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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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Defendant(s).

Case No.

**INITIAL STANDING ORDER FOR CRIMINAL  
CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE JOHN A.  
KRONSTADT**

1 This case has been assigned to the calendar of Judge John A. Kronstadt. Please read this  
2 Order carefully as it differs in some respects from the Local Rules. Counsel are advised that the  
3 Court, at any time, may amend one or more of its Standing Orders. It is the responsibility of  
4 counsel to refer to this Court's Procedures and Schedules found on the website for the United  
5 States District Court, Central District of California ([www.cacd.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov)) to obtain the  
6 operative order. The Court thanks the parties and their counsel for their anticipated cooperation in  
7 carrying out these requirements.

8 The parties were referred to the Court's Procedures and Schedules to obtain a copy of  
9 this Order at the time of the Post Indictment Arraignment ("PIA") Hearing. Counsel shall comply  
10 with this Order, which is effective from the date of the PIA Hearing.

#### 11 **A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

##### 12 **1. Formatting of Pleadings**

13 The caption title of every pleading shall contain the name of the first-listed defendant if the  
14 pleading applies to all defendants. If the document applies only to certain defendants, the caption  
15 shall list the name of the first defendant followed by the name(s) and number(s) of the remaining  
16 defendants involved (in the order listed on the docket).  
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18 In an effort to create a docket that is clear and that can be searched easily, the title of  
19 every pleading shall include the name of the defendant(s) to which it refers. However, if the  
20 pleading applies to all defendants or if there is only a single defendant, the name(s) of the  
21 defendant(s) do not need to appear in the title.

##### 22 **2. Mandatory chambers copies**

23 Mandatory chambers' copies are to be submitted pursuant to [Local Rule 5-4.5 \(Civil\)](#). The  
24 Court requires copies of only: (i) initial pleadings (information, indictment, superseding information  
25 or indictment); (ii) motion papers (motions, oppositions, replies, non-oppositions, and any related  
26 document); (iii) trial documents (joint statement of the case, proposed voir dire, jury instructions,  
27 verdict form, joint exhibit list, joint witness list, and any disputes relating to any of the foregoing);  
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1 (iv) plea agreements; and (v) sentencing position papers. Mandatory chambers' copies must be  
2 delivered to the Clerk's Office, Room 181-L, no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day following the  
3 filing of the document.

4 Mandatory chambers' copies must be printed from CM/ECF, and must include the  
5 CM/ECF-generated header (consisting of the case number, document control number, date of  
6 filing, page number, etc.). Any stapling or binding should not obscure the CM/ECF-generated  
7 header. The Court prefers that chambers' copies not be two-hole punched or blue-backed; when  
8 possible, staple each copy only in the upper left hand corner.

#### 9 **B. DISCOVERY**

10 Counsel shall comply promptly with discovery and notice pursuant to Rules 12–12.4,  
11 12.15 and 12.16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The Court orders the Government to  
12 produce the discovery it currently has in its possession within seven (7) days from the date of the  
13 PIA Hearing. This includes: (a) the existence or non-existence of evidence obtained by electronic  
14 surveillance and testimony by a government informant; and (b) any evidence within the scope of  
15 *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and related cases. Counsel are ordered to confer and file  
16 a joint report no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of the PIA Hearing, which shall  
17 include: (i) the status of discovery and whether the Government anticipates further discovery to  
18 be produced and the date by which it will be submitted to defendant(s); (ii) whether there are any  
19 disputes as to the discovery produced thus far; (iii) the anticipated motions to be filed by each  
20 party; (iv) whether the parties expect to proceed on the current trial date; and (v) the anticipated  
21 length of the trial.  
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23 The Government shall produce to defendant(s) the discovery related to evidence it seeks  
24 to introduce at trial no later than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled trial date. If there is  
25 discovery related to trial evidence that is produced after this date, such evidence will not be  
26 admitted at trial subject to an ex parte application being filed by the Government seeking such  
27 relief that is approved by the Court.  
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**C. CONTINUANCES**

Counsel requesting a continuance must e-file any application or stipulation with a proposed order, which shall include a detailed explanation of the grounds for the requested continuance or other extension of time. The Court will not consider any request that does not comply with the Local Rules and this Order. Applications or stipulations extending dates become effective only if, and when, approved by this Court and an associated order is entered. Counsel shall submit requests for a continuance at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the scheduled date.

Stipulations for excludable time shall conform to the format and standards of this District.

