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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 ERIN M. STINES

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE
12 GROUP INC. and JAY LEVITCH,

13 Defendants.

C16-848 TSZ
(Consolidated with C16-1867)

14 SHBIEN CROSS,

15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE
18 GROUP INC.,

Defendant.

MINUTE ORDER

19 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable
20 Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

21 (1) Plaintiffs' Motion for Consolidation Pursuant to Rule 42(a), docket no. 62
22 in 16-848, is GRANTED. "[C]onsolidation is within the broad discretion of the district
23 court." *In re Adams Apple, Inc.*, 829 F.2d 1484, 1487 (9th Cir. 1987). The Court finds
that these actions involve common issues of law and fact and that a joint trial will
promote efficiency and conserve judicial resources. The Court also concludes that the

1 interests of judicial economy outweigh any potential prejudice that might result from a
2 joint trial.

3 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of
4 record.

5 Dated this 16th day of February, 2018.

6 William M. McCool
7 Clerk

8 s/Karen Dews
9 Deputy Clerk