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The Honorable Laurel Beeler
United States District Court
San Francisco Courthouse
Courtroom C - 15th Floor
450 Golden Gate Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Westminster House v. Jao
Case no. 3:12-cv-02027-WHA
(related to 3:12-cv-02026-WHA)
June 3, 2013 Settlement Conference

Dear Judge Beeler:

This firm represents Plaintiffs in the above referenced actions. Both cases are set for a further settlement conference on June 3, 2013. I am writing to request permission for my client's representative, Timothy Shanley (whom you met at the first settlement conference session), to be excused from personally appearing at the conference.

It would be a hardship to require Mr. Shanley to travel to the conference to appear personally. His office and home are in the State of Illinois. Appearing at the Monday conference will mean that he must travel on Sunday and incur an additional night of hotel charges, or must travel most of the day on Monday.

Mr. Shanley, of course, will be available by telephone the entire time of the conference. We do not believe there is any information that Mr. Shanley needs to hear in person, or decisions that cannot be made by telephone.

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I have notified Defendants' counsel of this application by email. I have not heard from Mr. Tran. I have discussed the situation with Mr. Newmeyer and he believes Mr. Shanley should be required to appear by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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SMR:VH

cc: Thomas Newmeyer, Esq.
Luan Tran, Esq.

Dated: May 30, 2013

