1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 3 NDX ADVISORS INC, 4 No. C 11-3234 SBA Plaintiff, 5 JUDICIAL REFERRAL v. FOR PURPOSES OF 6 DETERMINING ADVISORY FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, RELATIONSHIP OF 7 CASES Defendant. 8 9 No. C 12-0309 CW 10 NDX ADVISORS INC, et al., 11 Plaintiffs, 12 v. 13 ANDREW BALISTRERI, et al., 14 Defendants. 15 16 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-12(c), this Court, sua sponte, 17 refers the above referenced cases to Judge Saundra Brown Armstrong 18 19 to consider whether they are related. The parties may respond to 20 this referral, opposing or supporting relating the cases, within 21 four days of the date of this order, in briefs submitted in 22 accordance with the requirements set forth in Civil Local Rule 7-

24 11(b).

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The Court notes that the cases were separately transferred to the Northern District of California from the Northern District of Illinois. Although the two cases had not been administratively

United States District Court For the Northern District of California 1 related in that District, in deciding to transfer the <u>Balistreri</u>
2 matter, Judge Norgle found that, because the <u>Advisory Financial</u>
3 <u>Consultants</u> matter had already been transferred to this District,
4 "the interests of justice would be better served by" transferring
5 the <u>Balistreri</u> case here as well, to avoid duplication and
6 possible conflicts. Docket No. 131, <u>Balistreri</u>, Case No. 12-309,
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The case management conference previously set for Wednesday, 9 May 9, 2012, is continued to Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 2:00 10p.m., to allow time to determine whether these cases will be 11 12 The Court notes that the parties had not timely filed related. 13 joint or separate case management conference statements for the 14 May 9 conference. Statements for the continued conference are due 15 May 30, 2012. If the cases are related, the conference may be 16 rescheduled. 17

IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 Dated: 5/7/2012

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United States District Judge

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