**D. UNDER SEAL DOCUMENTS**

Counsel shall comply with [L.Cr.R. 49-1](#) with respect to serving and filing criminal documents under seal. All applications must provide the reason(s) why the parties' interest in maintaining the confidentiality of the document(s) outweighs the public's right of access to materials submitted in connection with a judicial proceeding. Counsel are ordered to meet and confer in person or by telephone at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the filing of an application in which the basis for the requested sealing is stated to determine if they can agree on the proposed under seal filing. Not later than two (2) calendar days after the meet and confer process has concluded, the non-proposing party shall confirm whether it agrees to having such information designated as confidential or whether it opposes an under seal filing. Any application for under seal filing, whether or not opposed, shall contain the dates and method by which the parties met and conferred. If such information is not provided, the application will be denied without prejudice to an amended application being filed that complies with the foregoing terms.

**1. For Requests to Seal Documents Only, Not the Application and Order**

a. Electronically file the application to seal. The supporting declaration, proof of service, if applicable, and proposed order shall be attached to the application (standard procedure for filing application with a proposed order pursuant to [Local Rule 52-4.1](#)).

- 1 b. Indicate which of the three following actions will be taken if the application is denied:
- 2 (i) Counsel will file the document(s) in their entirety for public view and consideration
- 3 by the Court;
- 4 (ii) Counsel will contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk to pick up the chambers'
- 5 copy(ies) of the document(s) within 24 hours; or
- 6 (iii) Counsel will request that the Courtroom Deputy Clerk destroy the chambers'
- 7 copy(ies) of the document(s).

8 *Note:* If counsel opt for (b) above and do not contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk within

9 24 hours, the documents will be destroyed.

10 c. After electronically filing the application and related documents, send an e-mail to:

11 [jak\\_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov](mailto:jak_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov) with an attachment containing: (i) an Adobe PDF version of

12 the application to seal with the CM/ECF-generated header; (ii) a Word or WordPerfect version of

13 the proposed order (including the proposed action to be taken if the application is denied (see 1

14 above); and (iii) an Adobe PDF of the document(s) to be filed under seal with a caption page

15 clearly marked "UNDER SEAL." The subject line of the email should include: (a) the case

16 number; (b) the name of the represented party; and (c) the words "UNDER SEAL REQUEST." If

17 the size of the email requires a second email that is a continuation of the under seal document(s),

18 the subject line shall also include "Part 1" or "Part 2," etc.

19 d. A non-blue backed, tabbed (if appropriate) mandatory paper chambers' copy of the

20 document(s) as listed above (together in one envelope) must be delivered to this Court's courtesy

21 box, outside of Room 181-L, 255 East Temple St., Los Angeles, California by noon on the day

22 after submission. The envelope shall include the words "COURTESY COPIES FOR UNDER

23 SEAL REQUEST."

24 **2. For Requests to Seal the Application, Order and Document(s)**

25 a. Electronically file a NOTICE OF MANUAL FILING indicating that the following has

26 been submitted to the Court: (i) an application to seal with the attached supporting declaration

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1 and proof of service, if applicable; (ii) a proposed order; and (iii) the documents to be placed  
2 under seal.

3 b. Send an email to the chambers' email at [jak\\_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov](mailto:jak_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov) with an  
4 attachment containing: (i) an Adobe PDF version of the application to seal with the CM/ECF-  
5 generated header; (ii) a Word or WordPerfect version of the proposed order (including the  
6 proposed action to be taken if the application is denied); and (iii) an Adobe PDF of the  
7 document(s) to be filed under seal with a caption page, clearly marked "UNDER SEAL." The  
8 subject line of the email should include: (a) the case number; (b) the name of the represented  
9 party; and (c) the words "UNDER SEAL REQUEST." If the size of the email requires a second  
10 email that is a continuation of the under seal document(s), the subject line shall also include "Part  
11 1" or "Part 2," etc.

12 c. A non-blue backed, tabbed (if appropriate) mandatory paper chambers' copy of the  
13 documents listed above (all in one envelope) must be delivered to this Court's courtesy box,  
14 outside of Room 181-L, 255 East Temple St., Los Angeles, California by noon on the day after  
15 submission. The envelope shall include the words "COURTESY COPIES FOR UNDER SEAL  
16 REQUEST."

