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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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10 CAREER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE  
14 COMPANY, a corporation, DOES 1  
through 100

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16 Defendant

Case No. 3:10-cv-02679-BZ

JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND  
EXPERT DISCLOSURE DATES  
AND DISCOVERY CUT-OFF DATES

Courtroom: G  
Judge: Hon. Bernard Zimmerman  
Trial Date: April 30, 2012

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19 The parties herein jointly request that certain cut-off dates ordered in the  
20 court's Order Scheduling Jury Trial and Pretrial Matters of November 2, 2011 be  
21 modified. These requested changes do not affect the current cut-off dates for the  
22 hearing of dispositive motions, pretrial conference or trial. Specifically, the parties  
23 request that

- 24 1) the expert disclosure date be extended from its present December 16, 2011 to  
25 December 23, 2011. If the present date is maintained the parties will have to  
26 incur substantial expert witness fee costs starting immediately, which will make  
27 the case far more difficult to settle. It will also require that nonexpert discovery  
28 and expert preparation proceed simultaneously on very tight time schedules,  
severely burdening the parties;

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- 1 2) the rebuttal expert disclosure date be extended from its present January 6, 2012  
2 to January 16, 2012;
- 3 3) the close of expert discovery date be extended from its present January 20,  
4 2012 to January 27, 2012;
- 5 4) the nonexpert discovery cutoff date be extended from its present December 9,  
6 2011 to December 16, 2011.

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8 If the court wishes to extend the date by which dispositive motions must be  
9 heard neither party objects.

10 This is an action for insurance coverage and bad faith turning upon whether  
11 Defendant had a duty to defend certain lawsuits that had been brought against  
12 Plaintiff, a question of law. As the court notes in its opinion on order on summary  
13 judgment, it was understood by the parties and court at the status conference held in  
14 February that discovery on the bad faith issues would be put on hold pending the  
15 court's ruling on the parties' cross motions for summary judgment on the duty to  
16 defend. For this reason the case is in a largely undiscovered posture. At the trial  
17 setting conference held on November 1, 2011 the court indicated that it would order  
18 that trial commence on April 30, 2012, to which neither party objects, but the  
19 disclosure and cut-off dates at issue here were not made known to the parties until  
20 receipt of the court's November 2 written order. The parties had not anticipated expert  
21 disclosure and discovery cutoff dates anywhere near so short. Since Rule 26 requires  
22 that expert disclosures be accompanied by a statement of the full opinions and  
23 conclusions of the expert, and because no expert had been retained as of the time of  
24 the scheduling order, this means, for plaintiff particularly, that preparing the expert  
25 must begin immediately, before settlement can be meaningfully explored, as the  
26 expert must immediately familiarize himself with the relevant facts (two large claims  
27 files worth) and law of the case, and some of the facts will only have been discovered  
28 via deposition as late as December 9, just seven days before his report is due. This is

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1 very burdensome on the parties, especially Plaintiff, whose attorney is a sole  
2 practitioner. And the rapidly mounting discovery and expert costs will harm the  
3 prospects for settlement.

4 For these reasons both parties respectfully request that the dates assigned be  
5 extended as set out above.

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7 Dated: November 11, 2011

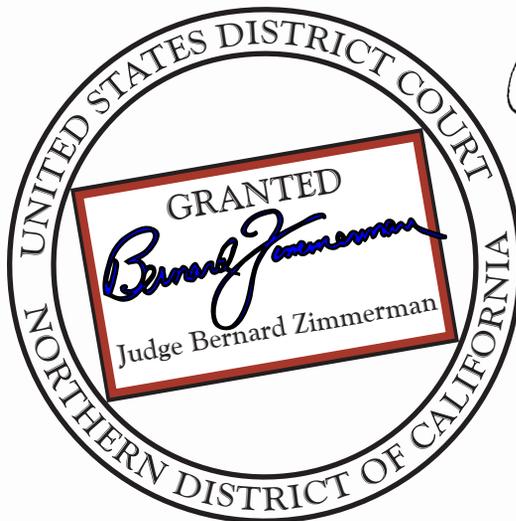
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