Luis v. Metropolitah Life Insurance Company

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Plaintiff Celia Stauty Luis ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife") hereby stipulate to continue the Settlement Conference presently set before the United States Magistrate Judge Nathan Cousins from August 7, 2015 to October 29, 2015.

Good cause exists for the continuance as MetLife has filed a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings. It is set for hearing before the Honorable Edward Davilla on October 8, 2015. The parties jointly believe that resolution of MetLife's motion should occur prior to the settlement conference to provide the greatest opportunity for success as the settlement conference. Until motion is heard, the parties will continue to have very differing views of the viability of the Complaint, which may inhibit productive settlement discussions. Of course, there is also a possibility that MetLife's motion will moot the need to hold the settlement conference if MetLife prevails.

MetLife had hoped to set the hearing on its motion prior to the August 7, 2015 settlement conference, however, Judge Davilla's clerk advised that the first available hearing date for the motion was October 8, 2015. Thus, the length of the current request for a continuance was necessitated by Judge Davilla's hearing schedule.

The parties checked with Judge Cousin's clerk, Lili Harrell, who confirmed that October 29, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. was an available time for the rescheduled conference.

DATED: July 22, 2015 NOLAND, HAMERLY, ETIENNE & HOSS

By: /s/ Michael Masuda Michael Masuda Attorneys for Plaintiff CELIA STAUTY LUIS

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9	ORDER
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11	Having reviewed the parties' stipulation and good cause appearing, the
12	August 7, 2015 Settlement Conference is continued to October 29, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
13	Settlement Conference Statements due by October 22, 2015.
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15	Dated: July 23, 2015
16	The Honorable Nathan Cousins United States Magistrate Judge
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