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12	LEGALZOOM.COM, INC., a Delaware	CASE NO.: CV 12-9942-GAF (AGRx)
13	corporation,	Hon. Gary A. Feess
14	Plaintiff,	Courtroom: 740
15 16	v. ROCKET LAWYER INCORPORATED, a Delaware corporation,	REDACTED REPLY MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF LEGALZOOM.COM, INC'S
17	Defendant.	FACTUAL RECORD
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To quote Shakespeare, Rocket Lawyer "doth protest too much."

While arguing vehemently that the subject

advertisements after being confronted with such

, and related emails which it concealed from the Court are "not material" and do not create any triable issue of fact, Rocket Lawyer persists in seeking to keep those documents from being considered fully and fairly as part of the summary judgment record. Why? If the documents are so immaterial, what does Rocket Lawyer have to fear? The reason became clear during depositions of Rocket Lawyer witnesses that were taken just a few days before the filing of this reply brief. The materiality of these documents was ratified by the testimony of Rocket Lawyer's CEO and founder, totally impeaching Rocket Lawyer's efforts to marginalize them. Moreover these hidden documents were just the tip of the iceberg. In addition to other internal Rocket Lawyer which were not produced in discovery, LegalZoom has now learned in depositions that there were also that Rocket Lawyer viewed and considered along with Declaration of Fred Heather ("Heather Decl."), Exh. A. These documents concealed by Rocket Lawyer, which even now Rocket Lawyer is refusing to produce, have the potential to provide dramatic evidence of Rocket Lawyer's knowing and intentional deception of consumers (by deciding to continue to run its "free"

As the Court recently recognized in granting LegalZoom's *ex parte* application to hear this motion together with the cross motions for summary judgment, there has been no unfair delay by LegalZoom in pursuing this motion. Nor will Rocket Lawyer be prejudiced in any way by the Court's consideration of these documents, which were requested in discovery over a year ago. Rocket Lawyer's decision to bury some of these in a last minute "document dump" made in connection with the filing of the summary judgment motions, and to withhold others altogether, should not be rewarded. Rocket Lawyer should be forced to make its materiality and other

arguments about these documents in addressing the summary judgment record, and not in a baseless effort to continue its sanctionable attempt to conceal them.

Rocket Lawyer's opposition, which is replete with irrelevant complaints about LegalZoom's discovery conduct which are not properly before the Court, is simply the fruit of the poisonous tree that began with Rocket Lawyer's initial attempt to hide these dramatic documents, and which continues with Rocket Lawyer's baseless effort to prevent the Court from considering them. Rocket Lawyer's attempt to tilt the playing field by keeping these documents out of the record should be rejected.

II. THE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ALONG WITH THE COMPETING EXPERT REPORTS AS PART OF THE SUMMARY JUDGMENT RECORD

A. The Subject Documents Are Plainly Material to the Issues Being

Considered on Summary Judgment.

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Given that the principal issue being addressed in connection with Rocket Lawyer's motion for summary judgment, and which is disputed by the competing experts, is whether consumers were deceived by Rocket Lawyer's free advertisements, it is hard to imagine evidence which is more probative of that issue.

Moreover, in recent depositions of Rocket Lawyer personnel, the materiality of this evidence was dramatically confirmed. Rocket Lawyer's CEO Charles Moore,

testified to the following in connection with these:

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7	In addition, Rocket Lawyer's former vice president, Alisa Weiner,
8	, testified
9	. Heather Decl.
10	Exh. B, Weiner Depo. at 71:21-22. The fact that Rocket Lawyer had these
11	conclusions in hand, and yet continued to run its "free" advertisements is incredibly
12	probative of an intent to deceive consumers. William H. Morris Co. v. Grp. W, Inc.,
13	66 F.3d 255, 258 (9th Cir. 1995) ("If Omicron intentionally misled consumers, we
14	would presume consumers were in fact deceived and Omicron would have the burden
15	of demonstrating otherwise.").
16	B. The are Not Hearsay.
17	Rocket Lawyer protests that the are inadmissible hearsay
18	because they are statements of a consultant summarizing statements of a handful of
19	consumers. Opp. at 9:4-5. Rocket Lawyer's objection is without merit.
20	First, because were commissioned by Rocket Lawyer
21	and performed by its agent, the statements made are party admissions and are
22	therefore excepted from the hearsay rule. Fed. R. Civ. P. 801(d)(D) ("a statement by
23	the party's agent or servant about a matter within the scope of agency or employment,
24	made during the existence of the relationship").
25	Second, all of the , including , are no more hearsay than
26	the paid expert study upon which Rocket Lawyer places its reliance. ¹
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28	In opposing Rocket Lawyer's motion for summary judgment, LegalZoom argued that Dr. Wind's expert report, upon which Rocket Lawyer relied, was hearsay because

