

1  
2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
3 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
4 OAKLAND DIVISION  
5

6 STEVE LIN,

7 Plaintiff,

8 vs.

9 METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE  
10 COMPANY, et al.,

11 Defendants.  
12

Case No: C 15-2126 SBA

**ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO  
MEET AND CONFER**

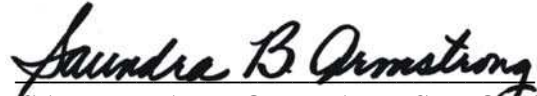
13 Plaintiff has filed a Motion for Leave to File an Amended Complaint, which is  
14 noticed for hearing on March 9, 2016. Dkt. 24. This Court's Standing Orders require  
15 parties to meet and confer prior to filing any motion or request, and to certify in writing that  
16 they have complied with this requirement. In his motion, Plaintiff avers the following:  
17 "Plaintiff's counsel contacted Defendants' counsel to obtain Defendants' consent to the  
18 amendment pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15. However, Defendants have not  
19 responded with consent or opposition to the filing of the Amended Complaint as of the time  
20 of this filing." Dkt. 24 at 2. The Court cannot discern from Plaintiff's cursory statement  
21 whether he, in fact, made a *good faith* effort to meet and confer in an effort to obviate the  
22 need for judicial intervention. Accordingly,

23 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT by no later than the close of business on  
24 February 5, 2016, the parties shall meet and confer in person or by telephone regarding  
25 Plaintiff's request to amend his complaint. If the parties are able to reach an agreement,  
26 they shall file a stipulation and proposed order withdrawing Plaintiff's motion for leave to  
27 amend and authorizing Plaintiff to file an amended complaint. In the event no agreement is  
28

1 reached, Defendants shall file their opposition to the motion for leave to amend by  
2 February 18, 2016, and Plaintiff shall file his reply by February 25, 2016.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 Dated: 2/3/16

  
5 SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG  
6 Senior United States District Judge  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28