

**Judge Mosbarger – Law & Motion – Wednesday, September 30, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
TENTATIVE RULINGS**

1. 23CV03201 ANDERSON, ISAAH v. AUTOMOTIVE ELITE INVESTMENTS, INC

EVENT: Plaintiff's Motion for Approval of PAGA Settlement

Plaintiff's Motion for Approval of PAGA Settlement is granted, the Case Management Conference on November 25, 2026 is vacated, and the matter is set for a Status Conference on November 18, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The Court will sign the form of order submitted by counsel.

2-3. 25CV00164 HOWARD, MATTHEW v. TRI COUNTIES BANK

EVENTS: (1) Defendant Tri Counties Bank's Motion to Compel Further Responses From Plaintiff Matthew Howard to Defendant's Special Interrogatories, Set One, and Request for Sanctions

(2) Defendant Tri Counties Bank's Motion to Compel Further Responses From Plaintiff Matthew Howard to Defendant's Requests for Production of Documents, Set One, and Request for Sanctions

Defendant Tri Counties Bank's Motion to Compel Further Responses From Plaintiff Matthew Howard to Defendant's Special Interrogatories, Set One, and Request for Sanctions is GRANTED. The Court finds that Plaintiff has failed to comply with the *Code of Civil Procedure* by failing to "make a reasonable and good faith effort to obtain the information by inquiry to other natural persons or organizations." *Code of Civil Procedure* §2030.220(c) ["If the responding party does not have personal knowledge sufficient to respond fully to an interrogatory, that party shall so state, but shall make a reasonable and good faith effort to obtain the information by inquiry to other natural persons or organizations, except where the information is equally available to the propounding party."]; see also *Sinaiko Healthcare Consulting, Inc. v. Pacific Healthcare Consultants* (2007) 148 Cal.App.4th 390, 406. Plaintiff is ordered to provide a supplemental response to Special Interrogatory No. 127 that indicates compliance with *Code of Civil Procedure* §2030.220(c) within 14 calendar days from the date of entry of the Order. Defendant is awarded sanctions in the amount of \$1,810 against Plaintiff and his counsel of record, Angela M. Hooper, jointly and severally, which is to be paid within 30 calendar days from the date of entry of the Order. The Court will utilize the form of order submitted by Defendant.

In regard to Defendant Tri Counties Bank's Motion to Compel Further Responses From Plaintiff Matthew Howard to Defendant's Requests for Production of Documents, Set One, and Request for Sanctions, the Court finds that Plaintiff provided supplemental responses to the discovery at issue on September 16, 2026 [See Declaration of Angela Hooper at ¶3-4; Exhibit 1]. However, the Court orders that in regard to Request Nos. 1-3, wherein Plaintiff indicated that "[a]fter a diligent search and a reasonable inquiry, Plaintiff will produce all of the responsive documents within his possession, custody, and control", any and all documents responsive to these Requests are to be produced within

14 calendar days from the date of entry of the Order. Defendant is awarded sanctions in the amount of \$2,160 against Plaintiff and his counsel of record, Angela M. Hooper, jointly and severally, which is to be paid within 30 calendar days from the date of entry of the Order. Counsel for the Defendant shall prepare and submit a revised form of order consistent with this ruling within two weeks.

4. 25CV03384 ANDERSON, MICHAEL V. HARLEY0DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY, INC. ET AL

EVENT: Plaintiff's Motion to Compel a Further Response to Plaintiff's Form Interrogatory No. 4.1 and Compliance with the Protective Order

Plaintiff's Motion to Compel a Further Response to Plaintiff's Form Interrogatory No. 4.1 and Compliance with the Protective Order is GRANTED. While Defendant subsequently produced the primary and excess insurance policy documents to Plaintiff on September 3, 2026 [See Declaration of Jordan S. Tabak at ¶4], the Court finds that such production does not resolve the issue of whether Defendant has provided a Code-Compliant response to Form Interrogatory No. 4.1. Defendant is ordered to serve a further complete and Code-Compliant verified response to Plaintiff's Form Interrogatories, Set One, No. 4.1 and its subparts within five (5) days of the hearing of this Motion. The Court will sign the form of order submitted by Plaintiff.

5. 25CV05132 KATHLEEN FRANCES O'LEARY, BY AND THROUGH HER SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST, REBEKAH EASTER ET AL v. MURRAY, JASON ET AL

EVENT: Defendants' Motion to Stay Proceedings Pending Appeal

The Motion is granted. The Case Management Conference on January 13, 2027 at 10:30 a.m. shall remain on calendar for status of appeal. Counsel for the Defendants shall prepare and submit a form of order within two weeks.