### 17 **3. Other Important Information Regarding Applications to File Under Seal**

18 a. All documents and exhibits shall have a title/caption page pursuant to [Local Rule 11-](#)  
19 [3.8. \(Civil\)](#). Exhibits can either be attached to the document which refers to them or submitted as  
20 separate Adobe PDFs. Any separate filing shall also contain a title page, which shall indicate the  
21 exhibits attached thereto, e.g., "Exhibits 1-10 to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss".

22 b. The docket text shall reflect the exact title of the document. Therefore, if there is a  
23 known security risk with respect to the identification of a sealed document, the document text  
24 shall then reflect the name of the party and/or defendant and sealed type of document, *i.e.*, JOHN  
25 DOE'S (2) SEALED MEMORANDUM or DEFENDANT'S SEALED STIPULATION. If the security  
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1 risk is extreme, then the docket text may reflect the name of the party and/or defendant and  
2 sealed document, *i.e.*, GOVERNMENT'S SEALED [DOCUMENT].

3 c. Redacted documents shall conform to paragraph (b) above. However, the document  
4 shall include the word redacted in the title, *i.e.*, JOHN DOE'S (2) MEMORANDUM [REDACTED].

5 d. Counsel shall make every effort to file a redacted version of a sealed document. If a  
6 redacted version of the document is not filed, counsel shall explain the reason in either the  
7 application or supporting declaration.

8 e. Any sealed document must clearly mark the information that is confidential or  
9 privileged via highlighting in color and/or using brackets.

10 f. Counsel shall adhere to [Local Rule 5-4.3.1](#) with respect to the size of the PDF and,  
11 prior to submitting any document(s) to the Court for consideration, shall review each such  
12 document to confirm that none is presented with any missing pages.

13 g. All PDF documents shall be searchable.

14 h. The Court will review the submitted documents and make a determination as to  
15 whether some or all the documents will remain under seal, made available on the public docket,  
16 and/or whether a redacted version is to be filed.

## 17 **E. HEARINGS**

18 All criminal hearings are heard on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.

### 19 **1. Sentencing Hearings**

20 A sentencing hearing will be scheduled at the conclusion of the plea hearing. It will be  
21 scheduled for no less than 14 weeks after the plea hearing to permit the preparation of the  
22 presentence report. Both parties will be permitted to file a sentencing brief, which is due no later  
23 than fourteen (14) days before the sentencing hearing. If either party does not intend to file a  
24 brief, the Courtroom Deputy Clerk shall be notified no less than 14 prior to the sentencing  
25 hearing.  
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1 Any request for a continuance shall be made no later than seven (7) days prior to the date  
2 of the hearing.

3 The Court discourages the use of sentencing videos. If counsel believes a video is  
4 necessary, it should not be longer than 10 minutes. Videos will not be considered unless a  
5 transcript is provided.

## 6 **2. Change of Plea/Entry of Guilty Plea Hearings**

7 Counsel shall contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk to set a date for the hearing.

### 8 a. Open Plea / Alford Plea

9 If the parties agree to proceed with an open plea, counsel shall confer and file a  
10 stipulation as to the factual basis no later than seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

### 11 b. Superseding Information or Indictment

12 A superseding information or indictment shall not be attached to the end of the plea  
13 agreement. It shall be filed pursuant to the Local Rules and have its own docket entry. Counsel  
14 will be referred to PIA to be arraigned on the new charges.

## 15 **F. MOTIONS / MOTIONS IN LIMINE**

16 All motions shall be filed fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date. The supporting  
17 memorandum shall not exceed ten (10) pages. Any opposition shall be filed seven (7) days prior  
18 to the hearing date and shall not exceed ten (10) pages. The Court does not require a reply.  
19 However, if a party elects to file one, it shall be filed three (3) days prior to the hearing date by  
20 12:00 p.m., and shall not exceed five (5) pages. Proposed orders for motions are not required to  
21 be filed or submitted to the Judge's Chambers' email.

22 The Court hears all motions in limine, which shall be numbered sequentially by each party  
23 who presents them, at the time of the Final Pretrial Conference.

