

**CIVIL STANDING ORDER**  
**MAGISTRATE JUDGE NATHANAEL M. COUSINS**

LOCATION

San Jose matters are heard in Courtroom 7, 4th Floor, San Jose Federal Courthouse.

San Francisco matters are heard in Courtroom A, 15th Floor, San Francisco Federal Courthouse, the **first Wednesday** of each month.

SCHEDULING

Civil motions are held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Civil case management conferences are held on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Civil pretrial conferences are held on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Trials are held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parties are not required to reserve a hearing date but should confirm the Court's availability at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>. For questions regarding scheduling, please contact courtroom deputy Lili Harrell at 408.535.5343 or [Lili\\_Harrell@cand.uscourts.gov](mailto:Lili_Harrell@cand.uscourts.gov).

CASES INITIALLY ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COUSINS

In civil cases initially assigned to this Court for all purposes, each party must file written consent to the jurisdiction of a magistrate judge or a written request for reassignment to a district judge as soon as possible but no later than the deadlines specified in Civil Local Rule 73-1(a).

PROPOSED ORDERS

In all cases subject to e-filing, the parties must email all stipulations and proposed orders in Word format to [ncpo@cand.uscourts.gov](mailto:ncpo@cand.uscourts.gov) on the same day they e-file these documents.

DISCOVERY

Discovery motions referred to this Court and noticed for a hearing by a district judge will follow the briefing schedule set by the district judge, but the hearing will be rescheduled in accordance with this Court's civil motion calendar.

For all discovery disputes, the parties must meet and confer to attempt to resolve their dispute.

The meet and confer must be in person or by telephone. A mere exchange of letters, emails, or messages does not satisfy the requirement to meet and confer. If the parties are unable to reach a resolution, they must file a joint statement of five pages or less that: (1) describes each unresolved issue; and (2) states each party's proposed compromise with respect to each unresolved issue. The parties may attach necessary declarations, exhibits, and proposed orders to the statement. The attachments are not counted in the page limit. In the rare event that the parties are unable to file a joint statement, each party may file a statement of two pages or less. The statement(s) must be filed in ECF under the Civil Events category of Motions and Related Filings > Motions: General >

Discovery Letter Brief. Upon review of the statement(s), the Court will advise the parties regarding the need for more briefing, a hearing, or a telephonic conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

January 6, 2015



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Nathanael M. Cousins  
U.S. Magistrate Judge