In her motion to stay the briefing schedule, plaintiff cites her disability, lack of access to transportation, and long distance from her rural residence in far north California to the closest place to conduct legal research in Medford, Oregon, as well as shelter-in-place orders issued by the governors of California and Oregon, and advises the Court that she will be unable to participate in the litigation during the current COVID-19 emergency. See ECF No. 119. Plaintiff requests a stay of briefing on the motions to dismiss and stay. See id. Plaintiff also requests a stay of briefing on her motion to strike affirmative defenses, ECF No. 116, filed on February 28, 2020, but not at that time noticed for a hearing. See id. Plaintiff has no objection to submission of the other pending motions outlined in the Court's March 20, 2020, order. See id.

The Court finds the relief plaintiff requests is reasonable under the circumstances and, for good cause shown, plaintiff's motion will be granted. Briefing on the motions to dismiss and strike, ECF Nos. 108 and 109, filed by defendants Robert Winston, Kirsher, and Winston & Boston, L.C., is stayed for 30 days from the date of this order. Briefing on plaintiff's motion to strike affirmative defenses, ECF No. 116, is also stayed for 30 days from the date of this order. Upon expiration of the stay of briefing, the Court will issue an order either setting a new briefing schedule or continuing the stay.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 30, 2020

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE