

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AMERICAN AIRLINES FLOW-THRU
PILOTS COALITION, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALLIED PILOTS ASSOCIATION, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. [15-cv-03125-RS](#)

**ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL AND
RESETTING SCHEDULE**

In view of their apparent abandonment by counsel, plaintiffs, through their new attorneys, have moved for scheduling relief. The parties were unable to meet and confer negotiations to reach consensus on any of the issues presented, other than that at least some continuance of the trial date was warranted.

By prior order, the trial date has now been vacated. Particularly in light of the fact that this is a class action, it would not be appropriate to charge plaintiffs with the failure of their prior counsel to designate any expert witnesses prior to the expiration of that deadline. Accordingly, the deadline for expert witness disclosure shall be reset for May 17, 2019. Any supplemental and rebuttal experts shall be designated no later than June 7, 2019. Expert discovery shall be completed by June 28, 2019.

Plaintiffs have also requested a reopening of fact discovery for unspecified “limited” purposes. It may be that plaintiffs were not in a position to evaluate what additional discovery might be needed as prior counsel had not yet made his files available to new counsel. The request

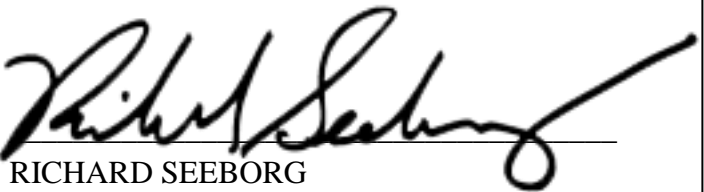
1 is denied at this juncture. In the event plaintiffs believe they can make a particularly strong
2 showing of a need for certain narrowly targeted discovery, the parties shall meet and confer to
3 attempt to reach an accommodation. Although plaintiffs are advised that fact discovery will not be
4 reopened absent compelling circumstances, defendants should bear in mind that the interests of the
5 class members may mandate a different result here than where an individual plaintiff can more
6 readily be bound by his or her counsel's conduct.

7 The parties shall appear for a further Case Management Conference on July 11, 2019. The
8 Joint Case Management Conference Statement, to be filed a week in advance, should address the
9 parties' availability for trial dates during the remainder of this calendar year. In the meantime, the
10 parties should proceed as expeditiously as possible to schedule and conduct the previously
11 contemplated mediation.

12 Finally, plaintiffs' new counsel has made an adequate showing to be appointed as class
13 counsel. That motion is therefore granted.

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15 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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17 Dated: April 18, 2019

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20 United States District Judge
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