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Chief Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James
United States District Court
Courtroom B, 15th Floor
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Hatfield v. County of Lake, et al. Case No. 11-2396

Dear Chief Magistrate James:

The undersigned represents the following defendants in this matter: Roberta Bruck, County of Lake, Jason Findley, Mari Gallardo, Michael Hartman, Janice Mills, Kristy Kelly, Lake County Department of Mental Health, Lake County Sheriff's Department, Rodney Mitchell, Yvette Padilla, Patricia Trujillo, Ryan West, and Jeremy Wichlaz. This case is currently set for an early settlement conference on March 9, 2012.

This letter is to request permission from the Court for telephone standby for the above named defendants due to the fact that all of the parties reside in Lake County and the majority of the defendants work shift work for the jail. The Claims Administrator and I will attend the settlement conference personally on behalf of the defendants and will have authority on behalf of the same.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica Abuja for Eric A. Gale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ERIC ANTHONY GALE

EAG:liv

Cc: all counsel

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~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER GRANTING TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE

I hereby grant telephonic appearance for defendants Roberta Bruck, County of Lake, Jason Findley, Mari Gallardo, Michael Hartman, Janice Mills, Kristy Kelly, Lake County Department of Mental Health, Lake County Sheriff's Department, Rodney Mitchell, Yvette Padilla, Patricia Trujillo, Ryan West, and Jeremy Wichlaz to appear at the upcoming Settlement Conference in this matter.

Dated: 3/2/12



Honorable Judge Maria-Elena James