Third, the are not offered to prove the truth of any matter asserted. It
does not matter whether each of the individual was actually
deceived, or whether each actually felt deceived, about the Rocket Lawyer "free"
advertisements. It is the participants' perception of the advertisements which matters
and the evidence is offered to show that the advertisements have at least a tendency to
mislead or deceive. Moreover, these may be offered for another
significant purpose separate and apart from a demonstration that the advertisements
were actually deceptive or misleading: the fact that Rocket Lawyer was informed by
and yet
Rocket Lawyer continued to run the advertisements after being armed with that
knowledge, goes to the issue of whether Rocket Lawyer had an intent to deceive,
which creates a presumption of actual deception under the Lanham Act. William H.
Morris, 66 F.3d at 258.
Fourth these documents can be used to impeach Rocket Lawyer witnesses

Fourth, these documents can be used to impeach Rocket Lawyer witnesses about the intent to deceive consumers and Rocket Lawyer's knowledge of the potential to deceive, which presents another fair and appropriate use for these documents both on summary judgment and at trial.

Finally, in addition to the foregoing, courts do not focus on the admissibility of the evidence's form at the summary judgment stage, but instead focus on the admissibility of its contents. *Block v. City of Los Angeles*, 253 F.3d 410, 418-19 (9th Cir. 2001) ("To survive summary judgment, a party does not necessarily have to produce evidence in a form that would be admissible at trial, as long as the party satisfies the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 56."). The contents of the can therefore be admitted into evidence at trial in a variety of ways.

the report was simply attached to an attorney declaration and was not a sworn statement made by Dr. Wind under penalty of perjury. That objection is different than the one now being made by Rocket Lawyer as to the survey respondents.

from their personal knowledge. Fed. R. Evid. 602. If
forget about certain content within their reports, they may be able to
use their respective to refresh their recollection. Fed. R. Evid. 612. If the
reports fail to refresh their recollection, may still be
able to read the reports into evidence as a recorded recollection under Fed. R. Evid.
803(5).
C. The Relative Size and Number of Participants in the
Did Not Provide a Basis For Rocket Lawyer to Conceal Them.
Rocket Lawyer argues that its
'substantial portion' of consumers have been deceived as required by the Court."
Opp. at 9:13-16. For this reason, Rocket Lawyer argues that its survey, which it
claims relies upon 400 respondents, abides by the Court's instructions and more fair
demonstrates whether consumers were deceived by the advertisements. See ECF No
129 at 1-2. Rocket Lawyer's argument is self-defeating.
As LegalZoom pointed out in its opposition to Rocket Lawyer's motion for
summary judgment, Dr. Wind's survey eliminates from consideration the vast
majority of the original 400 respondents, and ultimately attempts to draw conclusion
based on the responses of 13 respondents in a test group as compared to 15
respondents in a control group. For that reason, there is nothing about the size of the
responses evaluated in
which suffers in comparison from the responses evaluated by Dr. Wind. But i
any event, this is exactly the type of argument that Rocket Lawyer could have made
and should have made, as part of the briefing on summary judgment after full
disclosure of the to LegalZoom and to the Court.
Moreover, as confirmed by recent depositions of Rocket Lawyer witnesses,

	Heathe	er Decl., Exh. A at 41, 45:3-9.
		Id. LegalZoom should be permitted to
discover al	l remaining	, and further depose
Rocket Lav	wyer witnesses rega	arding the nature and results of these If these
documents	further show that I	Rocket Lawyer continued to run its "free"
advertisem	ents with the intent	t of deceiving consumers, then this should shift the
burden of p	proof on the issue o	of deception for purposes of LegalZoom's false
advertising	claim. William H.	. <i>Morris Co.</i> , <i>supra</i> , 66 F.3d at 258.
D.	The	Are Not Refuted by the "Which Rock
	Lawyer Provide	es With its Opposition.
Rock	ket Lawyer argues	that LegalZoom failed to produce the
		and that such either contradict o
undermine	the findings of	about the advertisements being deceptive.
Rocket Lav	wyer is mistaken. I	For example,

