

## **Judge Garcia Phone Conferences to Resolve Minor Discovery Matters**

U.S. Magistrate Judge Garcia will accept requests for telephonic resolution of motions on discovery matters, including resolution of problems occurring during a deposition, provided that the following requirements are met, to wit:

1. The matters shall be of a narrow or discrete nature; i.e., instructing a witness not to answer, protective orders, scheduled depositions or production of files or documents. Requests to compel responses to a number of interrogatories, etc., cannot be easily resolved in telephone conferences.
2. Scheduling arrangements have been made with the Judge's staff.
3. Written requests for a telephonic discovery conference should not include any argument on the merits of the request, nor should requesting counsel use the written request as an opportunity to chastise or criticize opposing counsel. Simply make your request for a discovery conference.