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Pursuant to Local Rules 7-12 and 16-2(e), Plaintiff Stephenie Rose, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated ("Plaintiff") and Defendants FIA Card Services, N.A. and Bank of America Corporation ("Defendants") (collectively, the "Parties") hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

## **RECITALS**

- 1. WHEREAS, on May 16, 2011, Plaintiff filed a class action complaint for damages and injunctive relief pursuant to 47 U.S.C. section 227 et seq. against Defendants (Dkt. No. 1) (the "Rose Case");
- 2. WHEREAS, on August 31, 2011, plaintiffs Sandra Ramirez and Scott Fowler, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, filed a class action complaint for damages and injunctive relief pursuant to 47 U.S.C. section 227 et seq. against defendant Bank of America, N.A., in the United States District Court, Southern District of California, Case No. 11cv2008-LAB (KSC) (Dkt. No. 1) (the "Ramirez Case");
- 3. WHEREAS, on January 17, 2012, this Court issued a Case Management Order, setting various class certification, discovery, dispositive motion, and pretrial conference deadlines, which directed the parties to private mediation (Dkt. No. 31);
- 4. WHEREAS, on August 31, 2012, the *Ramirez* court issued an Order consolidating Southern District Case Nos. 11cv3040-LAB (KSC) (the "Johnson Case") and 12cv1662-LAB (KSC) (the "Makin Case") with the Ramirez Case (Dkt. No. 34) (collectively, the "Ramirez Consolidated Cases");
- 5. WHEREAS, on July 30, 2012, plaintiffs Carol Duke and Jack Poster, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, filed a class action complaint for damages and injunctive relief pursuant to 47 U.S.C. section 227 et seq. against defendants FIA Card Services, N.A., Bank of America, N.A., and Bank of America Corporation. (Dkt. No. 1) (the "Duke Case");
- WHEREAS, on September 14, 2012, Judge Henderson issued an Order of Referral, 6. referring the *Duke* Case to this Court to consider whether it is related to the *Rose* Case (Dkt. No. 21);

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- 7. WHEREAS, on September 25, 2012, this Court issued a Related Case Order, finding that the *Duke* Case and *Rose* Case are related and ordering that the cases be reassigned to him (Dkt. No. 26):
- 8. WHEREAS, counsel for all parties in the *Ramirez* Consolidated Cases have agreed to mediate those matters before the Honorable Edward A. Infante (Ret.) on October 23, 2012, and the Parties have agreed to mediate all claims in this Action and the *Duke* Case, in addition to the Ramirez Consolidated Cases:
- 9. WHEREAS, the motion for class certification in the *Rose* Case is due to be filed on November 20, 2012 and other deadlines are pending;
- 10. WHEREAS, the Parties anticipate that additional mediation sessions may be necessary in the Rose Case, Duke Case, and Ramirez Consolidated Cases; and
- 11. WHEREAS, in the interests of judicial economy the Parties wish to fully explore settlement discussions prior to engaging in discovery, class certification briefing and trial preparation and therefore agree to stay discovery and vacate the class certification and trial deadlines set forth in this Court's Case Management Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Parties, by and through their respective counsel of record, hereby STIPULATE as follows:

- That the January 17, 2012 Case Management Order, and all of the dates therein, be vacated:
- That the Court set a further Case Management Conference at a date and time following October 23, to allow the parties to engage in mediation and report to the Court on mediation efforts; and
- That all discovery in this Action be stayed, except insofar as the parties request informal discovery in order to engage in meaningful settlement negotiations, and all discovery deadlines be vacated pending further Order of this Court.

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## [PROPOSED ORDER

Pursuant to the above Stipulation, the January 17, 2012 Case Management Order is VACATED.

The November 9, 2012 case management conference is CONTINUED to

December 7, \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 at \_\_\_\_\_10:00 \_AM/<del>PM.</del> The Parties shall file a joint statement advising the

Court of the status of mediation and settlement discussions no later than November 30, 2012.

Discovery in this action is hereby STAYED and all discovery deadlines are hereby VACATED pending further order from this court.

**SO ORDERED:** 

DATED: 10/10 , 2012.

Hon. Edward J. Davila United States District Court Judge

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