## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO

ST. LUKE'S HEALTH SYTEM, LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

RAÚL LABRADOR, Attorney General of the State of Idaho,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:25-cv-00015-BLW

**SCHEDULING ORDER TRACK: (Standard)** 

In accordance with the agreements reached and rulings made during the telephone scheduling conference held between counsel and the Court on May 7, 2025, and to further the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of this matter, NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following recitation of deadlines and procedures will govern this litigation:

1. <u>Dispositive Motion Deadline</u>: All dispositive motions, including motions for punitive damages, must be filed by **February 26, 2026**. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is this Court's policy to accept only one (1) motion to dismiss and one summary judgment motion per party. If it appears, due to the complexity or numerosity of issues presented, that counsel is unable to address all issues within the twenty-page (20) limit for briefs, Dist. Idaho Loc. R. 7.1(b)(1), then it is appropriate to file a motion for permission to file an overlength brief, rather than filing separate motions for each issue. The Court prefers reviewing one over-length brief in support, one over-length brief in response, and one 10-page reply brief, if any, rather than the panoply of briefs that are generated when multiple motions are filed.

- 2. <u>Amendment of Pleadings and Joinder of Parties</u>: Motions to amend pleadings and join parties, except for allegations of punitive damages, must be filed on or before **August 7, 2025**. This deadline will only be extended for good cause shown.<sup>2</sup>
- 3. <u>Alternative Dispute Resolution</u>: The parties have chosen not to participate in alternative dispute resolution. Accordingly, the Court will not establish an ADR deadline.
- 4. <u>Discovery Plan</u>: The parties have submitted competing discovery plans.

  During the May 7, 2025 Scheduling Conference, the Court ordered supplemental filings related to certain disagreements outlined in the competing plans. The Court will enter a separate order related to discovery after having considered the supplemental filings.
- 5. <u>Completion of Fact Discovery</u>: All fact discovery must be completed by **January 13, 2026**. This is a deadline for the completion of all fact discovery; it is not a deadline for discovery requests. Discovery requests must be made far enough in advance of this deadline to allow completion of the discovery by the deadline date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Ninth Circuit has held that motions to amend filed after the Scheduling Order deadline are governed, not by the liberal provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a), but instead, by the more restrictive provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b) requiring a showing of "good cause." *Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 604 (9th Cir. 1992).

## 6. <u>Disclosure of Experts</u>:

- a. The **Plaintiff** must disclose the experts intended to be called at trial on or before **October 13, 2025**.
- b. The **Defendant** must disclose the experts intended to be called at trial on or before **November 12, 2025**.
- c. Plaintiff's rebuttal experts must be identified on or before November
  26, 2025.
- d. ALL discovery relevant to experts must be completed by: January 27, 2026.
- 7. Scheduling of Trial and Pretrial Conference. Plaintiff's counsel must contact courtroom deputy **Jamie Gearhart** within one week following the entry of a decision on all pending dispositive motions to make arrangements for a telephonic trial setting conference with the Court to set pre-trial and trial deadlines. If no dispositive motion is filed, Plaintiff's counsel must immediately contact the courtroom deputy within one week of the dispositive motion filing deadline to set a telephonic trial setting conference.
- 8. <u>Law Clerk</u>: The law clerks assigned to this case are **Marci Smith** and **Rosemary Ardman**. Counsel may reach Ms. Smith at <a href="marci\_smith@id.uscourts.gov">marci\_smith@id.uscourts.gov</a>. Counsel may reach Ms. Ardman at rosemary ardman@id.uscourts.gov.

## 9. <u>Discovery Disputes</u>:

- a. I do not plan to refer discovery disputes and non-dispositive motions to magistrate judges.
- b. The parties will strictly comply with the meet and confer requirements of Local Rule 37.1 prior to filing any discovery motions.
- c. Should any discovery disputes arise in this case, the parties are instructed to first reach out to Ms. Smith or Ms. Ardman and alert them to the nature of the dispute. The law clerks will then work with the parties to come up with a briefing schedule, with an eye to expediting the resolution of these disputes, potentially including shortening the usual briefing schedule and page limitations.
- d. Prior to filing any discovery motions, counsel must certify, not only that they have complied with Local Rule 37.1, but that they have complied with the foregoing procedures.
- 10. The Court will conduct telephonic status conferences with the parties. The Court will set those status conferences in a separate notice.
- 11. <u>Calendaring Clerk</u>: Scheduling matters and calendar issues may be directed to **Jamie Gearhart**, who may be reached at (208) 334-9021.
- 12. <u>Reassignments</u>. If this case is reassigned, consult the <u>Judges' web</u> page for staff directory.

13. <u>Docketing Clerk</u>: If you have a docketing question, please contact a docket clerk at (208) 334-1361.

DATED: May 7, 2025

B. Lynn Winmill

United States District Judge