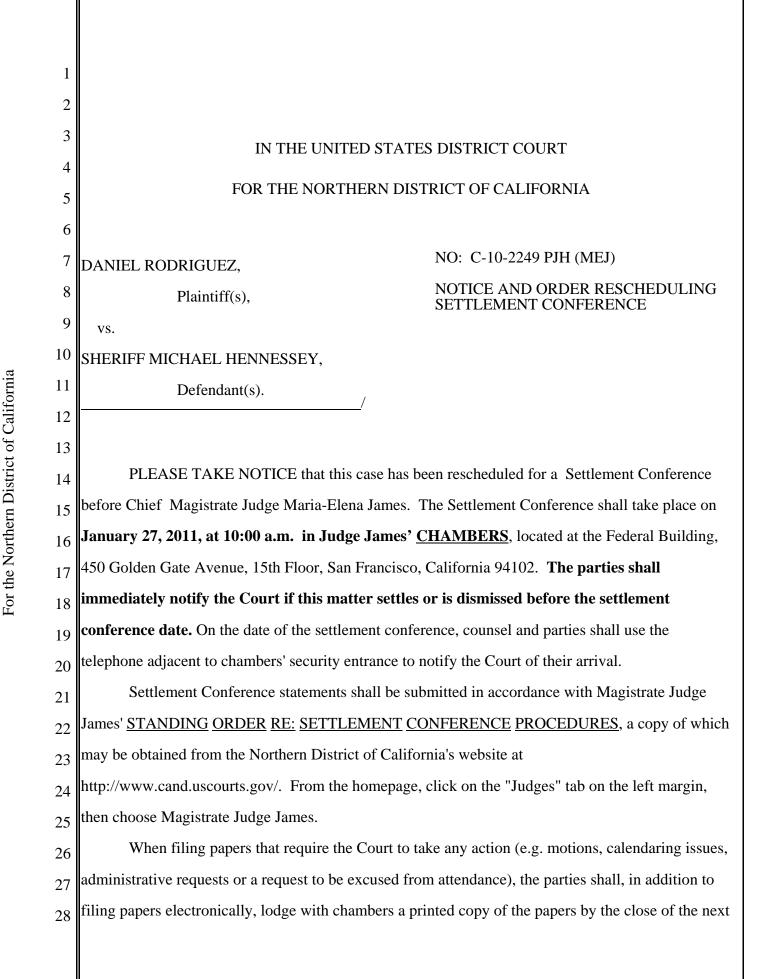
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court day following the day the papers are filed electronically. These printed copies shall be marked "Chambers Copy" and shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office, in an envelope clearly marked with Judge James' name, case number and "E-Filing Chambers Copy." Parties shall not file a paper copy of any document with the Clerk's Office that has already been filed electronically. Any proposed orders must also be emailed to: mejpo@cand.uscourts.gov Please contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Brenda Tolbert, at (415) 522-4708 with any questions. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: November 2, 2010 NA JAMES MARIA Chief United States Magistrate Judge 

United States District Court For the Northern District of California

1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
2	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
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4	STANDING ORDERS RE: SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PROCEDURES		
5	FOR CASES REFERRED TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARIA-ELENA JAMES		
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7	IN ALL CASES referred to Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James for a settlement conference,		
8	the parties shall follow the following procedures:		
9	SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PROCEDURES.		
10	Prior to filing a settlement conference statement, counsel shall discuss all settlement positions		
11	with their clients.		
12	THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT.		
13	SUBMISSION: Not later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the settlement conference,		
14	each party shall submit a Settlement Conference Statement addressed to Magistrate Judge James		
15	DIRECTLY to the United States District Court Clerk's Office in <u>San Francisco</u> , located at 450		
16	Golden Gate Avenue, 16th Floor, P.O. Box 36060, San Francisco, California 94102. Settlement		
17	Conference Statements should be submitted <u>in a sealed envelope</u> . Envelopes should be prominently		
18	marked CONFIDENTIAL - SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT - DO NOT FILE.		
19	Settlement Conference Statements <u>shall not</u> be filed with the Clerk of the Court, and		
20	shall not be served upon other parties or their counsel. Only the Court and its personnel shall		
21	have access to these statements. Under no conditions shall other parties or counsel have access		
22	to these statements.		
23	CONTENT: The form and content of the Settlement Conference Statement will vary		
24	depending on the case. Generally, the Settlement Conference Statement shall include the following:		
25	1. <u>Statement of Facts</u> . A brief description of the facts giving rise to the case.		
26	2. <u>Summary of Proceedings</u> . A brief summary of the proceedings to date.		
27	3. <u>Undisputed Matters</u> . A plain and concise statement of all material facts not in dispute,		
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including a statement of disputed matters which have been resolved by stipulation. 1

