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| 10 | MICHAEL A. BRUZZONE, Plaintiff, | No. C 14-01279 WHA | |
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| 12 | v. INTEL CORPORATION, et al., | ORDER GRANTING INTEL'S | |
| 13 14 | Defendants. | MOTION TO DECLARE MICHAEL BRUZZONE A VEXATIOUS LITIGANT | |
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| 18 | | now become extremely far-fetched and abusive. | |
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| 21 | STATEMENT <i>Pro se</i> plaintiff Michael A. Bruzzone describes himself as a "Relator" who became | | |
| 22 | | d espionage violations occurring domestically in the | |
| 23 | | articipated in the Federal Trade Commission's | |
| 24 | | n 1998 and 1999 (Compl. ¶ 18, 19, 21, 23). But he | |
| 25 | is not a "relator" and the United States is <i>not</i> a | | |
| 26 | In 1999, Mr. Bruzzone filed a <i>pro se</i> complaint against Intel Corporation and others in | | |
| 27 28 | Santa Clara County Superior Court. See Bruz. | | |
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779409 (Santa Clara Sup. Ct. Jan. 20, 1999) (Judge Mark Pierce). In 2001, he --- via counsel

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Leshin & Dincel LLP — filed a second amended complaint alleging eighteen claims, including, 2 *inter alia*, stalking, fraud, intentional interference with prospective business advantage, 3 defamation, intentional infliction of emotional distress, breach of contract, and unfair business 4 practices. The action settled with confidential terms, but it "remains open for the purpose of 5 allowing the Court to enforce the settlement" (Faulkner Decl. ¶ 17, 19, 20, Exhs. P, R).

In 2008 and 2009, Mr. Bruzzone filed two sealed actions in this district. See Nos. 3:08-cv-04169-WHA, 3:09-cv-00679-WHA. Both were terminated.

8 In 2010, Mr. Bruzzone was found "guilty of five counts of contempt of court for failure to 9 obey" an October 2006 permanent injunction entered in the 1999 action. Judge James Emerson of Santa Clara County Superior Court found that Mr. Bruzzone "willfully disobeyed" the 10 11 permanent injunction by: (1) initiating correspondence in July 2009 with four Intel executives 12 with whom contact and correspondence were prohibited; (2) initiating email correspondence in 13 August 2009 with an Intel executive with whom contact and correspondence were prohibited; (3) attempting to initiate telephone contact in August 2009 with an Intel executive with whom 14 15 contact and dialogue were prohibited; (4) initiating email correspondence in August 2009 with an 16 Intel executive with whom contact and correspondence were prohibited; and (5) initiating a 17 second email correspondence in August 2009 with an Intel executive with whom contact and 18 correspondence were prohibited (Faulkner Exh. T).

19 In 2011, plaintiff filed a pro se complaint against Intel Corporation in Santa Clara 20 Superior Court. See Bruzzone v. Intel Corporation, No. 1:11-cv-213829 (Santa Clara Sup. Ct. 21 Nov. 29, 2011) (Judge Peter Kirwan). The complaint alleged eleven claims, including, inter alia, 22 "Constructed Fraud to Misprison [sic] Federal Reporter," "Corporate & Attorney Cover Up to 23 Conceal Network Crime," "Interference w/ Prospective Business Advantage," and "Retaliation." 24 Paragraph 32 to the complaint stated (Faulkner Exh. I at \P 31–32) (emphasis omitted): 25

31 Intel agent objectives are three fold, first to depress into drug addiction, second to depress into suicide, third is to target for assassination stimulating cardiac arrest by agent implemented drug overdose including bating with drug as set up to record abuse, suspect stunning with Tazer, rewarding with drugs trapped in the confines of 11 foot by 11 foot space where handlers implement Staton DeGrandpre behavioral-pharmacologic conditioning, inject coming in and out of sedation confined in that space, and

transported by car, interrogate in quasi lucent state know by Burkes reported too and allowed to escape by California Department of Justice, gassing, suspect electrocution and in one instance just avoiding what seems to be Anastasia in preparation for plaintiff's castration.

32 Mr. Bruzzone becomes strange attractor trapped as mad within operative's environmental illness where the crime ring comes back for more and through successive stings Mr. Bruzzone records and reports to FBI and Department of Justice in near real time the activities of a hit squad.

7 The action, according to Mr. Bruzzone, arose "under Department of Labor code, Federal false 8 claims act, State and Federal antitrust and civil law" (*id.* at ¶ 62). In 2012, he filed a pro se first 9 amended complaint alleging eleven claims, including, inter alia, "Undue Influence, Duress, 10 Manipulate Unsound Mind," "Violation of Federal Civil Rights; 42 USC 1983, 42 USC 1985, 42 11 USC 1986," "Intent to Destroy Plaintiff Beyond the Bounds of Fair Competition and Fair Play," "False Light," and "Gross Negligence." Judge Peter Kirwan described Mr. Bruzzone's claims as 12 "unintelligible" and/or "time-barred." Intel's demurrer was sustained, although Mr. Bruzzone 13 14 was permitted to amend the false light claim. Mr. Bruzzone then filed a second amended 15 complaint seeking to "overrule" defendant's demurrer on "racketeering influenced organization's 16 decade of obstruction in cartel case matter" and "witness character assassination." Intel's 17 demurrer was sustained and Judge Kirwan stated: "Plaintiff's allegations are so confusing that 18 Intel cannot reasonably respond" (Faulkner Decl. ¶¶ 10, 12–15; Exhs. I, K, L, M, N). The 19 decision was affirmed by the California Court of Appeal for the Sixth Appellate District, which 20 stated that Mr. Bruzzone's argument was "brief and perplexing" (Second Supp. RJN, Exh. 1).

