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Other Properties:

The documents produced by Warner referred to the following properties, which appear to be Superman-related:

"Science Of Superman"

"Superman; Doomsday 2007"

"The Death Of Superman"

"Legion Of Superheroes"

Conclusions:

While the documents produced by Warner reflect significant revenues and profits for Superman and Superboy related properties, the documents and information requested by Plaintiffs, but not produced by Warner, is needed to make a proper and complete determination of Warner's revenues and profits. In addition, minimal documentation was provided to support or justify the costs that purportedly reduced Warner's revenues to arrive at profit. In order for us to express an opinion on the actual amount due Plaintiffs in an accounting, Warner must provide the documents in its possession that on my advice have been requested by Plaintiffs.

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EXPERT REPORT FRANKLIN R. JOHNSON

Re: Siegel v. DC Comics et al

I have been retained by the defendants in the above captioned dispute to address any accounting opinions or claims to be asserted by the plaintiff's expert, Steven Sills. I have read Mr. Sills report dated January 12, 2007 and note that he has stated that he cannot express any opinions until certain documents are provided to the plaintiffs. If and when Mr. Sills submits a report expressing substantive opinions or claims of any amount purportedly owing to plaintiffs, I will be prepared to and will respond to those opinions and claims.

I have attached to this report my resume which sets forth my qualifications to perform this engagement. There are no publications which I have authored within the preceding ten years.

My compensation for services is at the hourly rate of \$450 per hour both for consulting services and for deposition and court time.

I have enclosed a list of recent litigation consulting assignments with an indication where either deposition or court or other testimony has been given.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin R. Johnson

Attachments-

Resume of Franklin R. Johnson

Listing of Recent Litigation Consulting Assignments

February 9, 2007

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 3470 Twelfth Street, Riverside, CA 92501 CIVIL MINUTES -- GENERAL

Case No.

CV 04-08400-SGL (RZx)

Date: August 13, 2007

Title:

JOANNE SIEGEL, an individual; and LAURA SIEGEL LARSON; an individual -v-WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT INC., a corporation; TIME WARNER INC., a

corporation; DC COMICS INC., a corporation; and DOES 1-10

PRESENT: HONORABLE STEPHEN G. LARSON, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Relief Courtroom Deputy Clerk

Theresa Lanza Court Reporter

ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR PLAINTIFFS:

ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR DEFENDANTS:

Marc Toberoff, Esq.

Michael Bergman, Esq.

PROCEEDINGS: 1.

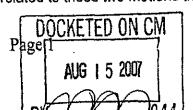
- Plaintiffs' April 23, 2007, Motion to Compel Production of Documents From Defendants Time Warner, Inc., Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc. And Warner Bros. Television Production, Inc.
- Plaintiffs' April 23, 2007, Motion to Compel Defendant DC Comics 2. Production of Documents.
- Plaintiff's April 23, 2007, Motion to Compel Third Party Bryan Singer to 3. Attend Deposition and Produce Documents.

The Court hears oral argument on the first and second motion; all three motions are taken under submission.

The first and second motions are GRANTED in part and DENIED in part. Specifically, the parties are ORDERED to make arrangements for plaintiffs' auditor(s) to conduct, and to conduct at defendants' places of business, a damages-related audit of defendants Time Warner, Inc., Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc., Warner Bros. Television Production, Inc., and DC Comics to be completed by or before September 17, 2007. Furthermore, counsel for the parties are ORDERED to meet and confer in person on or before August 24, 2007, to identify, and attempt in good faith to resolve, any outstanding discovery disputes related to these two motions that are not addressed

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by the above-ordered audit. Counsel are thereafter afforded leave to file with this Court a Joint Stipulation consistent with the requirements of Local Rule 37-2 identifying any outstanding discovery disputes related to these two motions. Said Joint Stipulation is to be filed before this Court, not Magistrate Judge Zarefksy, on or before September 21, 2007. An untimely-filed joint stipulation will be stricken.

The third motion, through which plaintiffs seek to compel third-party Bryan Singer to attend a deposition and produce documents, is **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED** in part. Bryan Singer is **ORDERED** to sit for his deposition within 30 days of the date of this order at a date, time, and place to be mutually-agreed to by counsel. Counsel are **ORDERED** to telephonically arrange for said deposition on or before August 17, 2007. Counsel are further **ORDERED** to meet and confer in person on or before August 24, 2007, to confirm their mutual understanding of the "narrowed document categories" referred to in Plaintiff's reply; thereafter Bryan Singer is **ORDERED** to produce documents responsive to those "narrowed document categories" on or before September 6, 2007. Counsel are thereafter afforded leave to file with this Court a Joint Stipulation consistent with the requirements of Local Rule 37-2 identifying any outstanding discovery dispute related to this motion. Said Joint Stipulation is to be filed before this Court, not Magistrate Judge Zarefsky, on or before September 21, 2007. An untimely-filed Joint Stipulation will be stricken.

