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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CREATE-A-CARD INC., ET AL.,

No. C 07-06452 WHA (JCS)

Plaintiff(s),

**NOTICE OF REFERENCE, TIME  
AND PLACE OF HEARING, AND  
ORDER RE DISCOVERY PROCEDURES**

v.

INTUIT INC.,

Defendant(s).

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The above matter has been referred to Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero for Plaintiffs' Motion for Administrative Relief to Compel Production of Class Member Contact Information to Class Counsel (the "Motion") and all future discovery disputes.

The Motion has been set for a telephonic hearing on **March 4, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.**, in Courtroom A, 15th Floor, Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California. The Court will initiate the phone contact.

LAW AND MOTION PROCEDURES

Civil law and motion is heard on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m., in Courtroom A, 15th Floor, United States District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

In the event a **discovery dispute** arises, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that before filing any discovery motion before this Court, the parties must comply with the following:

1. Lead trial counsel for both parties must meet and confer *in person* regarding the matter(s) at issue. This meeting shall occur after other efforts to resolve the dispute, such as telephone, e-mail, teleconference, or correspondence, have been unsuccessful. Once those efforts have proved unsuccessful, any party may demand a meeting of

1 lead trial counsel to resolve a discovery matter. Such a meeting shall occur within ten  
2 (10) calendar days of the demand. The locations of the meetings shall alternate. The  
3 first meeting shall be at a location selected by counsel for Plaintiff(s). If there are any  
4 future disputes, the next such meeting shall be held at a location to be determined by  
5 counsel for Defendant(s), etc.

6 2. Within five (5) calendar days of the in-person meeting between lead trial counsel  
7 referred to above, the parties shall jointly file a detailed letter with the Court, which  
8 will include the matters that remain in dispute, a detailed substantive description of  
9 each side's position on each such issue, and a description of each side's proposed  
10 compromise on each such issue.

11 3. After the Court has received the joint letter, the Court will determine what future  
12 proceedings, if any, are necessary.

13 In the event that the parties continue to be unable to resolve the matters regarding the timing  
14 and scope of discovery, the Court will consider what future actions are necessary. These actions  
15 may include the following: (1) sanctions against a party failing to cooperate in the discovery process  
16 and meet and confer in good faith, as required by this Order, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,  
17 and the Local Rules of this Court; and/or (2) requiring the Chief Executive Officers of each party to  
18 attend the in-person, meet-and-confer sessions described above. The Court is not entering either of  
19 these matters as an Order of the Court at this time, and fully expects counsel to meet their  
20 obligations under this Order and under the Local Rules.

21 A party or counsel has a continuing duty to supplement the initial disclosure when required  
22 under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e)(1).

23 Law and motion matters may be submitted without argument upon stipulation of the parties  
24 and notification of the Court no later than 4:30 p.m. the day before the hearing. Pursuant to Civil L.  
25 R. 7-7(e), filed motions may be withdrawn without leave of the Court, within seven (7) days of the  
26 date for service of the opposition. Thereafter, leave of the Court must be sought.

27 All filings of documents relating to motions referred to the undersigned shall list the civil  
28 case number and the district court judge's initials followed by the designation "(JCS)".

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**ELECTRONIC FILING AND COURTESY COPIES**

Please refer to Civil L. R. 5-4 and General Order No. 45 for the Northern District of California for information relating to electronic filing procedures and requirements. All documents shall be filed in compliance with the Civil Local Rules. Documents not filed in compliance with those rules will not be considered by the Court.

BEFORE NOON ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTRONIC FILING, THE PARTIES ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE DIRECTLY WITH CHAMBERS ONE CONFORMED, **PAPER** COPY OF EACH DOCUMENT, WHICH IS TO BE DESIGNATED "**JCS'S CHAMBERS' COPY.**"

The failure of counsel or a party to abide by this Order may result in sanctions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 26, 2009

  
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JOSEPH C. SPERO  
United States Magistrate Judge