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- 2. WHEREAS, Both cases involve the same Defendants, contain the same allegations and are based on largely the same facts. Parties in both cases are represented by the same counsel. However, the issues in the case diverge in that in the YADIRA action the Plaintiffs are hourly employees, and in the other related matter, the Plaintiff is a salaried and alleged managerial employee.
- 3. WHEREAS, Parties are nearing their date for trial and are working to complete the discovery process. Much, if not all, of the parties' written discovery has been completed at this point. The remaining discovery to be done consists of the depositions of the parties themselves and some other of Defendants' employees.
- 4. **WHEREAS**, the depositions of the parties are ongoing. Plaintiff has concluded the deposition of Defendant FERNANDEZ and will be conducting depositions of employees of the Defendant later in this month.
- 5. **WHEREAS,** the facts revealed by both written discovery and depositions currently underway have begun to substantially narrow the issues in this case.
- 6. **WHEREAS**, with the narrowing of parties factual dispute, parties are optimistic that settlement can be achieved.
- 7. **WHEREAS**, both Plaintiff MODRAGON and the person in charge of Defendant's payroll, VIRGINIA FERNANDEZ, will not be available for deposition until early February and the testimony of these persons is critical to both trial and early resolution.
- 8. **WHEREAS**, in additional to clarifying the factual issues, there are certain legal issues identified by the parties as amenable to resolution by motion prior to trial. For example, the appropriate statute of limitations to apply to Plaintiffs' PAGA claims is subject to dispute, and the decision of this issue would aid parties resolution of this case.

- 9. **WHEREAS**, counsel for Defendant has two complex jury trials set for trial in the near future, one on January 31, 2011 and one in March of 2011.
- 10. **WHEREAS**, the parties feel that if time can be given to address these legal and factual issues, settlement of this matter can be had.
- 11. **WHEREAS**, Parties agree a conference with a magistrate judge would greatly aid them in this regard and to that end would like to request the Court's aid by way of settlement conference.
- 12. **WHEREAS**, the current schedule in both of these matters does not allow for this occur prior to the date currently set for trial;
- 13. **THE PARTIES HEREBY STIPULATE** to the following:
 - 1. That parties respectfully request the referral of this matter to a magistrate judge for the conduct of a settlement conference prior to trial;
 - 2. That, because of the overlapping evidence and issues in each case, documents discovered and depositions taken in each matter shall be available for use in either matter, subject to relevance and admissibility.
 - 3. That, the Court's schedule permitting, these conferences shall occur in May 2011.
 - 4. That discovery remain open until the of May 2, 2011.
 - 5. That the last day to hear dispositive motion shall be May 27, 2011 at 9:00 AM.
 - 6. That a pre-trial conference for shall be held on June 9, 2011 at 2:00 PM.
 - 7. That trial shall begin on the MONDRAGON (#C08-05722) matter on or around June 20, 2011 as the Court's schedule allows.
 - 8. That trial shall begin on the Fernandez YADIRA (#C08-05721) matter on or around June 27, 2011 as the Court's schedule allows.

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8	_/s/Adam Pedersen Adam Pedersen, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiffs
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12	/s/Victoria Booke Victoria Booke, Esq. Attorney for Defendant
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18	Good cause appearing, pursuant to the parties stipulation, the above modification to the
19	scheduling order is adopted, and the dates set forth in the parties agreement shall control from
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22	Dated: February 7, 2011
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