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December 20, 2013

Via U.S. First Class Mail

Hon. Maria-Elena James
United States Magistrate Judge
San Francisco Courthouse
Courtroom B - 15th Floor
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Taylor Bayer v. The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc.; U.S. District Court, Northern District of California; Cause No. 13-cv-04487-MEJ

Dear Judge James:

Defendant Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. respectfully requests permission for the undersigned lead counsel of record, Dan Hartsfield, to appear and participate in the Case Management Conference, set in this matter for January 23, 2014 at 10:00 am, by telephone. This request is made to avoid the necessity of travel to San Francisco and avoid potential related scheduling conflicts.

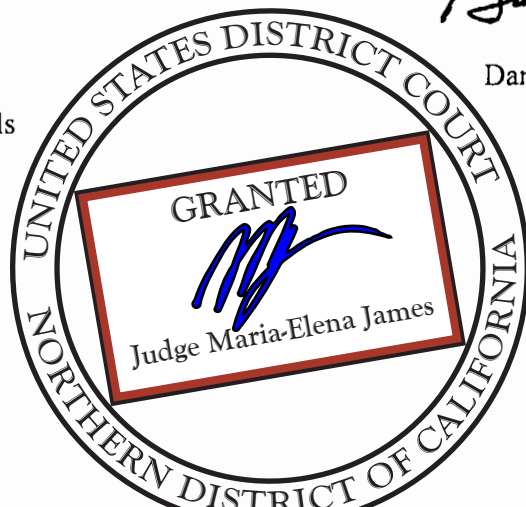
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

JACKSON LEWIS P.C.

Dan Hartsfield

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Counsel shall provide the Court w/ a direct dial number to call him by calling the Courtroom Deputy, Rose Maher at 415-522-4708 prior to the CMC.

Dated: 1/13/2014

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