1	used as evidence supporting an intent to deceive regardless of whether some elements
2	of fail to provide complete support for those conclusions.
3	Rocket Lawyer's argument about the also lacks appropriate evidentiary
4	support. Rocket Lawyer's counsel, Michael T. Jones, states in a declaration that his
5	attached Exhibit 1 provides a "
6	beginning Bates
7	Number RLI0039820 and produced to LegalZoom on July 11, 2014," but Rocket
8	Lawyer has failed to produce a declaration of confirming that these
9	were taken as part of her and/or confirming the interpretation of those
10	offered by Rocket Lawyer's counsel. Mr. Jones also failed to provide any facts
11	in his declaration which substantiates his personal knowledge as to who is the author
12	of the or how they should be interpreted. This is yet again an argument that
13	should have been made as part of the summary judgment record, and not as an
14	argument for withholding evidence from the Court.
15	LegalZoom never misrepresented the information contained within the internal
16	study, and merely offered direct quotes authored by
17	communicated to Rocket Lawyer. LegalZoom did not offer the
18	because LegalZoom had no ability to determine who authored those
19	Jones' declaration states that these
20	completely void of authorship and cannot be viewed as
21	self-authenticating.
22	III. ROCKET LAWYER'S ARGUMENT THAT LEGALZOOM UNFAIRLY
23	DELAYED IN BRINGING THIS MOTION IS WITHOUT MERIT AND
24	HAS ALREADY BEEN LARGELY REJECTED BY THE COURT
25	A. The Court's October 1, 2014, Order Confirmed that LegalZoom
26	Acted Reasonably Promptly In Seeking Relief.
27	Rocket Lawyer makes several arguments that LegalZoom waited too long
28	before bringing this motion, and that LegalZoom has no excuse for having failed to

move earlier to supplement the record. These arguments were largely mooted by the Court's recent ruling (ECF No. 131), which granted LegalZoom's ex parte application to move the hearing date on the competing summary judgment motions to October 27, 2014, to be heard along with this Rule 11 motion and LegalZoom's motion to supplement the record. In ECF No. 131, the Court ruled that "Legal Zoom has provided an adequate explanation for the delay in making this application" and that "the record suggests that Rocket Lawyer intentionally dragged its feet over a year in producing documents long after the pertinent documents have been requested." The Court further recognized that "this essentially misled Legal Zoom regarding the presence of useful information in Rocket Lawyer's belated productions. It appears that the late production contains information that is not just relevant and may have a significant bearing on the Court's resolution of the pending motions." Rocket Lawyer's other "delay" arguments are equally unavailing and are addressed below.

B. <u>LegalZoom Did Not Delay In Taking Depositions</u>

Rocket Lawyer argues that LegalZoom's agreement to take certain depositions after the original summary judgment hearing date shows that the proffered testimony of Alisa Weiner should be excluded from the summary judgment record. Rocket Lawyer cites to *Stucky v. Dep't of Educ.*, 337 F. App'x 611, 613 (9th Cir. 2009) and *Mackey v. Pioneer Nat'l Bank*, 867 F.2d 520, 524 (9th Cir. 1989) for the proposition that LegalZoom should be precluded from using deposition testimony because LegalZoom's alleged lack of diligence in pursuing depositions earlier. Rocket Lawyer's argument is yet another attempt to shirk its responsibility to be completely forthcoming in presenting its summary judgment arguments and evidence to the Court.

Rocket Lawyer filed its motion for summary judgment on June 30, 2014, without revealing the which conflicted with Dr. Wind's opinions.

