



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Monday, January 5, 2026 – Courtroom 9D

**[AMENDED]**

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

Javier Gonzalez  
Courtroom Deputy Clerk

Terri A. Hourigan  
Court Reporter

Benjamin D. Hauser  
Natalie Cohn-Aronoff  
Tahnee Monnin  
Law Clerks

		8:00 a.m.	
1.	CR 18-172-GW	U.S.A. v.	1. Michael Lerma (CUSTODY) 6. Carlos Gonzalez (CUSTODY) 7. Juan Sanchez (CUSTODY) 8. Jose Valencia Gonzalez (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] – <b>u/s tent email 01/02</b>			
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	

**8:30 a.m.**

2. CV 22-5921-GW-PDx LVDV Holdings, LLC v. Jabari Shelton  
CV 23-3316-GW-PDx Jabari Shelton v. LVDV Holdings, LLC, et al.  
(840 Trademark / FQ / CV 5921 filed 08/19/22; CV filed 05/02/23 – ADR)

STATUS CONFERENCE

Hayes Michel 310-277-7342

Benjamin C.R. Lockyer 773-340-0011  
Brandon H. Leopoldus 323-682-0511

3. CV 25-6466-GW-BFMx Nunzio Donato Ciaraulo v. 7980 Sunset Associates, et al.  
(446 CV ADA / FQ / filed 07/11/25 – ADR)

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

Nunzio Donato Ciaraulo, PRO SE 818-448-3027

Lewis B. Adelson 310-600-6238

4. CV 25-8481-GW-SKx Washington Square Films, Inc. v. Dutchman Film, Inc., et al.  
(190 Other Contract / Div / filed 09/08/25 / answer 11/19/25 – ADR)

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

Peter R. Afrasiabi 949-502-2870

Peter G. Haber, Sr. 310-552-3400

**8:30 a.m.**

5. 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

6. 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 Gregory W. Knopp 310-557-2900  
Nicholas J. Ferraro Laura L. Vaughn

7. 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 Rickey Ivie 213-489-0028  
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8. 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)

PLAINTIFFS' MOTIONS IN LIMINE (filed 12/08/25; Dkt. No. 267):

NO. 1: EXCLUSION OF PLAINTIFF SUMOYYAH LEE'S MARIJUANA USE;  
NO. 2: EXCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO PLAINTIFF SUMOYYAH LEE AS PERPETRATOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, RATHER THAN AS A VICTIM;  
NO. 3: EXCLUSION OF PLAINTIFF ERICK J. LEE'S PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY;  
NO. 4: EXCLUSION OF EVIDENCE NOT DISCLOSED DURING DISCOVERY;  
NO. 5: EXCLUSION AND/OR LIMITATION OF DEFENDANTS' EXPERTS' TESTIMONY; AND  
NO. 6: EXCLUSION OF LAY WITNESSES DURING TRIAL AND INSTRUCTION TO WITNESSES.

DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS IN LIMINE (filed 12/08/25):

NO. 1: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE THAT FOSTER PARENT MARGARET KAYIIRA IS LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF HER OWN SON C. N. [260]  
NO. 2: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE THAT MARGARET KAYIIRA IS LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF D.V. [261]  
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]  
NO. 4: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE PERTAINING MARGARET KAYIIRA'S DISQUALIFICATION TO ADOPT A.O. INCLUDING THE UNDERLYING BASIS FOR THAT DETERMINATION [263]  
NO. 5: TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF ANY OTHER CHILD FATALITY, OR ALTERNATIVELY, OTHER FATALITIES CAUSED BY CIRCUMSTANCES UNRELATED TO THIS CASE [264]  
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]  
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]  
NO. 11: TO EXCLUDE HON. JENNIFER W. BARANOFF, HON. STEPHANIE M. DAVIS, TAMARA DIAMOND, SHANA HANNA, SHEENA MARTIN, JULIANNA RUBALCABA, AND LEONICIO VASQUEZ-LOPEZ FROM GIVING TESTIMONY AT TRIAL [293]

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] – **tent issd 01/02 [311]**

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Gil Burkwitz  
Sherry M. Gregorio  
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**8:30 a.m.**

9. 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)

HEARING ON REVISED PROPOSED ORDER RE EJECTMENT

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Kostan R. Lathouris 702-473-0581

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