## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA JOBSCIENCE, INC, No. C 13-04519 WHA Plaintiff. v. CVPARTNERS, INC, et al., ORDER RE MOTION TO QUASH Defendants.

On April 9 at 11:13 a.m., plaintiff filed a motion to shorten time, appending a "motion to quash subpoenas to plaintiff's expert Kenneth Amron or in the alternative for a protective order," noticed for April 17 (this date is not available on the undersigned judge's calendar).

At 4:45 p.m., plaintiff filed a notice to "withdraw its motion to shorten time to hear plaintiff's motion to quash subpoena and for protective order" (Dkt. No. 56). The motion to shorten time is thus **DENIED AS MOOT**. The notice, however, is ambiguous about whether the motion to quash proceeds, whether the motion will be briefed, and whether the parties seek a hearing on the motion. In any event, the motion to quash does not comply with the rules.

First, an October 2012 order stated that requests for discovery relief must be summarized in a letter not to exceed three pages, after the parties have met and conferred (Dkt. No. 17). This was not done. Instead, plaintiff filed a noticed motion exceeding three pages.

Second, before a discovery request or motion is entertained, the parties must have previously conferred for the purpose of attempting to resolve all disputed issues. See FRCP 26(c), Local Rule 37-1, October 2012 order. The letter brief or motion should so certify. Here, on April 7, plaintiff emailed lead counsel for defendants. On April 8, plaintiff left a message with defense counsel's assistant. On April 9 at 11:13 a.m., plaintiff filed this motion without a meet-and-confer (Terry Decl. ¶ 5). The parties must meet-and-confer in person or via telephone in a good-faith effort to resolve all discovery disputes. If and only if this has been done and a dispute remains, the parties may file a discovery letter in accordance with the October 2012 order. The parties will then be required to attend an in person meet-and-confer in the Court's jury room and a discovery hearing will be set. Only attorneys who personally participate in the meet-and-confer may be heard at the hearing.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 10, 2014.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE