THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2005

INSURANCE BROKER COMMISSION LITIGATION

(TURNER v. HARTFORD and related consolidated actions)

Courtroom: 304

Case Number: CGC-01-323192

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS BASED ON PROPOSITION 64

CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Present:

Judge: RICHARD A. KRAMER Reporter: IRENE BURNS Clerk: JOSE RIOS MERIDA Bailiff: NOT PRESENT

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The above-entitled matter comes on calendar for a hearing on a motion by defendants Omni, Hartford, First Interstate, Twin City, Nutmeg Insurance and Pacific Insurance for judgment on the pleadings based on California Proposition 64, requests for judicial notice and for case management conference. Court and counsel are present as listed above. The Court issues a tentative ruling. The matters are argued and submitted. The tentative ruling stands. The requests for judicial notice are granted. The Court takes judicial notice of the text of proposed laws associated with Proposition 64, part of the Official Voter Information Guide, the election results reported by the California Secretary of State, and section of the Ballot Measure Summary from the November 2004 election. The motion for judgment on the pleadings is denied. The court states its reasons and findings in open court. The Court believes that Evangelatos v. Superior Court, (1988) 44 Cal.3d 1188, 1193-94 governs. Proposition 64 does not apply retroactively and otherwise affected persons would be denied future redress under Section 17200 et seq., California Business and Professions Code. The Court understands that this is a matter of great dispute and that reasonable minds can have differed on this point. It is expected that the Court of Appeals will soon issue opinions/rulings on this issue.

A case management conference is held and continued. Counsel shall file a further joint case management statement giving this Court a joint view of Court of Appeals rulings regarding Proposition 64. If no appellate opinion is yet issued or if appellate authority is that the statute is not retroactive, counsel shall come up with briefing schedule for pending motion(s) for summary judgment. The summary judgment motion hearing date of February 15, 2005 is vacated pending further order of the Court. The case is continued to March 4, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., in Department 304 for case management conference.

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10	IN RE INSURANCE BROKER	No. 323192	
11	COMMISSION LITIGATION	Action Filed: July 25, 2001	
12		ORDER DENYING	
13		DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON THE PLEADINGS	
14		Date: January 18, 2005	
15		Time: 10:30 a.m.	
16		Dep't: 304 Judge: Hon. Richard Kramer	
17	ALL CA	This Filing Relates To:	
18	ALL CASES: PARTICULAR CASE(S):		
19	PARTICULAR CASE(S):		
20	Turner v. Hartford Fire Ins. Co. et al. □ Case No.: 323192	Turner v. Allianz Ins. Co., et al. Case No.: 324927	
21	Date Action Filed: 07/25/01	Date Action Filed: 09/27/01	
22	Turner v. AIG Ins. Co., et al. Case No.: 325028	Turner v. Chubb Indem. Corp., et al. Case No.: 400087	
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The Motion For Judgment On The Pleadings brought by the Defendants to this action came on regularly for hearing before this Court on January 18, 2005. After full consideration of the moving and opposition papers, argument of counsel, and such other papers, submissions and arguments as were presented at or before the hearing on this matter, and with good cause appearing therefor:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Motion For Judgment On The Pleadings is DENIED for the reasons stated in the transcript of the hearing.

CERTIFICATION UNDER CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE §166.1

The Court believes that the question presented herein is a controlling question of law as to which there are substantial grounds for difference of opinion, appellate resolution of which may materially advance the conclusion of the litigation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 20, 2005.

HON. RICHARD KRAMER
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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