## **DISCUSSION**

Pursuant to LR 6-1, every motion to extend time filed before the expiration of the specified deadline shall inform the Court of any previous extensions granted and state the reasons for the extension requested. Here, Defendants have indicated that this is a complex matter and they require additional time to retain counsel. Therefore, the Court finds that additional time to answer the complaint is appropriate under LR 6-1. The parties have not specified the length of time they require, accordingly, the Court finds that 30 days from the date Defendants filed their motions is sufficient. Defendants shall have until **September 19, 2013** to respond to the Complaint, whether or not these individual Defendants retain counsel during this period of time.

Next, the Court notes that Allegro Media Group is the only corporate defendant who appears to have retained counsel. *See* Docket No. 24. None of the other corporate defendants has responded to the Complaint or made any other appearance through counsel. However, a corporation cannot appear except through counsel. *Rowland v. California Men's Colony*, 506 U.S. 194, 201-02 (1993); *U.S. v. High Country Broadcasting Co., Inc.*, 3 F.3d 1244, 1245 (9th Cir. 1993). Therefore, the corporate defendants shall have until **September 19, 2013** to retain counsel and respond to the Complaint.

Finally, as stated above, Plaintiffs have not filed a proof of service for Defendant Marc Caramadre. Plaintiffs must file proof of service as to Marc Caramadre no later than **August 28**, **2013**.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant Marc Caramadre's Motion to Extend Time to Answer Complaint (#26) is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Jeff Johnson's Motion to Extend Time to Answer Complaint (#27) is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Dustin Nielson's Motion to Extend Time to Answer Complaint (#28) is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants Marc Caramadre, Jeff Johnson, and Dustin

Nielson shall have until September 19, 2013 to respond to the Complaint, whether or not these individual Defendant retain counsel. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs must file proof of service as to Marc Caramadre no later than August 28, 2013. DATED this 21st day of August, 2013 NANCY J. KOPPE **United States Magistrate Judge**