

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

RELATED CASE ORDER

A Sua Sponte Judicial Referral has been filed requesting the undersigned determine whether the following cases are related within the meaning of Civil L.R. 3-12(a):

C 09-1912 MMC **Link v. Brown, et al.**
C 12-0726 EMC **Link v. Duncan, et al.**

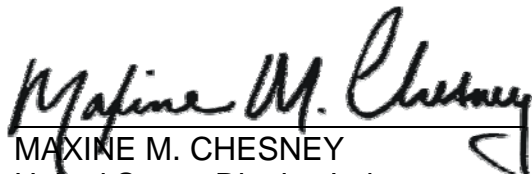
ORDER

On the basis of the material submitted to the Court, as the Judge assigned to the earliest filed case, I find that the cases:

[] **ARE NOT RELATED** as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a).

[X] **ARE RELATED** as defined by Civil L.R. 3-12(a). Pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-12(f)(3), the Clerk of Court is ordered to reassign the later-filed action to the undersigned. Counsel are instructed that all future filings in the later-filed action are to bear the initials **MMC** immediately after the case number. All matters presently scheduled for hearing in the reassigned case are vacated and must be renoticed for hearing before the undersigned.

DATED: March 16, 2012


MAXINE M. CHESNEY
United States District Judge