, et al. (490 Cable/Sat TV / FQ / filed 06/25/25 – ADR)
		Nicholas Vincent Velez, PRO SE 961-624-6970
6.	CV 25-6098-GW-JCx  SCHEDULING CONFERENCE  Thomas P. Riley 626-799-9797	G & G Closed Circuit Events, LLC v. Nicholas Vincent Velez, et al. (490 Cable/Sat TV / FQ / filed 07/03/25 – ADR)
		Nicholas Vincent Velez, PRO SE
7.	CV 25-6466-GW-BFMx  SCHEDULING CONFERENCE  Nunzio Donato Ciaraulo, PRO SE 818-448-3027	Nunzio Donato Ciaraulo v. 7980 Sunset Associates, et al. (446 CV ADA / FQ / filed 07/11/25 – ADR)
		Lewis B. Adelson 310-600-6238
8.	CV 25-8481-GW-SKx (190 Other Contract / Div / filed 09/08/25 / answer 11/19/25 – ADR)	Washington Square Films, Inc. v. Dutchman Film, Inc., et al.
	SCHEDULING CONFERENCE  Peter R. Afrasiabi 949-502-2870	Peter G. Haber, Sr. 310-552-3400
9.	CV 25-10738-GW-MBKx (Removal – 190 Other Contract / Div / filed 11/07/25)	Tamer Iskander v. Blueground US, Inc., et al.
	SCHEDULING CONFERENCE  Jack Day 949-650-2827 Calvin Bryne	Jason D. Strabo 310-277-4220 Erica B. Lang

	Paul K. Haines 424-292-2350	Julian L. Andre Tala T. Jayadevan
10.	CV 25-8758-GW-AGRx R.H. Lemorande v. Disney Enterprises, Inc., et al. (840 Trademark / FQ / filed 09/15/25 / answer 11/18/25 – ADR)	
	SCHEDULING CONFERENCE	
	R.H. Lemorande, PRO SE 323-309-6146	Jason M. Joyal 202-559-1498
11.	CV 25-10673-GW-AGRx Haven Ransom v. Tapestry, Inc., et al. (Transfer In – CASD / Div / filed 11/06/25 – ADR)	
	SCHEDULING CONFERENCE	
	Lauren N. Vega 619-693-4307 Nicholas J. Ferraro	Gregory W. Knopp 310-557-2900 Laura L. Vaughn
12.	CV 16-7297-GW-SKx Terence B. Tekoh v. County of Los Angeles, et al. (440 Other CV Rights / FQ / filed 09/28/16 / term 10/05/18 – ADR)	
	PRETRIAL CONFERENCE (JT 01/06/26)	
	Maria Cavalluzzi 323-467-2300 John C. Burton 626-449-8300 John C. Washington 310-717-7373 Paul L. Hoffman	Rickey Ivie 213-489-0028 Ayang Inyang
13.	CV 23-6875-GW-MAAx Sumoyyah Lee, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. (440 Other CV Rights / FQ / filed 08/21/23 – ADR)	
	PRETRIAL CONFERENCE (JT 01/13/26)	
	<p>PLAINTIFFS' MOTIONS IN LIMINE (filed 12/08/25; Dkt. No. 267):</p> <p>NO. 1: EXCLUSION OF PLAINTIFF SUMOYYAH LEE'S MARIJUANA USE;</p> <p>NO. 2: EXCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO PLAINTIFF SUMOYYAH LEE AS PERPETRATOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, RATHER THAN AS A VICTIM;</p> <p>NO. 3: EXCLUSION OF PLAINTIFF ERICK J. LEE'S PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY;</p> <p>NO. 4: EXCLUSION OF EVIDENCE NOT DISCLOSED DURING DISCOVERY;</p> <p>NO. 5: EXCLUSION AND/OR LIMITATION OF DEFENDANTS' EXPERTS' TESTIMONY; AND</p> <p>NO. 6: EXCLUSION OF LAY WITNESSES DURING TRIAL AND INSTRUCTION TO WITNESSES.</p> <p>DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS IN LIMINE (filed 12/08/25):</p> <p>NO. 1: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE THAT FOSTER PARENT MARGARET KAYIIRA IS LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF HER OWN SON C. N. [260]</p> <p>NO. 2: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE THAT MARGARET KAYIIRA IS LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF D.V. [261]</p> <p>NO. 3: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE THAT DEPENDENT MINOR A.O. WAS REMOVED FROM MARGARET KAYIIRA'S HOME, AND AT THE TIME OF THE REMOVAL A.O. HAD A BRUISE UNDER EYE, AND HAD AN IRRITATION AROUND THE G-TUBE [262]</p> <p>NO. 4: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE PERTAINING MARGARET KAYIIRA'S DISQUALIFICATION TO ADOPT A.O. INCLUDING THE UNDERLYING BASIS FOR THAT DETERMINATION [263]</p> <p>NO. 5: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF ANY OTHER CHILD FATALITY, OR ALTERNATIVELY, OTHER FATALITIES CAUSED BY CIRCUMSTANCES UNRELATED TO THIS CASE [264]</p> <p>NO. 6: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE REGARDING STATISTICAL DATA, REVIEWS, AND REPORTS PERTAINING TO CHILD FATALITIES OF CHILDREN NOT IN FOSTER CARE/OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT [265]</p>	

	<p>NO. 7: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF CHILD FATALITIES STEMMING FROM LANCASTER OFFICE, INCLUDING HIGH PROFILE/PUBLICIZED CASES [270] NO. 8: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE THAT MARGARET KAYIIRA GAVE DOXYLAMINE (SLEEPING MEDICATION) TO BABY ERICK [266] NO. 9: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE THAT DEFENDANTS DID NOT NOTIFY PLAINTIFFS REGARDING BABY ERICK'S DEATH [268] NO. 10: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF A.O. AND/OR THAT FOSTER PARENT MARGARET KAYIIRA IS LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF A.O. [269]</p> <p>DEFENDANTS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND LLANET ACOSTA'S MOTION TO BIFURCATE ALL REMAINING CLAIMS AGAINST COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND LLANET ACOSTA [253]</p> <p>Je Y. Jung 202-297-5638 Olu K. Orange 213-736-9900</p> <p>Avi Burkwitz 818-562-5800 Gil Burkwitz Sherry M. Gregorio Lusine Arshakyan</p>
14.	<p>EDCV 20-471-GW-SPx Chemehuevi Indian Tribe v. Havasu Water Company, et al. (890 Other Stat Act / FQ / filed 03/09/20 / answer 09/28/20 – ADR)</p> <p>HEARING ON REVISED PROPOSED ORDER RE EJECTMENT</p> <p>Lester J. Marston 707-462-6846 Kostan R. Lathouris 702-473-0581</p> <p>Patrick D. Webb 619-236-1650</p>
15.	<p>CV 24-3178-GW-JCx G &amp; G Closed Circuit Events, LLC v. Ramon Misael Guerrero Elenes, (490 Cable/Sat TV / FQ / filed 04/18/24 – ADR)</p> <p>PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS [59]</p> <p>Thomas P. Riley 626-799-9797</p>