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Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero  
United States District Court  
Northern District of California  
Courtroom A, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
450 Golden Gate Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: *Winbery, et al. v. Americo Financial Life and Annuity Insurance Company, Equita Financial and Insurance Services, et al.***

Dear Magistrate Judge Spero:

I am lead counsel for Co-Defendant Equita Financial and Insurance Services. I will participate in the Case Management Conference ("CMC") that is scheduled for February 4, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. PST. I respectfully request permission to appear for the CMC via telephone. My direct dial number is 469.287.3906

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

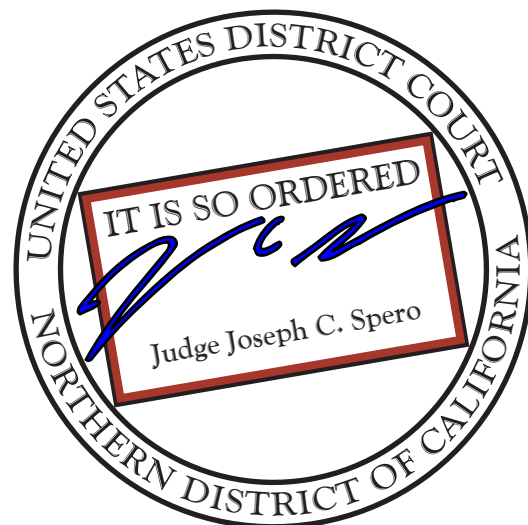
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott A. Shanes', written over a white background.

Scott A. Shanes

Dated: Feb. 1, 2011

cc: Michael D. Meadows  
Gordon W. Renneisen  
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