2 4. Disputed Issues of Fact. A plain and concise statement of the material facts that remain 3 in dispute.

4 5. <u>Disputed Issues of Law</u>. A brief statement of the disputed points of law, including reference to specific statutes and decisions relied upon. Extended legal argument is not appropriate. 6 Reference may be made to Points and Authorities previously filed.

7 6. <u>Relief Sought</u>. A statement of the relief sought, including a particularized itemization of 8 all elements of damages.

9 7. Costs. A brief statement of approximate litigation costs to date, and an itemized 10 breakdown of the estimated cost and time projected for further discovery, pretrial proceedings, and 11 trial.

12 8. Prior Settlement Discussions. A chronological summary of prior settlement activity 13 between the parties including settlement offers and responses thereto.

14 9. Settlement Analysis. A brief and forthright evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses 15 of the party's case and the probabilities of prevailing on the major issues in dispute.

16 10. Discrete Issues. Identify and, if appropriate, prioritize any discrete issues which, if 17 resolved, would aid in the disposition of the case.

11. Current Settlement Position. Set forth a reasonable proposal of settlement.

## 19 THE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE.

20 All parties and their counsel of record are required to attend the settlement conference. Each party must attend the conference having full authority to negotiate and settle the case. If a party is 21 22 indemnified by a non-party indemnitor, including but not limited to, indemnification pursuant to an 23 insurance policy, the indemnitor, and the indemnitor's counsel, if necessary, must also attend the conference and have authority to settle the case. 24

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26 Counsel who attends the settlement conference without the full authority to settle may be 27 subject to sanctions, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(f).

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Only upon written showing of good cause, submitted at least fourteen calendar days prior to 2 the settlement conference, will the Court excuse a party or Counsel from mandatory attendance of 3 the settlement conference. Parties or Counsel may only be excused from attending the settlement 4 conference upon written authorization from Judge James. Parties or Counsel who fail to attend the 5 settlement conference without authorization from Judge James may be subject to sanctions, pursuant 6 to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(f).

In rare circumstances, upon written showing of good cause, submitted at least fourteen calendar days prior to the settlement conference, Judge James may authorize a party or Counsel to be available by telephone for purposes of authorizing settlement ONLY.

10 Counsel is responsible for notifying their clients of the settlement conference's time, date, and 11 all rescheduling of the settlement conference.

12 To reschedule a settlement conference, counsel shall contact the Deputy Clerk at (415) 13 522-4708 to obtain a new date and time, no later than seven court days prior to the scheduled settlement conference. Counsel shall confirm the new date and time with opposing counsel. 14 15 Thereafter, counsel shall file a joint stipulation which states that the settlement conference is 16 rescheduled and sets forth the new time and date of the settlement conference. The Court will 17 not reschedule a settlement conference upon unilateral request of counsel and the settlement 18 conference will remain on calendar for the originally noticed time and date until the Court 19 receives said joint stipulation. Counsel who fails to coordinate the rescheduling of the 20 settlement conference with opposing party, or fails to file said joint stipulation at least three 21 Court days prior to the scheduled settlement conference may be subject to sanctions, pursuant 22 to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(f).

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24 If the case is settled in advance of the settlement conference, the parties MUST notify Judge 25 James' chambers by telephone and in writing as soon as possible. Failure to do so may subject the 26 parties to sanctions, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(f).

For the Northern District of California **United States District Court** 

1	IT IS SO ORDERED.	
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