24 The last day to hear motions is set for the date of the Final Pretrial Conference. All  
25 motions shall be set in accordance with this Order and the Local Rules.  
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1           **G. TRIAL REQUIREMENTS**

2           No later than fourteen (14) days before the Final Pretrial Conference, counsel shall file the  
3 following:

4           **1. Statement of the Case**

5           Counsel shall meet and confer twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Final Pretrial  
6 Conference to determine if, in lieu of a Joint Statement of the Case, they will stipulate to having  
7 each side make a brief (less than five minute) mini-opening statement to the panel of prospective  
8 jurors prior to the commencement of voir dire. Such mini-opening statements are not to be  
9 argument, but rather a summary of the evidence that each side intends to present. If all parties do  
10 not stipulate to the use of mini-opening statements, they shall meet and confer and seek to reach  
11 agreement on a Joint Statement of the Case to be read by the Court to the panel of prospective  
12 jurors prior to the commencement of voir dire. Counsel shall file the joint statement of the case no  
13 later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the Final Pretrial Conference. If the parties cannot  
14 agree on such a joint statement, they shall file a “Disputed Joint Statement of the Case,” which  
15 shall include each party’s respective proposed statement, together with a “redline” comparing the  
16 parties’ respective statements. The parties shall deliver a courtesy copy pursuant to [Local Rule 5-](#)  
17 [4.5 \(Civil\)](#). A final version of the joint statement shall be provided to the Court on the first day of  
18 trial.  
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20           **2. Voir Dire**

21           Counsel may submit proposed voir dire questions that are unique to the particular trial.  
22 Each party may file their respective questions fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the Final  
23 Pretrial Conference.

24           **3. Witness List**

25           The Government shall file in camera a witness list no later than fourteen (14) calendar  
26 days prior to the Final Pretrial Conference. The list shall include the witnesses in the order that  
27 they are expected to testify, and will provide, to the extent possible, an accurate estimate of the  
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1 time needed for each witness for direct testimony. It shall also include a brief summary of each  
2 witness' testimony. If more than one witness is offered on the same subject, the summary should  
3 be sufficiently detailed to allow the Court to determine if the testimony is cumulative.

4 Not later than 12:00 pm on the Friday before the commencement of trial, the Government  
5 and defense counsel shall each email their respective witness lists in Word to the Court's  
6 Chambers' email at: [jak\\_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov](mailto:jak_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov). If the defendant does not intend to call  
7 any witnesses, the email shall so state.

#### 8 **4. Jury Instructions**

9 Jury instructions shall be filed no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the Final  
10 Pretrial Conference. The parties shall make every attempt to agree upon jury instructions before  
11 submitting proposals to the Court. The Court prefers Ninth Circuit model instructions. Counsel  
12 shall exchange proposed jury instructions (general and special) twenty-eight (28) calendar days  
13 prior to the Final Pretrial Conference. Counsel shall exchange any objections to the instructions  
14 twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Final Pretrial Conference. Counsel shall meet and  
15 confer with the goal of reaching an agreement on one set of joint jury instructions, which shall be  
16 filed no later than fourteen (14) calendar days before the Final Pretrial Conference. If the parties  
17 disagree over any proposed jury instruction(s), the parties shall file: (i) one set of proposed jury  
18 instructions to which all parties agree; and (ii) one set of disputed jury instructions, which shall  
19 include a "redline" of any disputed language and/or the factual or legal basis for each party's  
20 respective position as to each disputed instruction. Where appropriate, the disputed instructions  
21 shall be organized by subject, so that the instructions that address the same or similar issues are  
22 presented sequentially. The parties shall deliver a courtesy copy of these documents pursuant to  
23 [Local Rule 5-4.5. \(Civil\)](#). A final "clean" version of the jury instructions, which shall include the pre-  
24 instructions and the text of each instruction (eliminating titles, supporting authority, indication of  
25 party proposing, etc.) shall be provided to the Court on the first day of trial and sent via email in  
26 Word to the Court's Chambers' email at: [jak\\_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov](mailto:jak_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov).  
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1           **5. Verdict Forms**

2           The parties shall make every attempt to agree upon a verdict form before submitting  
3 proposals to the Court. Counsel shall file a proposed verdict form(s) no later than fourteen (14)  
4 calendar days prior to the Final Pretrial Conference. If the parties are unable to agree on a verdict  
5 form, the parties shall file one document titled “Competing Verdict Forms” which shall include:

- 6 (i) the parties’ respective proposed verdict form; (ii) a “redline” of any disputed language; and (iii)  
7 the factual or legal basis for each party’s respective position if the entire form is being disputed.

8 The parties shall deliver a courtesy copy of these documents pursuant to [Local Rule 5-4.5. \(Civil\)](#).

9 A final version of the verdict form shall be provided to the Court on the first day of trial and sent  
10 via email in Word to the Court’s Chambers’ email at: [jak\\_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov](mailto:jak_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov).