Upon receiving that motion, and seeing that the arguments made in the motion were centered around Dr. Wind's survey, LegalZoom promptly took the deposition of Dr.

wind on July 13, 2014, wen before the discovery cut-on and with adequate time to
use the testimony in support of its opposition. If Rocket Lawyer had fairly disclosed
its , by a reference in its summary judgment motion or by a production
which was not buried in a 15,000 document "dump" made during the briefing on the
cross motions, then LegalZoom would obviously have sought earlier depositions to
examine several witnesses about those
, and other Rocket Lawyer witnesses
including Ms. Weiner, all with an eye toward using that testimony in opposition to
Rocket Lawyer's summary judgment motion. Instead, as a result of Rocket Lawyer's
calculated attempt to conceal this probative and obviously harmful evidence,
LegalZoom was deprived of that ability. For Rocket Lawyer to now complain that
LegalZoom "agreed" that all depositions would be taken after the summary judgment
hearing, and that deposition testimony should not be available to oppose Rocket
Lawyer's motion, is therefore simply outrageous. If LegalZoom had known about
these concealed documents, as it knew about Dr. Wind (who it timely deposed before
opposing the motion), depositions in addition to Dr. Wind's deposition would have
been taken to address them.

C. <u>Allegations of LegalZoom's Discovery Misconduct are Irrelevant.</u>

Rocket Lawyer's *ad hominem* attacks on LegalZoom's trial counsel are completely irrelevant to the issue at hand which is whether these should be considered by the Court in connection with the pending motions for summary judgment. Similarly lacking in relevance are Rocket Lawyer's vague and unsupported allegations of LegalZoom's alleged wrongful conduct in discovery, including allegations that LegalZoom delayed in its productions, produced a "meager" amount of documents, and obstructed Rocket Lawyer's ability to take deposition testimony. If Rocket Lawyer had serious concerns about these issues, it was incumbent upon Rocket Lawyer to first meet and confer and then, if necessary, to bring a motion to compel. In light of the aggressiveness with which Rocket Lawyer

1	has litigated this action, its decision not to pursue such a motion should speak
2	volumes to the Court, and LegalZoom vehemently disagrees with the characterization
3	of its discovery conduct in Rocket Lawyer's opposition and in the Declaration of
4	Michael T. Jones.
5	D. Rocket Lawyer Should be Compelled to Produce the Subject
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7	During the deposition of Pete Franco, Rocket Lawyer's counsel
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9	. Heather Decl., Exh. C, Franco Depo. at 127-28. Despite that
10	agreement, Rocket Lawyer's counsel subsequently sent a letter taking the position
11	that Rocket Lawyer is refusing to produce those and refusing to supplement its
12	documents productions. Id. at Exh. D. LegalZoom responded to that letter by
13	pointing out the failure of Rocket Lawyer to ever demand such documents prior to the
14	expiration of the discovery cut off. <i>Id.</i> at Exh. E. LegalZoom respectfully requests
15	that the Court compel Rocket Lawyer to adhere to
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17	IV. <u>CONCLUSION AND REQUESTED REMEDY</u>
18	Rocket Lawyer's knowingly false statements made in support of its summary
19	judgment motion, that there is a pristine and undisputed record that its advertisements
20	are not deceptive, are contradicted by its
21	These documents are plainly material to the issue of whether Rocket Lawyer
22	knowingly acted to deceive consumers. As the Court recently recognized,
23	LegalZoom appropriately acted to meet and confer after being unfairly compromised
24	by Rocket Lawyer's last minute document dump, so there was no unfair delay by
25	LegalZoom in bringing this motion. Accordingly, the motion to supplement should
26	be granted, and these documents should be considered by the Court and argued by the
27	parties as part of the record on summary judgment.
28	In addition, recent depositions have disclosed

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2) that Rocket Lawyer not only concealed from the summary judgment
3	record, but also withheld from discovery. Without the opportunity to view these
4	documents and present them to the jury, and without the opportunity to fully and
5	fairly address these additional documents in deposition discovery, LegalZoom would
6	be irreparably harmed and denied a fair trial. For that reason, LegalZoom respectfully
7	requests a further continuance of the summary judgment hearing date and the trial
8	date in order to permit the production of these
9	expert witness the opportunity to review the documents and supplement his opinion
0	and report, and to take appropriate discovery concerning those documents. While
1	LegalZoom loathes having to request a further delay in these proceedings, Rocket
2	Lawyer has forced the issue by concealing this highly probative evidence.
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4	DATED: _October 13, 2014 Respectfully submitted,
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