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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RANDOLPH SCOTT,)	
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Plaintiff(s),)	No. C09-1841 SBA (BZ)
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v.)	
)	INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE,)	
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Defendant(s).)	
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16 All discovery in this matter has been referred to United
17 States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

18 In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties
19 shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area,
20 by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their
21 dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the
22 dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent
23 positioning letters; parties shall instead make a
24 contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder
25 or a court reporter.

26 In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the
27 parties must participate in a telephone conference with the
28 Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.

1 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a
2 letter **filed electronically** not exceeding two pages (with no
3 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action
4 and the issues in dispute. Other parties shall reply in
5 similar fashion within two days of receiving the letter
6 requesting the conference. The Court will contact the parties
7 to schedule the conference.

8 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is
9 deemed necessary, they should be filed with the Clerk's
10 Office, with one copy delivered directly to Chambers (Room 15-
11 6688). A chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a
12 diskette formatted in WordPerfect or may be e-mailed to the
13 following address: **bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov**

14 Dated: August 12, 2010

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17 Bernard Zimmerman
18 United States Magistrate Judge

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