

The Court notes that under normal operating procedures, these cases would have been assigned to the San Jose Division. However, because the San Jose Division has a vacant District Court Judge position, the Court has adopted temporary measures to reassign cases district-wide in order not to overburden the San Jose Division. Case No. 12-581 was reassigned to this Court under those temporary measures and Case No. 12-597, following the lower case number, was likewise reassigned to Judge Illston as a related case.

Given these circumstances, the Court will keep these cases and DENIES the motion to transfer. However, in order to lessen any burden on the parties and their counsel given the reassignment to San Francisco, the Court will allow any party to appear by phone for any hearing or conference at that party's election. If a party desires to appear by phone, that party shall notify Judge Illston's Courtroom deputy, Tracy Kasamoto, in advance of the hearing or conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 3, 2012

SUSAN ILLSTON UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE