

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

CV 2005-003917

01/23/2006

HONORABLE KRISTIN HOFFMAN

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MARICOPA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
DISTRICT

RICHARD W GARNETT

v.

HIGLEY 11.21 GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

CHARLES H OLDHAM

ORDER SETTING FIRM TRIAL and TRIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

3:23 p.m. This is the time set for Rule 16 Comprehensive Pretrial Conference. Plaintiff is represented by counsel, Richard W. Garnett. Defendant is represented by counsel, Charles H. Oldham.

A record of the proceeding is made by audiotape in lieu of a court reporter.

A discussion is held.

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

All discovery shall be completed no later than 60 days before the trial date.

Any non-expert witnesses shall be disclosed 75 days before the trial date.

Disclosure of expert witnesses and designation pursuant to Rule 26(b)(4) shall be completed by 90 days prior to the trial date.

Plaintiff has already provided its appraisal of the subject property to the Defendant. The parties will exchange any other expert witness reports they intend to use at trial no later than the end of February 2006.

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The parties shall file any agreed upon amended pleadings and any motions to amend the pleadings no later than 60 days before the trial date.

The parties will meet to discuss settlement no later than 60 days from the date of the pretrial scheduling conference. If the parties wish to have a settlement conference they will do so with a private mediator.

IT IS ORDERED setting a Trial to a jury on **July 5, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.** before:

HONORABLE KRISTIN HOFFMAN
SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
OLD COURT HOUSE
125 W. WASHINGTON
COURTROOM 201 – 2ND FLOOR
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85003-2202
602 506-5624

THIS IS A FIRM TRIAL SETTING. Trial length: Three days to a jury.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Trial Management Conference (TMC) is set for **June 12, 2006, at 8:45 a.m.** in this division. Allotted time: 15 minutes. The TMC shall be governed by the Trial Management Orders set forth below.

IT IS ORDERED that the Joint Pretrial Statement (JPTS) in accordance with Rule 16(d), A.R.Civ.P., is due in this division by 5:00 p.m., five (5) judicial days before the Trial Management Conference (TMC).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED with the JPTS, Counsel shall deliver to this division, copies of the following:

A. A jointly-completed time and witness estimate list. (A sample form is incorporated in this order). The Court will use the list to predict the length of the trial for the jurors and to direct counsel to follow the trial time limits established. Any time limitation set will be reasonable presumptive limits subject to modification upon a showing of good cause. Counsel are reminded, that excluding breaks, a typical jury trial day is approximately four and a half hours.

B. A joint set of agreed-upon preliminary and final jury instructions. This does not include Preliminary Civil RAJI or Standard Civil RAJI 1 – 15 which the Court will be given without request. Unless counsel indicate they will be unable to do so, the proposed jury instructions will be submitted both in hard copy and on computer disk.

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C. Separate sets of requested instructions that have not been agreed upon. These jury instructions will also be submitted both in hard copy and on computer disk. Please read *Rosen v. Knaub*, 175 Ariz. 329, 857 P.2d 381 (1993), and the RAJI Civil 3d Statement of Purpose and Approach before preparing the request for non-RAJI instructions.

D. Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, if a request has been or will be filed. The proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law will be submitted both in hard copy and on computer disk. If proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are not received, the request shall be deemed waived.

E. Proposed *voir dire* questions which the Court may give.

F. In jury trial cases the parties shall jointly prepare a brief summary of the case which the Court will read to the jury at the commencement of *voir dire*.

G. The Court encourages use of juror notebooks in appropriate cases. Stipulating the contents in evidence is necessary. Key exhibits may be included, along with diagrams, photographs, timelines, non-argumentative summaries of positions of liability and damages and other information helpful to jurors.

H. Counsel are to identify in/with the memorandum all deposition or other transcribed testimony that may be offered at trial. The proposed testimony is to be identified by reference to page and line numbers. Objections, if any, to such testimony, and the reasons for such objections, are also to be set forth.

I. Any motions *in limine* shall be filed forty (40) days before the trial and such motions must meet the test of *State v. Superior Court*, 108 Ariz. 396, 397, 499 P.2d 152 (1972): "The primary purpose of a motion *in limine* is to avoid disclosing to the jury prejudicial matters which may compel a mistrial." See also, Ariz. Rules of Evidence, Rule 103(c). A written response to a motion *in limine* may be filed no later than thirty (30) days before trial. No replies shall be filed. The Court will decide motions *in limine* at the trial management conference. If oral argument is requested, oral argument will be held at the trial management conference.

J. All dispositive motions must be filed ninety (90) days before trial.

K. The Court will hear and rule upon objections to exhibits at the TMC. The rulings will be stated on the record. All objections to known exhibits and witnesses must be made before or during the Trial Management Conference or will be deemed to have been waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel, at the TMC, shall be prepared to discuss:

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1. Time limits in *voir dire*, opening statements, examination of witnesses and closing arguments.
2. Stipulations for the foundation and authenticity of exhibits.
3. Jury instructions (preliminary and final), juror notebooks (counsel shall bring any proposed jury notebooks to the conference), mini-opening statements and *voir dire*.
4. Agreed-upon deposition summaries and excerpts from deposition transcripts and the editing of videotaped depositions.
5. Narrative summaries with brief excerpts of deposition question and answer testimony are preferred at trial rather than the reading in of pages of testimony.
6. Use of "short trial" or summary jury trial.
7. Any special scheduling or equipment issues.
8. Status of settlement of the case.

L. COUNSEL WHO WILL BE THE TRIAL LAWYERS ON THE CASE ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE TRIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE.

M. FAILURE OF TRIAL COUNSEL TO ATTEND THE TRIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL SANCTIONS.

N. IF THE CASE IS SET FOR A JURY TRIAL, ONE DAY'S JURY FEES WILL BE ASSESSED UNLESS THE COURT IS NOTIFIED OF SETTLEMENT BEFORE 2:00 P.M. ON THE JUDICIAL DAY BEFORE TRIAL.

Courtroom 201 is NOT an E-Courtroom. A court reporter will be present. If you wish to use Powerpoint, etc. please make arrangements with the division to bring your own equipment.

TIME ESTIMATES FOR TRIAL

CAUSE NUMBER _____

CASE CAPTION _____

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL _____

DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL _____

(NOTE : Add additional lines as needed for additional parties and or witnesses.)

Opening Statement and Closing Argument

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PLAINTIFF'S OPENING STATEMENT	
DEFENDANT'S OPENING	
PLAINTIFF'S CLOSING	
DEFENDANT'S CLOSING	
PLAINTIFF'S REBUTTAL	

Estimate of time for Witness Examination

PLAINTIFF'S WITNESSES	DIRECT EXAMINATION	CROSS EXAMINATION	REDIRECT EXAMINATION

DEFENDANT'S WITNESSES	DIRECT EXAMINATION	CROSS EXAMINATION	REDIRECT EXAMINATION

The foregoing are based on the best estimates of counsel of the time reasonably needed to complete the necessary examination of the witnesses listed.

Counsel for Plaintiff

Counsel for Defendant

3:26 p.m. Hearing concludes.