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**United States District Court**  
For the Northern District of California

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ELIZABETH FOWLER,  
Plaintiff,

No. C 08-03463 WHA

v.

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUANCE OF  
PRETRIAL AND TRIAL DATES**

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY;  
THE PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF  
GROUP ADMINISTRATION INC.  
SHORT TERM DISABILITY PLAN;  
THE PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF  
GROUP ADMINISTRATION, INC.  
LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN; and  
DOES 1 through 20,  
Defendants.

The Court has received and considered the joint notice of settlement and request for continuance filed by the parties. The representations made therein, however, are not sufficient under Paragraph 28 of the Guidelines for Trial and Final Pretrial Conference in Civil Bench Cases to continue the pretrial conference and trial date, because all that has occurred is a settlement *in principle*. Once a written settlement agreement has been signed by all parties to the agreement, the Court will consider a motion for continuance if all that remains is a ministerial act.

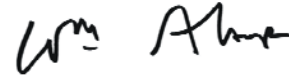
Until and unless that occurs, all parties must be prepared to proceed with the final pretrial

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conference as scheduled and to proceed to trial on the trial date, on pain of dismissal of the case for lack of prosecution or entry of default judgment.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: November 18, 2009.



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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE