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 13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 14 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 15 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

16 TAMARA KNOPP,

17 Plaintiff,

18 v.

19 LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF  
 NORTH AMERICA, and NOVARTIS  
 20 VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTIC, INC.  
 INSURANCE PLAN,

21 Defendants.  
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Case No. CV-09-0452 CRB (EMC)

**PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST TO APPEAR  
 TELEPHONICALLY ; ORDER**

**Date:** December 23, 2009

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Dept:** Courtroom C, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Judge:** The Honorable Edward M. Chen

23 Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court for leave to appear telephonically at the following  
 24 motions currently set for oral argument and consideration on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at  
 25 10:30 a.m.

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- 27 ➤ Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant Life Insurance Company of America to  
 Answer Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories with Objections Waived
- 28 ➤ Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant Life Insurance Company of America to

1 Fully Respond to Plaintiff's First Set of Requests for Production

2 Plaintiff's lead counsel, Steven P. Krafchick, is associated with local counsel, Abraham  
3 Goldman. Mr. Goldman is unavailable to argue the December 23 motions. Mr. Krafchick is a sole  
4 practitioner in Seattle, WA with a very busy calendar. Additionally, his wife recently underwent  
5 foot surgery. For the next two (2) to three (3) weeks following her surgery, Mr. Krafchick will be  
6 the main caretaker for his wife and their 14 year old daughter. Given these facts, Plaintiff  
7 respectfully requests that Mr. Krafchick be allowed to appear telephonically at the December 23,  
8 2009 10:30 a.m. hearing.

9 Sheena Jain, attorney for Life Insurance Company of America, and Nancy Ober, attorney for  
10 Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostic, Inc. Insurance, have no objection to this request.

11 If it is Your Honor wishes for counsel to appear personally at the motion, Plaintiff asks the  
12 Court to reschedule the December 23 hearing and move it to January 15, 2010 or a date anytime  
13 thereafter that works for the Court and the parties.

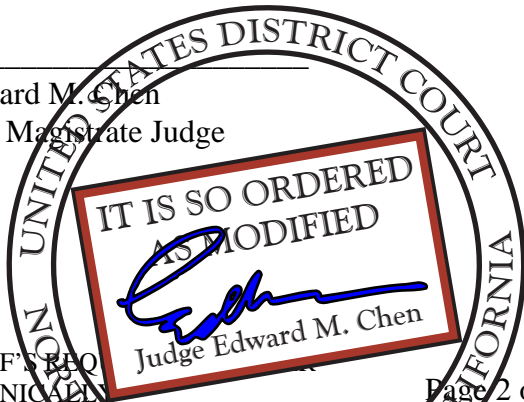
14 Dated: December 16, 2009

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16 /s/ Steven P. Krafchick  
17 STEVEN P. KRAFCHICK  
18 KRAFCHICK LAW FIRM

19 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
20 TAMARA KNOPP

21 IT IS SO ORDERED that Plaintiff's counsel Steven Krafchick is allowed to appear by  
22 telephone on 12/23/09 at 10:30 a.m. Court will initiate conference call between 10:30  
23 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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25 Edward M. Chen  
26 U.S. Magistrate Judge  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 16, 2009, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the parties herein.

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/s/ Kimberly A. Cutting  
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