11           **6. Exhibits**

12           a. Exhibit List

13           Counsel shall each prepare an exhibit list in compliance with the example below and [Local](#)  
14 [Rule 16-6 \(Civil\)](#).

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<b><u>EXHIBIT LIST</u></b>					
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23           Counsel shall meet and confer at least twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Final  
24 Pretrial Conference to discuss and seek to agree, to the extent possible, on issues including  
25 foundation and admissibility of proposed exhibits by the Government. The exhibit list shall comply  
26 with [Local Rule 16-6.1 \(Civil\)](#). The Government shall file its exhibit list fourteen (14) calendar days  
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1 prior to the Final Pretrial Conference. Counsel shall file a “Notice of Disputed Exhibits,” if  
2 applicable, which shall set forth the basis for any disputed exhibit(s). Counsel shall confer so that  
3 there are no duplicate exhibits.

4 Not later than 12:00 pm on the Friday before the commencement of trial, the Government  
5 and defense counsel shall each email their respective exhibit list in Word to the Court’s  
6 Chambers’ email at: [jak\\_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov](mailto:jak_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov). If the defendant does not intend to offer  
7 any exhibits, then the email shall so state.

8 b. Exhibit Preparation

9 One (1) original (witness copy) and one (1) copy (bench copy) shall be presented to the  
10 Courtroom Deputy Clerk on the first day of trial. The exhibits shall be presented in a binder. Each  
11 binder shall be clearly labeled on the spine to include the case name, party and volume number.  
12 The Court does not require specific exhibit tags so long as each document is date-stamped and  
13 separated with a divider that is numbered. Each party shall use a different number sequence and  
14 shall comply with [Local Rule 26-3 \(Civil\)](#).

15 c. Voluminous/Security Prone Trial Exhibits/Materials

16 Arrangements for bringing voluminous trial materials or exhibits into the Courtroom  
17 through the Building Vehicle Loading Dock, if required, may be made through the Space &  
18 Facilities Help Desk at 213-894-1400. Before contacting Space & Facilities for a required security  
19 pass, prior approval of delivery time must be coordinated with the Courtroom Deputy Clerk. Once  
20 approval from the Clerk is received, logistical delivery information must be provided to Space &  
21 Facilities no later than 48 hours prior to the date of arrival to create and issue the required  
22 security pass. Counsel and messengers attempting to access the building parking and loading  
23 dock without a required pass will be denied entry.  
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25 Exhibits such as firearms, narcotics, etc., must remain in the custody of a law enforcement  
26 agent during the pendency of the trial. It shall be the responsibility of the agent to produce any  
27 such items for the Court, secure them at all times that the Court is not in session, and guard them  
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1 at all times while in the courtroom. The United States Marshals Service shall be advised  
2 whenever weapons or contraband are to be brought into the courthouse.

### 3 **7. Glossary/Notice**

4 At least one week before trial, the parties must confer and file a glossary of terms for the  
5 court reporter that includes applicable medical, scientific, or technical terms, gang terms, slang,  
6 the names and spellings of names likely to be cited, and any other case-specific terminology.

## 7 **H. ATTORNEY AND PARTY CONDUCT AT TRIAL**

### 8 **1. Trial Schedule**

9 Trials are generally conducted Tuesday through Friday. The Court will adopt a particular  
10 time schedule on a case-by-case basis. In general, the schedule will be either: (i) from 8:30 a.m.  
11 to 2:30 p.m. with two or three 20-minute breaks; or (ii) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a 15-  
12 minute break in both the morning and the afternoon, and a one-hour lunch break. This schedule  
13 may be changed for each trial and during each trial depending on the scheduling needs of jurors,  
14 witnesses, counsel or the Court.

15 Defense counsel is responsible for making the necessary arrangements with the United  
16 States Marshals so that any defendant who is in custody is provided clothing and/or snacks.

#### 17 **a. Courtesy Copies**

18 At the time of trial, counsel shall provide to the Courtroom Deputy Clerk three (3) copies  
19 of: (i) the witness list in the order in which the witnesses will be called to testify; (ii) the witness list  
20 in alphabetical order; (iii) a final set of jury instructions; (iv) a final version of the verdict form; (v)  
21 the exhibit list; (vi) proposed voir dire questions; and (vii) a statement of the case, if applicable. To  
22 the extent changes are made to the jury instructions, verdict form, or exhibit list, a Word version  
23 shall be emailed immediately to the Court's Chambers' email at:

24 [jak\\_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov](mailto:jak_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov).

