Perfect 10 Inc v. Google Inc et al

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Google hereby submits the following objections to the Declaration of Margaret Jane Eden ("Eden Declaration"), Submitted in Support of Perfect 10's Second Motion for a Preliminary Injunction Against Google ("Second PI Motion"). The Eden Declaration is objectionable for several reasons, and should be disregarded or accorded little or no weight in the determination of Perfect 10's Second PI Motion.

## THE EDEN DECLARATION SHOULD BE STRICKEN BECAUSE EDEN WAS NOT DISCLOSED.

P10 failed to disclose Eden as a person having knowledge of the facts relevant to the case. Instead, P10 has sprung Eden's declaration upon Google, without first allowing Google a fair opportunity to depose Eden.<sup>2</sup> The Eden Declaration should be stricken on this basis.

## THE EDEN DECLARATION IS A SIDESHOW AND SHOULD BE II. **DISREGARDED AS SUCH.**

P10's attempt to create a "case within a case" should be rejected. This suit is not about whether Google processed the DMCA notices of Eden-it is about P10's claims of infringement of its images and its DMCA notices to Google. The Eden Declaration, along with the declarations of Dean Hoffman, C.J. Newton, and Les Schwartz, are a sideshow and should be disregarded as such. <u>Unit Drilling Co. v.</u>

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The Eden Declaration is the same declaration, with the same signature date, that P10 submitted from Ms. Eden in support of its opposition to Google's DMCA Motions (Dkt No. 475), with an updated caption reflecting the title of the present motion. Google filed objections to this declaration in connection with its DMCA Motions on September 8, 2009. See Dkt No. 509.

Because P10 has refused to agree to Google's request that, given the numerous models and other witnesses implicated by this case, the parties be permitted to take more than ten depositions per side, Google has not been able to depose Ms. Eden since her first declaration was filed in August 2009. On July 27, 2009, Google filed (footnote continued)

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Enron Oil & Gas Co., 108 F.3d 1186, 1193 (10th Cir. 1997) (affirming district court exclusion of evidence that threatened a "trial within a trial"); Jefferson v. Vickers, Inc., 102 F.3d 960, 963 (8th Cir. 1996) (same).

## III. PORTIONS OF THE EVIDENCE OFFERED BY P10 IN THE EDEN **DECLARATION** ARE **INADMISSIBLE AND SHOULD** $\mathbf{BE}$ **DISREGARDED.**

The Eden Declaration should be disregarded for purposes of P10's Second PI Motion for the additional reason that it is inadmissible under the Federal Rules of Evidence.

The Federal Rules of Evidence apply to evidence submitted to the Court on motion practice. Fed. R. Evid. 101 (Rules of Evidence apply to all proceedings in the courts of the United States); Fed. R. Evid. 1101 (listing exceptions to Rule 101). While courts have some discretion to consider inadmissible evidence when a preliminary injunction is urgently needed to prevent irreparable harm before a full resolution on the merits is possible, courts routinely decline to consider, or afford any weight to, such inadmissible evidence in appropriate circumstances. Beijing Tong Ren Tang (USA) Corp. v. TRT USA Corp., --- F.Supp.2d ----, 2009 WL 5108580, at \*3 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 18, 2009) (upholding evidentiary objections and denying preliminary injunction); U.S. v. Guess, 2004 WL 3314940, at \*4 (S.D. Cal. Dec. 15, 2004) ("conditional inferences, innuendo, and even strong suspicions do not satisfy [the movant's] burden"); Kitsap Physicians Service v. Washington Dental Service, 671 F.Supp. 1267, 1269 (W.D. Wa. 1987) (refusing to consider affidavits "that would have been inadmissible under the Federal Rules of Evidence" and denying preliminary injunction). Because P10 has had nearly six years to

a motion seeking leave to take additional depositions (Dkt No. 471). The Court has not yet ruled on Google's motion.

obtain evidence regarding its Second PI Motion, it is particularly appropriate to hold P10's evidence to the usual standards of admissibility for motion practice.

Such evidence must be relevant to the claims and defenses of the case. Fed. R. Evid. 401; 403; Beijing Tong Ren Tang, 2009 WL 5108580, at \*3 (striking irrelevant evidence). Testimonial evidence must be based on the personal knowledge of the witness offering the evidence. Fed. R. Evid. 602. Testimony requiring scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge may be given only by an expert witness with the requisite knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education, and opinion testimony is not permitted of a lay person. Fed. R. Evid. 701, 702. The Eden Declaration fails to meet one or more of these criteria, as set forth below.

	<b>Proffered Evidence</b>	Google's Objection
1.	Eden Decl., at ¶ 2	Fed. R. Evid. 401, 402, 403, 602, 701,
		<u>702</u>
		The statements are irrelevant,
		argumentative, conclusory, speculative,
		lack foundation, are not within the
		witness's personal knowledge, and
		constitute improper opinion testimony
		of an unqualified layperson.
2.	Eden Decl., at ¶ 3 ("Google's	Fed. R. Evid. 401, 402, 403, 602, 701,
	procedures and practices for	<u>702</u>
	responding to DMCA notices have	The statement is irrelevant,
	made it essentially impossible for us	argumentative, conclusory, speculative,
	to protect our property. Google	lacks foundation, does not appear to be
	seems to be an adversary rather than	within the witness's personal
	someone trying to help.")	knowledge, and constitutes improper

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1			opinion testimony.
2	3.	Eden Decl. ¶¶ 4, 6, 7	Fed. R. Evid. 401, 403, 602, 701, 702,
3			1002
4			The statements are irrelevant,
5			argumentative, mischaracterize the
6			document, speculative, lack foundation,
7			are not within the witness's personal
8			knowledge, constitute improper legal
9			opinion, and are improper opinion
10			testimony.
11	4.	Eden Decl., at ¶ 8	Fed. R. Evid. 401, 402, 403, 602, 701,
12			702
13			The statements are irrelevant,
14			argumentative, conclusory, speculative,
15			lack foundation, are not within the
16			witness's personal knowledge, and
17			constitute improper opinion testimony
18			of a layperson.
19	5.	Eden Decl. Exhs. 1-3	Fed. R. Evid. 401, 402, 403, 602
20			The evidence is irrelevant.
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