

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ROY D NEWPORT,

No. C-10-04511-WHA (DMR)

Plaintiff(s),

**ORDER RE PARTIES' DISCOVERY
LETTERS [DOCKET NOS. 198, 199, 200,
201, 205, 209, 215]**

v.

BURGER KING CORP.,

Defendant(s).

On November 14, 2011, the court conducted a hearing regarding the parties' discovery disputes as outlined in their joint letters [*see* Docket Nos. 198-201, 205, 209, 215]. This order memorializes the court's rulings from the bench. The court ordered the parties to complete all further discovery responses and production by November 30, 2011. To the extent that this order may be inconsistent with an order that Judge Alsup has issued, his order stands.

Letter No. 198:

1. First Set of Requests for Production: Burger King Corporation ("BKC") shall produce all Facility Inspection Reports ("FIRs") from 1997 onward dealing with franchise and company-owned Burger King restaurants in California. BKC shall also produce the spreadsheet/database entries regarding those reports, but may redact information about reports not ordered produced. BKC need not produce the FIR or FRAN SITE databases.

- 1 2. Second Set of Requests for Production: Request 14: BKC shall produce the most recent table
2 of contents, and any materials relating to disability access from the Manuals of Operating
3 Data from 1997 onward. Request 16: BKC shall send Plaintiffs a letter confirming that it
4 searched James Carberry’s laptop and has produced all responsive, non-privileged
5 documents therefrom.
- 6 3. Second Set of Interrogatories: BKC shall respond with respect to all disability access class
7 actions, individual cases, and indemnification claims from California BKL and non-BKL
8 restaurants since 1997.
- 9 4. Second Set of Requests for Admission: BKC must fairly respond to RFAs 2-3 and 17-18. If
10 BKC does not understand a term, the court instructs it to use its own best and common sense
11 definition, set forth the definition, and then go on to answer the requests.
- 12 5. Third Set of Requests for Production: Request 2: BKC shall produce the most recent version
13 of its ADA Manual. Request 3: BKC need not produce the Operations Excellence Review
14 Scores for BLK restaurants, as they are irrelevant. Request 4: BKC must produce any
15 disability access law training materials that it provided to its outside accessibility consultant.
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- 17 6. Fourth Set of Requests for Production: Request 1: BKC need not produce the underlying
18 leases at BKL locations, because their relevance is too attenuated and outweighed by the
19 burden of production. Request 2: BKC shall send Plaintiffs a letter confirming that it
20 searched Ronald Halends’ laptop, and has produced all responsive, non-privileged
21 documents therefrom.
- 22 7. The Subpoena of John Salmen: BKC has agreed to produce the documents in readable form.
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24 **Letter No. 199:**

- 25 1. Requests for Production: Francisco Foods, Inc. (“FFI”) shall produce all communications
26 related to insurance coverage connected with the *Castaneda* suit going back to January 1,
27 2006, except where FFI believes the documents to be privileged. In that case, FFI shall
28 submit a privilege log that explains with specificity which documents it believes to be

1 privileged and the reason for asserting privileged status. The parties shall meet and confer
2 and submit a joint letter by November 30, 2011 if disagreement remains as to the privileged
3 status of any insurance-related documents.

4 **Letter Nos. 200 and 205:**

- 5 1. Requests for Production: Plaintiffs shall produce all documents concerning prior ADA and
6 disability access lawsuits and claims from 2002 onward for their Burger King restaurants in
7 California. Plaintiffs shall produce all documents relating to ADA and/or accessibility
8 inspections of physical facilities from 2002 onward for their Burger King restaurants in
9 California, except that Plaintiffs shall not produce any CASp report that relates to an open
10 matter or that has been sealed by court order. Plaintiffs shall produce all communications
11 related to insurance coverage connected with the *Castaneda* suit going back to January 1,
12 2006, except where Plaintiffs believe the documents to be privileged. In that case, Plaintiffs
13 shall submit a privilege log that explains with specificity which documents they believe to be
14 privileged and the reason for asserting privileged status. The parties shall meet and confer
15 and submit a joint letter by November 30, 2011 if disagreement remains as to the privileged
16 status of any insurance-related documents. Plaintiffs shall produce all documents for their
17 Burger King restaurants in California dating back to January 1, 2002 which concern
18 violations of any disability access laws. Similarly, Plaintiffs shall produce all documents,
19 including pleadings, discovery, and non-confidential settlement agreements, regarding any
20 disability access lawsuits against their Burger King restaurants in California dating back to
21 January 1, 2002. Plaintiffs also shall send BKC a letter that confirms that they have
22 produced all responsive, non-privileged documents in BKC's Requests for Production.
- 23 2. First and Second Set of Interrogatories: Plaintiffs shall send BKC a letter affirming that they
24 have answered BKC's interrogatories to the best of their ability.

25 **Letter No. 201:**

- 26 1. BKC's Requests for Production 4, 7-8: Cook need not produce insurance policies to which
27 HRI and HRMC, and not Cook, are named insureds or beneficiaries. However, Cook must
28 produce all communications related to insurance coverage relating to restaurants in the

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Castaneda suit dating from January 1, 2006, except where Cook believes the documents to be privileged. In that case, Cook shall submit a privilege log that explains with specificity which documents he believes to be privileged and the reason for asserting privileged status. The parties shall meet and confer and submit a joint letter by November 30, 2011 if disagreement remains as to the privileged status of any insurance-related documents.

2. Cook's Request to Depose Tom Archer: Denied as untimely.

Letter No. 215

1. Strategic's Request for BKC to Produce a Rule 30(b)(6) Deponent: Strategic and its associated parties may serve one 30(b)(6) subpoena on BKC. The deposition may last no more than four hours, exclusive of breaks, and cover only topics specific to Strategic and its associated parties. Strategic may ask some broader questions for foundational or contextual purposes, but such questions shall be limited..

2. Strategic's Request to Quash BKC's Deposition Notices: BKC may depose either David Kanel or Stephanie Medley for no more than four hours, exclusive of breaks. The subpoena served on the person BKC does not depose is hereby quashed. BKC has relinquished the right to depose Plaintiff Newport.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 16, 2011