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**2. Trial Conduct**

a. Jury Selection

The Court will seat as prospective jurors the same number of jurors who will serve at trial. The Court will conduct voir dire of this panel, which may include questions proposed by counsel both prior to trial and during the voir dire process. Whether counsel voir dire will be permitted will be determined during voir dire. After any potential juror is excused for cause, a replacement juror will be placed in the vacant seat and will respond to voir dire. Once a panel is in place to which there are no remaining or unadjudicated “for cause” challenges, counsel for each side will be permitted to exercise their respective peremptory challenge(s) through the Court. Upon the exercise of a peremptory challenge, a replacement juror will be seated, will respond to voir dire and will be subject to a “for cause” challenge before any remaining peremptory challenge is exercised.

b. Opening Statements, Examining Witnesses and Summation

At the end of each day, counsel presenting his or her case shall advise opposing counsel of the witnesses expected to testify the following day, with an estimate of the length of direct examination for each witness. Opposing counsel shall provide an estimate of the length of cross-examination for each witness. Cooperation of counsel will ensure an efficient trial process. It is the responsibility of all counsel to arrange the appearance of witnesses in order to avoid delay.

Opening statements, examination of witnesses and summation will be from the lectern only. Counsel should not spend an unreasonable amount of time writing out words or drawing charts or diagrams. Counsel may do so in advance and explain that the item was prepared earlier to save time as ordered by the Court.

The Court will honor reasonable time estimates for opening and closing presentations to the jury.

In jury trials, where a party has more than one lawyer, only one may conduct the direct or cross-examination of a given witness.

1 If a witness is on the stand when a recess is taken, it is counsel's duty to have the witness  
2 back on the stand, ready to proceed, when the trial resumes.

3 If a witness was on the stand at adjournment, it is counsel's duty to have the witness  
4 adjacent to, but not on, the stand, ready to proceed when the trial resumes.

5 It is counsel's duty to notify the Courtroom Deputy Clerk in advance if any witness should  
6 be accommodated in an appropriate manner due to any disability or other physical need.

7 The Court attempts to accommodate physicians, scientists and all other professional  
8 witnesses and will, except in extraordinary circumstances, permit them to testify out of order. The  
9 Court may do the same with respect to non-party witnesses who have work or family  
10 commitments. Counsel must anticipate any such possibility and discuss it with opposing counsel.  
11 If there is objection to having a particular witness called out of order, counsel shall confer with the  
12 Court in advance.

13 c. Objections and General Decorum

14 When objecting, counsel must stand to state the objection and state only that counsel  
15 objects and the legal ground for objection. If counsel wishes to argue an objection further,  
16 counsel must ask for permission to do so; the Court may or may not grant a request for  
17 conference at sidebar. The Court strongly discourages the excessive use of sidebars because  
18 this is inefficient. Instead, evidentiary issues should be anticipated in advance of trial and should  
19 be addressed through motions in limine and/or in connection with the rulings on exhibits.

20 Counsel must not approach the Courtroom Deputy Clerk or the witness stand without  
21 permission. When permission is given, counsel shall return to the lectern when the task has been  
22 completed. Counsel must not engage in questioning a witness at the witness stand absent  
23 specific approval by the Court.

24 Counsel must address all remarks to the Court. Counsel are not to address the Courtroom  
25 Deputy Clerk, the Reporter, persons in the audience or opposing counsel. If counsel wishes to  
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1 speak with opposing counsel, counsel must ask permission to talk off the record. Any request for  
2 the re-reading of questions or answers shall be addressed to the Court, not to the court reporter.

3 Counsel must not make an offer of stipulation unless counsel already has conferred with  
4 opposing counsel and has reason to believe the stipulation will be acceptable.

5 On the first day of trial counsel shall advise the Court of any commitments that may result  
6 in counsel's absence or late arrival on any day of the trial.

7 **I. LOCAL RULES**

8 Pursuant to L.Cr.R. 57-1, the Local Rules of the Central District of California shall govern  
9 the conduct of criminal proceedings before this Court unless otherwise specified.

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11 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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13 Dated: August 22, 2016



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HONORABLE JOHN A. KRONSTADT  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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