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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NDX ADVISORS INC,

Plaintiff,

v.

ADVISORY FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS,

Defendant.

FOR PURPOSES OF
DETERMINING
RELATIONSHIP OF
CASES

No. C 11-3234 SBA

JUDICIAL REFERRAL

No. C 12-0309 CW

NDX ADVISORS INC, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ANDREW BALISTRERI, et al.,

Defendants.

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-12(c), this Court, sua sponte, refers the above referenced cases to Judge Saundra Brown Armstrong to consider whether they are related. The parties may respond to this referral, opposing or supporting relating the cases, within four days of the date of this order, in briefs submitted in accordance with the requirements set forth in Civil Local Rule 7-11(b).

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 related in that District, in deciding to transfer the <u>Balistreri</u> matter, Judge Norgle found that, because the <u>Advisory Financial</u>

<u>Consultants</u> matter had already been transferred to this District,
"the interests of justice would be better served by" transferring the <u>Balistreri</u> case here as well, to avoid duplication and
possible conflicts. Docket No. 131, <u>Balistreri</u>, Case No. 12-309,
11.

The case management conference previously set for Wednesday, May 9, 2012, is continued to Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., to allow time to determine whether these cases will be related. The Court notes that the parties had not timely filed joint or separate case management conference statements for the May 9 conference. Statements for the continued conference are due May 30, 2012. If the cases are related, the conference may be rescheduled.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 5/7/2012

cc: SBA

United States District Judge