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- On March 11, 2011, Brinkman filed motions to set aside entry of default against him and a motion to dismiss defendants Carey Daly's and Randall Lanham's (collectively, "Defendants") claims against Brinkman (the "Motions").
- 2. Prior to the hearing, the Court issued a tentative ruling ("Tentative") which would have granted Mr. Brinkman's Motions in their entirety, while allowing Defendants the costs of seeking an entry of default against Mr. Brinkman and opposing the Motion. Docket no. 156.
- 3. On May 6, 2011, a hearing was held on the Motions and the Court granted the motion to set aside entry of default against Brinkman, denied the motion for dismissal of the claims against Brinkman without prejudice and allowed Defendants until May 25, 2011 to amend the third party complaint as it relates to Brinkman. Docket No. 159.
- 4. Defendants have not yet filed the amended third party complaint ("Amended Third Party Complaint") and, therefore, the issues are not ripe for settlement.
- 5. Brinkman has no knowledge regarding the amendments Defendants intend to make and Brinkman cannot reasonably engage in a meaningful settlement conference until Brinkman is aware of the accusations made against him.
- 6. Brinkman has not and cannot file a responsive pleading to the Amended Third Party Complaint until after it is filed, however it is highly likely Brinkman will file a motion to dismiss the claims against him and the Court will not have ruled on such motion before the Settlement Conference.

Dated: May 19, 2011

7. Brinkman is considering filing counterclaims against Daly and Lanham and those claims would not be filed or at issue before the Settlement Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

BRINKMAN PORTILLO, PC

By: <u>/s/ Laura J. Portillo</u>

Laura J. Portillo Attorneys for Daren R. Brinkman



Dated: 5/25/2011

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The undersigned certifies and declares as follows:

I am employed in the City of Westlake Village and County of Los Angeles, in the State of California. I am over the age of 18 and am not a party to the within action. I am employed by Brinkman Portillo, PC whose business address is 4333 Park Terrace Dr., Ste 205, Westlake Village, California 91361.

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