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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 14 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

16 JOHN EMERSON,

17 Plaintiff,

18 v.

19 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a Delaware
 20 Corporation, BANK OF AMERICA GROUP
 BENEFITS PROGRAM, AETNA LIFE
 21 INSURANCE COMPANY and DOES 1-20,
 inclusive,

22 Defendants.
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) Case No. cv-10-04919 SI

) **STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]**
) **ORDER CONTINUING PRETRIAL**
) **PREPARATION AND TRIAL**
) **SCHEDULE**

) Dept.: Courtroom 10, 19th Floor
) Judge: Hon. Susan Illston

) Complaint Filed: 9/14/10
) Second Amended Complaint Filed: 3/11/11

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 25 Plaintiff and Defendants, through their respective counsel of record herein, submit the
 26 following Joint Stipulation Amending the Pretrial Preparation and Trial Scheduling Order:

27 Background

28 1. On October 14, 2011, the Court issued its Pretrial Preparation order in the above-

1 Entitled matter setting a further Scheduling Conference for February 3, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., which
2 also set forth the following pretrial preparation / trial plan:

3 “Discovery Plan: Per F.R.Civ.P and Local Rules, subject to any provisions below:

4 Non-Expert Discovery Cutoff is March 30, 2012.

5 Designation of Experts: **4/2/12**: Rebuttal: 4/20/12. Parties (**SHALL** conform to Rule
6 26(a)2). (Emphasis in original order.)

7 Expert Discovery Cutoff is May 14, 2012.

8 Dispositive Motions **SHALL** be filed by May 25, 2012. (Emphasis in original order.);

9 Opp. Due June 8, 2012; Reply Due June 15, 2012;

10 And set for hearing no later than June 29, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

11 Pretrial Conference Date: August 14, 2012 at 3:30 P.M.

12 Jury Trial Date: August 27, 2012 at 8:30 A.M., Courtroom 10, 19th floor.

13 Trial Length is estimated to be days.

14 Special discovery and Pretrial Provisions:

15 This case shall be referred to the Court’s mediation program.”

16 2. On April 6, 2012, in response to Defendant’s motion for an order shortening time to hear
17 Defendants’ motion to strike Plaintiff’s expert witness disclosure, Honorable Susan Illston entered
18 an Order Denying Defendants’ Motion for Order Shortening Time and Modifying Disclosure Dates,
19 which stated in part, as follows:

20 “. . .The Court DENIES defendant’s request to shorten time. The Court also accepts as
21 timely the filing of plaintiff’s designation, and will permit plaintiff to file the expert report by April
22 20, 2012. The parties are directed to meet and confer regarding a modification of the deadline for
23 rebuttal disclosures and rebuttal expert reports.” (Order dated April 6, 2012, p.2:7-11.)

24 3. As part of the consideration for the issuance of the Court’s Order on April 6, 2012, and
25 as stated in the Declaration of James S. Rummonds filed in opposition to Defendants’ Motion for
26 Order Shortening Time, (Doc 59) the Court took into consideration that Plaintiff’s counsel stated
27 *inter alia* in his declaration that the attorney who had been working on the case became seriously ill
28 and on April 1, 2012, informed him that she “would immediately be relieving herself of all

1 responsibilities for any case she was working on” in his office “due to medical reasons . . . “
2 (Opp’n at 1:26-27). Plaintiff’s counsel also stated that he had been out of the office for much of the
3 last several months attending to his 98 year old mother, who is dying.

4 4. Since the issuance of Judge Illston’s April 6, 2012 Order, above referenced, the parties,
5 through their respective counsel, have met and conferred as directed in the April 6, 2012 Order, and
6 have stipulated and agreed on the following amended scheduling plan, given the extraordinary
7 circumstances presented recently to Plaintiff’s counsel, James S. Rummonds.

8 PROPOSED AMENDED CASE SCHEDULE

9 The parties jointly propose the following case schedule:

10 Discovery Plan: Per F.R.Civ.P and Local Rules, subject to any provisions below:

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12 Designation of Experts: **4/2/12**: Expert Reports due **June 1, 2012**; Rebuttal: **June 15,**
13 **2012**. Parties (**SHALL** conform to Rule 26(a)2).

14 Expert Discovery Cutoff is July 2, 2012.

15 Dispositive Motions SHALL be filed by July 16, 2012.

16 Opp. Due July 30, 2012;

17 Reply Due August 13, 2012

18 And set for hearing no later than August 27, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

19 Pretrial Conference Date: October 8, 2012 at 3:30 P.M.

20 Jury Trial Date: October 22, 2012 at 8:30 A.M., Courtroom 10, 19th floor.

21 Trial Length is estimated to be 8 days.

22 Special discovery and Pretrial Provisions:

23 The parties shall complete the Court’s mediation program, a first session which has
24 already been held with Eric Ivary, Esq.

25 DATED: April 18, 2012

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An Association of Attorneys

27 By: /s/ James S. Rummonds
28 James S. Rummonds, Esq., Attorneys
For Plaintiff JOHN EMERSON

1 DATED: April 18, 2012

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6 AMERICA, N.A., AETNA LIFE
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8 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

9 Pursuant to the Stipulation above, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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24 DATED: 4/18/12

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26 Judge Susan Illston
27 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document was served electronically on April 18, 2012 on counsel of record in compliance with Federal Rule 5, Local Rule 5.6 and General Order 45, by use of the Court's EFC system.

/s/ James S. Rummonds

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