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| 21                    | WARRANTY LITIGATION   | JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT            |
| 22                    | This Document Relates To:   | CONFERENCE STATEMENT             |
| 23                    | All Actions   | DATE: August 9, 2012             |
| 24                    |   | TIME: 10:00 a.m.<br>COURTROOM: 3 |
| 25                    |   | TRIAL DATE: Not set              |
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Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-10(d), the parties respectfully submit this 1 2 Case Management Conference Statement in anticipation of the Conference scheduled for August 9, 2012.

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The original complaint in Gallion v. Apple Inc., No. 10-CV-01610, was filed 4 in this Court on April 15, 2010, and was later consolidated with two related 5 6 actions, Corsi v. Apple Inc., No. 10-CV-03316, and Calix v. Apple Inc., No. 10-CV-7 05895, each of which proposed a nationwide class of consumers who had purchased an original iPhone, iPhone 3G, iPhone 3GS, and/or iPod touch device ("Class 8 9 Devices"). Another, related action had been filed in the Santa Clara County 10Superior Court, Pennington, et al. v. Apple Inc., No. 1-10-CV-162659, which proposed a class composed of California residents who had purchased a Class 11 12 Device.

13In each of these actions (collectively, the "Actions"), the plaintiffs alleged 14 that Apple had a policy of denying warranty claims on the ground that Class 15Devices had been damaged by liquid based solely on a Liquid Contact Indicator 16 ("LCI") that had turned pink or red, without inspecting Class Devices for evidence 17 of actual damage by liquid. Plaintiffs also alleged that because Apple relied on a 18 provision in its warranties by which coverage is excluded if the consumer causes 19 damage, Apple bore the burden of proving that the Class Devices had actually been  $\mathbf{20}$ damaged by the consumer, and that Apple could not carry that burden because 21 LCIs are inherently incapable of establishing that a Class Device had been 22 damaged. Apple has answered each of the complaints and has denied all claims of  $\mathbf{23}$ liability.

 $\mathbf{24}$ The parties have engaged in more than two years of extensive discovery  $\mathbf{25}$ efforts that has included multiple sets of written discovery, the production of  $\mathbf{26}$ hundreds of thousands of pages of documents by Apple and by third parties, and 27 the depositions of witnesses employed by Apple and by third parties. Plaintiffs and 28 Apple have explored the possibility of resolving this litigation by way of a series of

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| 2                                 | mediation sessions before Retired Magistrate Judge Edward Infante and Catherine                          |  |
|                                   | Yanni of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Service ("JAMS"). The parties                            |  |
| 3                                 | have made substantial progress in that regard, and hereby respectfully request                           |  |
| 4                                 | that the August 9, 2012 case management conference be conducted in chambers so                           |  |
| 5                                 | that the parties may provide the Court with a candid assessment of the status of                         |  |
| 6                                 | the litigation, the progress of settlement efforts, and discuss a variety of scheduling                  |  |
| 7                                 | issues.  |  |
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| 27               | Order No. 45, para. X(B)   |  |
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