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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PENNY BENDER,	)	
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Plaintiff(s),	)	No. C09-1163 MMC (BZ)
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v.	)	
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HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO.,	)	
as administrator and	)	<b>INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER</b>
fiduciary of the	)	
Bertelsmann, Inc. Employee	)	
Protection Plan, Number 503;	)	
BERTELSMANN, INC. EMPLOYEE	)	
PROTECTION PLAN NUMBER 503,	)	
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Defendant(s).	)	
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All discovery in this matter has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

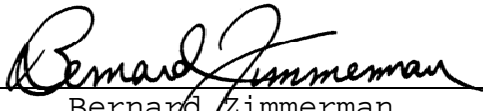
In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area, by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent positioning letters; parties shall instead make a contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder

1 or a court reporter.

2 In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the  
3 parties must participate in a telephone conference with the  
4 Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.  
5 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a  
6 letter **filed electronically** not exceeding two pages (with no  
7 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action  
8 and the issues in dispute. Other parties shall reply in  
9 similar fashion within two days of receiving the letter  
10 requesting the conference. The Court will contact the parties  
11 to schedule the conference.

12 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is  
13 deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically** with the  
14 Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly to**  
15 **Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688)**. A  
16 chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette  
17 formatted in WordPerfect or e-mailed to the following address:  
18 **bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov**

19 Dated: April 29, 2010

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21 Bernard Zimmerman  
22 United States Magistrate Judge

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