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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MARIO D. CHORAK, )  
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 ) *Plaintiff,* )  
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 ) v. )  
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 ) HARTFORD CASUALTY INSURANCE )  
 ) COMPANY, )  
 )  
 ) *Defendant.* )  
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CASE NO. 2:20-cv-00627-BJR  
FIRST SCHEDULING ORDER


1 As counsel in the cases provided in Appendix A are no doubt aware, all presently filed  
2 cases in this District involving business insurance questions related to COVID-19 have been  
3 transferred to this Court. The Court anticipates establishing a case management protocol to  
4 facilitate the orderly resolution of these cases. To that end, the Court intends to schedule a case  
5 management conference (by way of Zoom) at which all counsel will be present.  
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7 Prior to the conference, counsel in all cases shall meet and confer regarding the following:

- 8 1) What are the common issues in the cases?
- 9 2) Are all issues present in all cases?
- 10 3) Is it appropriate to model the Court's management of the cases after an MDL? That  
11 might include a steering committee, selection of lead counsel, proceeding with  
12 selected representative cases.
- 13 4) Will there be a need for discovery? If so, is a common discovery plan a possibility?
- 14 5) How should motions and motion briefing be scheduled and organized?
- 15 6) Any other questions or issues counsel believe are germane for discussion.

16 The Court orders that counsels' meet and confer take place within the next two weeks,  
17 reporting back to the Court no later than October 20, 2020 as to counsels' readiness to meet with  
18 the Court. At that time counsel shall jointly suggest to the Court several dates and times convenient  
19 for them to meet with the Court.  
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22 DATED this 29th day of September, 2020.

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25 BARBARA J. ROTHSTEIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## APPENDIX A

Case	Number	Plaintiff's Counsel	Defendants' Counsel
Aspen Lodging Group LLC et al v. Affiliated FM Insurance Co.	20-1038	Ball Janik LLP	Bullivant Houser Bailey
Bath v. Travelers Casualty Insurance Company of America	20-5489	Keller Rohrback LLP; Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell	Bullivant Houser Bailey
Caballero v. Massachusetts Bay Insurance Co.	20-5437	Keller Rohrback LLP	Bullivant Houser Bailey; Wiggin & Dana LLP
Cascadia Dental Specialists Inc. v. American Fire and Casualty Co.	20-732	Keller Rohrback LLP	Alston & Bird LLP; Baker Hostetler LLP
Chorak v. Hartford Casualty Insurance Co.	20-627	Keller Rohrback LLP	Forsberg & Umlauf
ES Restaurant Group Inc. v. Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	20-1193	Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP	DLA Piper LLP
Fox v. Travelers Casualty Insurance Co. of America	20-598	Keller Rohrback LLP	Bullivant Houser Bailey; Robinson & Cole LLP
Germack v. Dentists Insurance Co.	20-661	Keller Rohrback LLP LLP	Lether Law Group
Glow Medispa LLC v. Sentinel Insurance Co. Ltd.	20-712	Keller Rohrback LLP	Forsberg & Umlauf
Hirbod H. Rowshan DDS, P.S. v. Ohio Security Insurance Co.	20-730	Keller Rohrback LLP	Alston & Bird LLP; Baker Hostetler LLP
Hsue v. Travelers Casualty Insurance Co. of America	20-622	Keller Rohrback LLP	Bullivant Houser Bailey
J Bells LLC v. Sentinel Insurance Co. Ltd.	20-5820	Lance Loyd Attorney at Law	Forsberg & Umlauf
Jae Y Hong PLLC et al v. Transportation Insurance Co.	20-5556	Keller Rohrback LLP	Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison; DLA Piper Us LLP
Jae Y. Hong DDS PS v. Valley Forge Insurance Co.	20-891	Keller Rohrback LLP	Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison; DLA Piper Us LLP
Jagow v. Aspen American Insurance Co.	20-1205	Keller Rohrback LLP	Sidley Austin LLP
Kara McCulloch DMD MSD PLLC v. Valley Forge Insurance Co.	20-809	Keller Rohrback LLP	Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison; DLA Piper Us LLP
Karla Aylen DDS PLLC v. Aspen American Insurance Co.	20-717	Keller Rohrback LLP	Sidley Austin LLP
Kashner v. Travelers Indemnity Co. of America	20-625	Keller Rohrback LLP	Bullivant Houser Bailey
KCJ Studios LLC et al v. Sentinel Insurance Co. Ltd.	20-1207	Keller Rohrback LLP	Forsberg & Umlauf
Kim v. Sentinel Insurance Co. Ltd.	20-657	Keller Rohrback LLP	Gordon Thomas Honeywell; Forsberg & Umlauf
La Cocina de Oaxaca LLC v. Tri-State Insurance Co. of Minnesota	20-1176	Keller Rohrback LLP	Steptoe & Johnson; Bullivant Houser Bailey
Lee v. Sentinel Insurance Co. Ltd.	20-5422	Keller Rohrback LLP	Forsberg & Umlauf

1	Marler v. Aspen American Insurance Co.	20-616	Keller Rohrback LLP	Sidley Austin LLP
2	Mikkelson v. Aspen American Insurance Company	20-5378	Keller Rohrback LLP	Sidley Austin LLP
3	Nguyen v. Travelers Casualty Insurance Co. of America	20-597	Keller Rohrback LLP	Bullivant Houser Bailey; Robinson & Cole
4	Noskenda Inc v. Valley Forge Insurance Co.	20-854	Keller Rohrback LLP	Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison; DLA Piper Us LLP
5	Pacific Endodontics, P.S. v. Ohio Casualty Insurance Co.	20-620	Keller Rohrback LLP	Alston & Bird LLP; Baker Hostetler LLP
6	Prato v. Sentinel Insurance Co. Ltd.	20-5402	Keller Rohrback LLP	Gordon Thomas Honeywell; Forsberg & Umlauf
7	Seattle Symphony Orchestra v. Hartford Fire Insurance Co.	20-1252	Keller Rohrback LLP; Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell	
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9	Shokofeh Tabaraie DDS PLLC v. Aspen American Insurance Co.	20-1035	Ruiz & Smart Plaintiff Litigation PLLC	Sidley Austin
10	Stan's BBQ v Charter Oak	20-613	Keller Rohrback LLP	Bullivant Houser Bailey
11	Strelow v. Hartford Casualty Insurance Co.	20-797	Ruiz & Smart Plaintiff Litigation PLLC	Steptoe & Johnson; Forsberg & Umlauf
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13	Vancouver Clinic Inc, PS v. Affiliated FM Insurance Company	20-5605	Stein Sudweeks & Stein, PLLC; Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtiger LLP	Bullivant Houser Bailey
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15	Vita Coffee LLC v. Fireman's Fund Insurance Co.	20-1079	Tousley Brain Stephens	DLA Piper LLP
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