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Honorable Jacqueline Scott Corley  
San Francisco Courthouse  
Courtroom F, 15th Floor  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Frery, et al. v. County of Marin, et al.  
Case No. 12-cv-03928-MEJ

Dear Judge Corley:

Pursuant to the notice and order regarding settlement conference, County Defendants hereby respectfully request permission for the County's insurance carrier representative, Ken Maolini, to appear telephonically at the mandatory settlement conference on May 6, 2015.

Mr. Maolini is unavailable to personally attend the mandatory settlement conference in San Francisco on May 6, 2015, due to prior work commitments. Accordingly, it would be a hardship for Mr. Maolini to personally attend. As trial lead counsel for County Defendants, I will personally attend the mandatory settlement conference with full settlement authority on Mr. Maolini's behalf.

None of the other parties object to Mr. Maolini's attendance at the mandatory settlement conference via telephonic standby. Please see attached email correspondence from counsel.

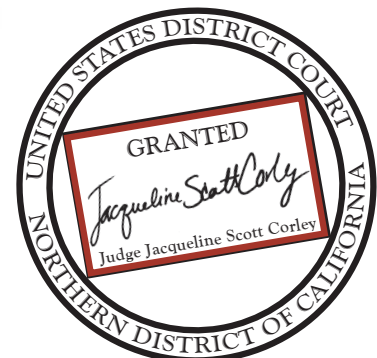
Very truly yours,

Renee Giacomini Brewer

Enclosures

cc: David Fiol (via electronic filing only)  
Richard Osman (via electronic filing only)  
Cabral Bonner (via electronic filing only)

Dated: 3/26/2015



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**From:** Gerchow, Kerry  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2015 1:33 PM  
**To:** Dooley, Amber  
**Subject:** FW: FW: meet and confer re: carrier representative

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**From:** Brewer, Renee  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2015 11:10 AM  
**To:** Gerchow, Kerry  
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**From:** David Fiol [<mailto:dfiol@bfplawyers.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2015 11:06 AM  
**To:** Brewer, Renee; [Rosman@bfesf.com](mailto:Rosman@bfesf.com); Cabral Bonner  
**Subject:** Re: FW: meet and confer re: carrier representative

Renee, we won't object to any arrangement you work out with the Court.

*Please note my new email address*

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On 3/23/2015 10:46 AM, Brewer, Renee wrote:

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**To:** 'David Fiol ([dfiol@bfnlaw.com](mailto:dfiol@bfnlaw.com))'; 'Richard Osman'; 'Cabral Bonner' ([cabral@bonnerlaw.com](mailto:cabral@bonnerlaw.com))'  
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Thank you.

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**To:** Brewer, Renee; 'David Fiol'; 'Cabral Bonner'  
**Cc:** Gerchow, Kerry  
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Hi Renee,

Having Ken on telephone standby is okay with us.

Rich

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**Brewer, Renee**

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**From:** A. Cabral Bonner <cabral@bonnerlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:39 AM  
**To:** Brewer, Renee; 'Richard Osman'; 'David Fiol'  
**Cc:** Gerchow, Kerry  
**Subject:** Re: meet and confer re: carrier representative

I'm fine with telephone standby.

Cabral

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**Cc:** "Gerchow, Kerry" <[KGerchow@marincounty.org](mailto:KGerchow@marincounty.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 7:31 AM  
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Hi Cabral,

I have Rich and David's okay to move forward with a letter to the Court regarding telephone standby for Ken Maolini. Can you please let me know whether you oppose this or not?

Thanks,

Renee

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