

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

3 **MELVIN SMITH,**
4 Plaintiff,

5 v.

6 **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., ET AL.,**
7 Defendants.

Case No. 15-cv-01779-YGR

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR
TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE**

Re: Dkt. No. 39

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9 Defendant requests permission to appear by telephone at the Case Management
10 Conference (“CMC”) set for February 29, 2016. The basis for the request is to reduce expenses
11 associated with counsel’s travel from Southern California for the CMC. The request is **DENIED**.
12 The Court directs counsel to review the Court’s Standing Order in Civil Cases, which provides:

13 These conferences are intended to be substantive and productive.
14 Accordingly, each party shall be represented at case management
15 conferences by lead trial counsel or counsel with authority to enter
16 into stipulations and make admissions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.
17 16(a) and (c), as well as fully prepared to address all of the matters
18 in the CAND CMC Order and Civil L.R. 16-10(b). Failure to do so
19 shall be considered grounds for sanctions. Because of the
20 substantive discussions that occur during case management
21 conferences, telephonic appearances are disfavored. **The Court will
22 grant requests to appear by telephone only upon a compelling
23 showing of good cause. The routine inconveniences of travel do
24 not constitute good cause.**

25 Standing Order in Civil Cases § 6 (emphasis supplied).¹

26 This Order terminates Docket Number 39.

27 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

28 Dated: February 23, 2016



YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

¹ The Court previously informed the parties that personal appearances are typically required. (See Dkt. No. 25 at 2.)