
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

IN RE: THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS TITHING
LITIGATION

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF CASE
MANAGEMENT HEARING**

(MDL Pretrial Order No. 1)

Case No. 2:24-md-03102-RJS

Chief Judge Robert J. Shelby

Magistrate Judge Daphne A. Oberg

To be entered additionally in member cases:

2:23-cv-00794-RJS

2:24-cv-00268-RJS

2:24-cv-00269-RJS

2:24-cv-00277-RJS

2:24-cv-00296-RJS

To further the efficient administration of this matter, **the court will conduct an in-person case management conference on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time.** The conference will be held at **351 S. West Temple, Room 3.100, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.**¹

Before the conference, counsel shall meet and confer with one another, and shall submit to the court the following no fewer than seven (7) days before the conference:

1. A joint Status Report concerning the procedural status of each member case, including the filing of initial pleadings, pending motions, and any scheduling

¹ The court desires to effectively manage this case to reduce expenses and ensure proceedings that are as efficient as possible. Consequently, the court is willing to conducting an interim Zoom call with counsel to discuss the status of the case prior to the case management conference, so long as a manageable call, with fair representation from all parties, can be arranged. If counsel believe such a call is needed, they may request it by calling or emailing chambers at (801) 524-6790, mary_jane_mcnamee@utd.uscourts.gov.

orders; and

2. A jointly-proposed Case Management Order. To the extent the parties cannot jointly agree on a proposed Case Management Order, the parties may submit their own proposed Orders, together with a statement explaining both their positions of agreement and of dispute, and the reasons for their disputes.

Counsel may, in their discretion, submit proposed agenda items for discussion during the conference. Any proposed agenda items should be submitted to the court no fewer than seven (7) days before the scheduling conference. In any event, counsel shall come prepared to discuss the following items:

1. The procedural status of the member cases, including the filing of initial pleadings, motions, and/or scheduling orders and how consolidation before this court might affect them;²
2. The nature and potential dimensions of the litigation;
3. The significant procedural and substantive problems likely to be encountered;
4. Procedures for efficient management of the case;
5. Procedures to reduce the complexity, expense, and costs of litigation; and
6. Organization of liaison and/or lead counsel on each side.

In complying with this Order, counsel should consult the Local Rules of Civil Practice for the District of Utah.³ These Rules will govern all proceedings in this matter. Subject to DUCivR 3-3(c), any attorney who is not already licensed to practice in this district must apply

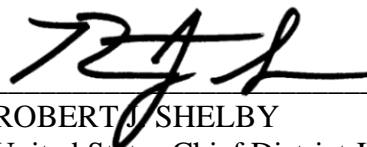
² The court observes Plaintiffs' Complaints involve common issues of fact, similar causes of action, and identical Defendants. As a result, the court is inclined to direct Plaintiffs to file a Consolidated Class Action Complaint. Should the court decide to do so, the court would further be inclined to vacate pending motions drawn to the pleadings in the member cases. If any parties object to this approach, they should be prepared to discuss their concerns.

³ The Rules are available online at <https://www.utd.uscourts.gov/rules-practice>.

for pro hac vice admission and pay the required fee.

DATED this 24th day of April 2024.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RJS', is written over a horizontal line.

ROBERT J. SHELBY
United States Chief District Judge