# UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, et al.,

Appellants-Plaintiffs,

v.

MARK BECKER, et al.,

Appellees-Defendants.

Appeal from the United States District Court For The Northern District Of Georgia

## JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF

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The parties to these appeals jointly move this Court for a seventeen-day extension of time (through May 20, 2013) for Appellants to file their reply brief in these consolidated appeals.

The status of these appeals is as follows. Appellants filed their first Notice of Appeal resulting in Case No. 12-1476 (the "First Appeal") on September 10, 2012 and a second Notice of Appeal resulting in Case No. 12-15147 (the "Second Appeal") on October 2, 2012. Appellants Brief in the First Appeal was originally due on or before October 22, 2012. *See* USCA Acknowledgement of Doc. No. 449 Notice of Appeal, Doc. No. 457 (Sept. 26, 2012). Appellants moved for an extension of time through and including November 21, 2012 to file their initial Brief. Appellees consented to the motion. This Court granted the Motion on October 9, 2012.

Appellants' Brief in the Second Appeal was originally due on or before November 14, 2012. Appellants moved for a seven-day extension of time to and including November 21, 2012. Appellees consented to the motion. The Court Clerk granted that motion on November 1, 2012.

On October 12, 2012, after Appellants moved for an extension of time to file their Brief in the First Appeal, Appellees filed a Motion to Dismiss or Consolidate the two appeals, which automatically stayed the time for Appellants initial Brief. 11<sup>th</sup> Cir. Rule 31-1. The Court denied the Motion to Dismiss and consolidated the two appeals on December 18, 2012. As a result, Appellants initial brief was due on January 28, 2013 instead of November 21, 2012. The Appellants filed their initial Brief on January 28, 2013.

On January 18, 2013, the parties filed a joint motion to extend Appellees' deadline to file their response brief by 45 days, and on February 1, 2013, this Court granted that motion, extending Appellees' time to file their response brief until April 18, 2013. Under this Court's rules, Appellants' reply brief will be due on May 2, 2013, 14 days after Appellees file their reply brief.

The Appellants now request an extension of seventeen days to file their reply brief, so that they have a total of 31 days to prepare and file that brief. If this extension is granted, Appellants' reply brief would be due May 20, 2013. This extension is requested in view of the complex set of issues involving application of the fair use doctrine of copyright law involved in this case, the lengthy bench trial, extensive pre-trial proceedings and the District Court's lengthy opinions below (one of which exceeds three hundred and forty pages), and the responsibilities and the schedules of the various counsel in these appeals. The instant motion is a first

request for an extension of time for this brief and is filed more than seven (7) days in advance of the due date for Appellants' reply brief.<sup>1</sup>

It is submitted that the foregoing presents good cause for the requested extensions in accordance with 11th Cir. R. 31-2. Accordingly, the parties submit that good cause has been shown for the requested extensions and they request that the extensions be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The parties January 18 joint motion had included a request for an extension for Appellants' reply brief, but the Clerk's office informed the parties that the motion would be construed as only requesting an extension with respect to Appellees' brief. Accordingly, this is in fact the first request for an extension for Appellants' reply brief.

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