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Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero U.S. District Court Northern District Court of California Courtroom G, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor 450 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Winbery, et al. v. Americo Financial Life and Annuity Insurance Company, et al. Case No. 3:09-cv-00134-JCS (N.D. Cal.): Request to Appear Telephonically

Dear Magistrate Judge Spero:

I am counsel for Defendant Equita Financial and Insurance Services in the above-referenced case. I respectfully request permission to attend telephonically the upcoming Fairness Conference hearing scheduled for November 18, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. PST. My telephone number is (310) 545-0010 extension 103.

Your consideration is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

CARICO JOHNSON TOOMEY LLP

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT counsel shall be on phone standby beginning a 1:30 PM and await the Court's call.

Philip A. Toomey Dated: 11/1/11

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