

1. IMPERIUM BLUE TAHOE HOLDINGS v. TAHOE CHATEAU LAND HOLDING, 22CV1204**(A) Defendants' Ex Parte Application for Protective Order****(B) Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Further Responses****Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Further Responses**

Defendants requested oral argument regarding the tentative ruling issued December 19, 2024. However, defense counsel failed to appear at the hearing on December 20, 2024. That same day, December 20, defense counsel filed an ex parte application for protective order. The court continued the hearing on the motion to compel to December 27, 2024, and set the ex parte application for the same day.

Further, at the hearing on December 20, plaintiff's counsel requested the court identify which party (i.e., defendant or defendants' attorney) is obligated to pay the monetary sanctions. To clarify, the monetary sanctions in the court's December 19, 2024, tentative ruling are imposed against defendants' attorney of record. (Code Civ. Proc., §§ 2030.300, subd. (d), 2031.310, subd. (h).)

TENTATIVE RULING # 1: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 1:30 P.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024, IN DEPARTMENT FOUR.