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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARC OPPERMAN, et al.,
Plaintiffs.
v.
PATH, INC., et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. [13-cv-00453-JST](#) (JCS)

**NOTICE OF REFERENCE; ORDER
DENYING JOINT DISCOVERY
LETTER BRIEF; ORDER TO MEET
AND CONFER AND FILE JOINT
LETTER**

Re: Dkt. No. 620

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The above matter has been referred to Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero for resolution on the Joint Discovery Letter Brief [Docket No. 620], and all future discovery matters.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that lead trial counsel for both parties shall meet and confer **in person in Courtroom G on January 29, 2016, at 9:30 AM.**

LAW AND MOTION HEARING PROCEDURES

Civil law and motion is heard on Friday mornings, at 9:30 a.m., Courtroom G, 15th Floor, United States District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, 94102.

In the event a future **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 lead trial counsel to resolve a discovery matter. Such a meeting shall occur within ten (10) calendar days of the demand. The locations of the meetings

1 shall alternate. The first meeting shall be at a location selected by counsel for
2 Plaintiff(s). If there are any future disputes, the next such meeting shall be held at a
3 location to be determined by counsel for Defendant(s), etc.

4 2. Within five (5) calendar days of the in-person meeting between lead trial counsel
5 referred to above, the parties shall jointly file a detailed letter with the Court, not to
6 exceed five (5) pages without leave of Court, which will include the matters that
7 remain in dispute, a detailed substantive description of each side's position on each
8 such issue, and a description of each side's proposed compromise on each such
9 issue. In the absence of permission from the Court, the letter may not exceed five
10 (5) pages.

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

21 Regardless of whether the Court reschedules a hearing date, all opposition and reply papers
22 shall be timely filed according to the originally noticed hearing date, pursuant to Civil L. R. 7-3.

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

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

27 **ELECTRONIC FILING AND COURTESY COPIES**

28 Please refer to Civil L. R. 5-4 and General Order No. 45 for the Northern District of

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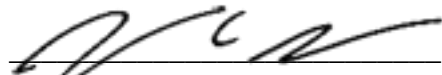
California for information relating to electronic filing procedures and requirements.

BEFORE NOON ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTRONIC FILING, THE PARTIES ARE REQUIRED TO LODGE DIRECTLY WITH CHAMBERS ONE **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: January 21, 2016


JOSEPH C. SPERO
Chief Magistrate Judge