All counsel are admonished that a failure to carefully comply with this order will result in appropriate sanctions and the imposition of costs.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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2	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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5	HONORABLE STEPHEN G. LARSON, JUDGE PRESIDING
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7	JOANNE SIEGEL, ET AL.,
8	PLAINTIFFS,)
9	VS. NO. CV 04-08776-SGL
10	TIME WARNER, INC., ET AL.,) CROSS MOTIONS FOR
11	DEFENDANTS.) PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGEMENT
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13	AND RELATED CASES,)
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15	REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
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1	THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.	
2	I'VE ALREADY INDICATED THAT I HAVE TAKEN THE	
3	CROSS-MOTIONS IN BOTH THE SUPERMAN AND THE SUPERBOY CASE UNDER	
4	SUBMISSION.	
5	WITH RESPECT TO DISCOVERY DISPUTES, DISCOVERY IS	05:0C
6.	COMPLETELY CLOSED EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING:	
7	NUMBER ONE: WE HAVE THE BRIAN SINGER DEPOSITION	
8	WHICH HAS BEEN SCHEDULED.	
9	AND COUNSEL, SOMEONE REFRESH MY RECOLLECTION, WHEN IS	
1,0	THAT SCHEDULED FOR, TO TAKE PLACE ON OR BEFORE WHAT DATE?	05:00
11	MR. TOBEROFF: END OF NOVEMBER.	
12	THE COURT: VERY WELL.	
13	SECOND, THE RESERVE ACCOUNT DOCUMENTS WILL BE	
14	PRODUCED THIS WEEK;	
15	THIRD: THE LAURA SIEGEL LARSON DEPOSITION WILL TAKE	05:01
16	PLACE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 9, 2007; TWO HOURS MAXIMUM.	
17	FOURTH: THE ULTIMATES WILL BE PRODUCED.	
18	FIFTH. I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXTENSION UNTIL OCTOBER 9,	
19	2007, TO CONTINUE WITH THIS AUDIT. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO	
20	WORK IT OUT WITH MR. SILLS;	05:01
21	NUMBER SIX: THE ESCROW DOCUMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED IN	
22	CAMERA TO THE COURT SO THE ESCROW ATTORNEY CAN BE RELIEVED OF	
23	THIS; ALONG WITH THE DECLARATION OF COUNSEL SITTING FORTH YOUR	
24	PRIVILEGES AND A SINGULAR RESPONSE DOCUMENT TO THOSE PRIVILEGES	
25	FILED BY THE DEFENSE.	05:01

1 AND THEN I WILL ISSUE AN ORDER ON THAT AND THEN WE'RE DONE. 3 ANY QUESTIONS? NOW IS THE TIME. 4 MR. TOBEROFF: WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE ESCROW 5 DOCUMENTS? 05:02 6 THE COURT: THE ESCROW DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE PRODUCED 7 THIS WEEK. I PRESUME IT'S JUST A MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY 8 TURNING THEM OVER TO THE COURT. HE SHOULD DO THAT FORTHWITH; AND I'LL GET A DECLARATION FROM YOU BY FRIDAY, AND FAX IT OVER 10 TO THE DEFENSE AND GET A RESPONSE FROM YOU BY TUESDAY. 05:02 11 MR. BERGMAN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. 12 MR. PERKINS: THE ONLY OTHER ISSUE, YOUR HONOR, 13 RELATES TO AFTER THE AUDIT IS COMPLETED. A SCHEDULE FOR 14 MR. SILLS TO PROVIDE US WITH HIS REPORT AND FOR US TO BE ABLE 15 TO RESPOND WITH OUR EXPERT REPORT AND THE DEPOSITIONS OF THOSE 05:02 16 FOLKS. 17 THE COURT: YOU SHOULD SCHEDULE THOSE EXPEDITIOUSLY. 18 ANY FURTHER OUESTIONS? 19 MR. BERGMAN: NO. SIR. 20 THE COURT: GOOD AFTERNOON. 05:02 21 MR. TOBEROFF: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. 22 MR. BERGMAN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. 23 MR. PERKINS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. 24 25