

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**RELATED CASE ORDER**

An Order of Referral has been filed requesting the undersigned determine whether the following cases are related within the meaning of Civil L.R. 3-12(a):

**C 07-0112 MMC     Hicks v. Schafer**  
**C 08-4960 MMC     Hicks v. Schafer**

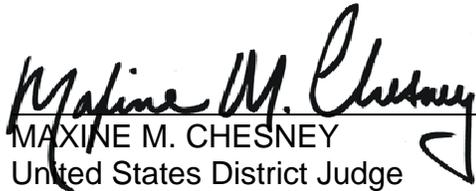
**ORDER**

On the basis of the material submitted to the Court, as the Judge assigned to the earliest filed case, I find that the cases:

[ ] **ARE NOT RELATED** as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a).

[ X ] **ARE RELATED** as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a). Pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-12(f)(3), the Clerk of Court is ordered to reassign the later-filed action to the undersigned. The parties are instructed that all future filings in the later-filed action are to bear the initials **MMC** immediately after the case number. All matters presently scheduled for hearing in the reassigned case are vacated and must be renoticed for hearing before the undersigned.

**DATED:** November 18, 2008

  
MAXINE M. CHESNEY  
United States District Judge