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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 MAUREEN STRATTON,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF  
15 NORTH AMERICA AND GARTNER  
16 INC. GROUP INSURANCE PLAN,

17 Defendant.

Case No.: 20cv2037-JLS (NLS)

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS'  
EX PARTE MOTION TO MODIFY  
SCHEDULING ORDER**

[ECF No. 24]

18 Before the Court is Defendants' *ex parte* motion to modify the scheduling order.  
19 ECF No. 24. On March 25, 2021, the Court entered a scheduling order, setting forth a  
20 briefing schedule on the merit briefing for the case, where Plaintiff would file an opening  
21 brief, Defendants would oppose, and Plaintiff would file a reply. ECF No. 23. In the  
22 instant motion, Defendants request a modification to the briefing schedule to permit them  
23 to file a cross motion for summary judgment, on the same schedule. ECF No. 24-1. As  
24 support, Defendants cite to other cases that have set a similar briefing schedule. *Id.* at 3.  
25 Plaintiff filed a response to Defendants' motion. ECF No. 25. In the response, Plaintiff  
26 indicates that she will defer to whatever is the preference of the trial judge in this case.  
27 *Id.*  
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1 After due consideration of the argument and further consultation with the trial  
2 judge, the Court **GRANTS** the motion. The briefing schedule in this case is modified as  
3 follows:

- 4 1. Plaintiff shall file her opening motion and Defendants shall file their cross-motion  
5 by **June 18, 2021**.
- 6 2. Both parties shall file their oppositions by **July 16, 2021**.
- 7 3. Both parties shall file any replies by **July 30, 2021**.

8 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

9 Dated: April 26, 2021

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11 Hon. Nita L. Stormes  
12 United States Magistrate Judge  
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