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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 14 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

15 METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE  
 16 COMPANY,

17 Plaintiff,

18 v.

19 CYNTHIA ZUNIGA; M. ZUNIGA III, a  
 20 minor; SUSAN SNYDER,

21 Defendants.

Case No. 4:10-cv-02309 SBA (JSC)

**REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC  
 APPEARANCE AT SETTLEMENT  
 CONFERENCE AND ~~PROPOSED~~  
 ORDER**

Date: August 26, 2011  
 Time: 9:30 a.m.  
 Ctrm.: E, 15th Floor (San Francisco)

Honorable Jacqueline Scott Corley

22 This is an interpleader action involving \$145,911 in life insurance benefits. (ECF No. 1.)  
 23 On July 1, 2011, the Court ordered all parties participate in a settlement conference on August  
 24 26, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. (ECF No. 45.) Plaintiff Metropolitan Life Insurance Company  
 25 (“MetLife”) hereby respectfully requests that its representative be allowed to appear at the  
 26 settlement conference by telephone. MetLife’s counsel, Rebecca A. Hull, will appear at the  
 27 settlement conference in person.

The person at MetLife who is responsible for this matter is located in New York.

MetLife does not dispute that life insurance benefits at issue are owed. Rather, MetLife  
 seeks merely to deposit the disputed life insurance benefits with the Court, and has a motion to

1 deposit said funds and to be discharged from the action currently pending before the Court.  
2 (ECF No. 31.) Alternatively, MetLife seeks to pay the disputed life insurance benefits to  
3 whomever the Court determines is the rightful beneficiary, or pursuant to any agreement that the  
4 defendants may reach at the settlement conference. Accordingly, MetLife does not foresee that  
5 the telephonic appearance by its representative at the settlement conference would create any  
6 obstacles to settlement or otherwise negatively impact the parties' discussions.

7 MetLife has notified all defendants that it is requesting the Court's permission for its  
8 representative to appear at the settlement conference by telephone.

9 Respectfully submitted:

10 DATED: July 15, 2011 SEDGWICK LLP

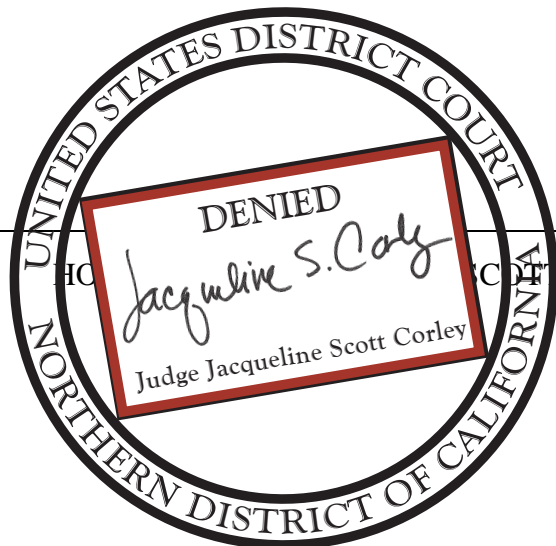
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12 By: /s/ Rebecca A. Hull  
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16 METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

17 **ORDER**

18 Pursuant to plaintiff Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's request, it is hereby  
19 ORDERED that Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's representative may appear at the  
20 settlement conference by telephone.

21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

22 DATED: July 15, 2011



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