In October 2012, an order renewing Intel's permanent injunction was entered by Judge Mark Pierce. The permanent injunction is currently in effect. In the main, Mr. Bruzzone is to stay at least one hundred feet from Intel's buildings, is to stay at least fifty feet from certain Intel personnel, and cannot commence any communications and/or dialogue concerning Intel with certain Intel personnel. Violations of the permanent injunction are "punishable by one year in jail, a \$1,000 fine, or both, or may be punishable as a felony" (Dkt. No. 67-2).

In 2013, Mr. Bruzzone, via Attorney R. Kenneth Bauer, filed a *qui tam* complaint. *See Bruzzone v. Intel Corporation, et al.*, No. 3:13-cv-03729-WHA (N.D. Cal. Aug. 12, 2013). The

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| 1 | United States declined to intervene and consented to dismissal, without prejudice as to the United |
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| 2 | States (Dkt. Nos. 8, 20). In February 2014, Mr. Bruzzone "substitute[d] himself as his own |
| 3 | counsel, In Pro Se" (Dkt. No. 25). At the third case management conference, Mr. Bruzzone made |
| 4 | the following statements (Dkt. No. 36 at 8–9): |
| 5 | THE COURT: When is the last time you ever worked for Intel as |
| 6 | an employee? |
| 7 | MR. BRUZZONE: I was a consultant in '97, your Honor. |
| 8 | THE COURT: That was it? That's as close as you ever got to being an employee? |
| 9 | MR. BRUZZONE: They brought me in to provide my assessment |
| 10 | of the anticompetitive activities I had seen in the field in August of '97, and by May of 1998, I had been invited by Mr. Robert Cook with the Federal Trade Commission to excist in Decket 0288. That |
| 11 | with the Federal Trade Commission to assist in Docket 9288. That went on through 2001, all the period of which I was retaliated |
| 12 | against. That actually accelerated and escalated into 2005, 2006. I'm a survivor of being made a target by people who I consider ware a bit agoed, attempts on my life through 2005 |
| 13 | were a hit squad, attempts on my life through 2005. |
| 14 | MR. BRUZZONE: I believe that there were detectives hired to |
| 15 | assassinate me, your Honor, at that time The primary strategy |
| 16 | is to create anxiety and depression and force you into various addictions, drug addictions, which they'd service and promote, and I believe that they were hoping that I would commit suicide and die |
| 17 | by overdose. |
| 18 | His complaint was dismissed without prejudice and judgment was entered (Dkt. No. 31). |
| 19 | In March 2014, Mr. Bruzzone commenced the instant action by filing a pro se complaint |
| 20 | (72 pages), titled "Federal Relator Civil Complaint." See Bruzzone v. Intel Corporation, et al., |
| 21 | No. 3:14-cv-01279-WHA (N.D. Cal. Mar. 19, 2014). The caption referenced Intel Corporation, |
| 22 | "Advanced RISC Machines, Inc.," and various individuals ("Ms. Evangelina Almiranterena, Mr. |
| 23 | Steve Lund, Dr. Harley Stock, Dr. Andrew Grove" and "Mr. Ian Drew, Ms. Yvonne Carey, Mr. |
| 24 | Eric Shorn, Mr. Simon Segars, Mr. Ehab Youseff") as "Defendants." The complaint appeared to |
| 25 | identify two claims: "Conspiracy to Defraud on Deceit" and "Gross Negligence" (Compl. \P |
| 26 | 93–137, 138–152). Nonetheless, sprinkled throughout the complaint were references to numerous |
| 27 | federal and state statutes and the Constitution, including, inter alia, the Sherman Act, the Clayton |
| 28 | Act, 42 U.S.C. 1983, 42 U.S.C. 1985, and sections of the California Civil Code. The complaint |
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| 1 | also made passing references to many criminal statutes, including, inter alia, the "Anti kick back |
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| 2 | [sic] Act of 1986," "Mail Fraud (18 U.S.C. 1341)," and "RICO [18 U.S.C.] 1961" (Compl. ¶¶ 8, |
| 3 | 9, 11, 12, 53, 59, 64, 65, 77, 86, 89, 91, 92, 96, 134–37, 145, 150). |
| 4 | ARM, Inc. appeared stating that it was "erroneously sued as Advanced RISC Machines, |
| 5 | Inc." and moved to dismiss. Intel moved to dismiss as well, identifying, inter alia, 24 federal |
| 6 | laws mentioned in Mr. Bruzzone's complaint, which it argued was "unintelligible" (Dkt. No. 16). |
| 7 | In April 2014, Mr. Bruzzone filed a motion requesting "time to correspond to United |
| 8 | States Attorney General Eric Holder, and President Obama" (Dkt. No. 37). He filed a declaration |
| 9 | stating (Dkt. No. 53, Bruzzone Decl. ¶¶ 5, 33): |
| 10 | [P]laintiff's motion [asks] for time to contact Attorney General Holder, President Obama, Ms. Sara Winslow, Congress, United |
| 11 | States Merit Systems Protection Board, General Services |
| 12 | Administration, Federal Trade Commission Investigator Generals of many agencies to secure administrative relief including attorney |
| 13 | representation as there is nothing standing in the way of my doing so on so many federal provisions for relief. |
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| 16 | For all these reasons, Mr. Bruzzone Motion that is time to correspond to Attorney General Mr. Eric Holder and President |
| 17 | Obama, Congress, Department of Labor, Federal Trade Commission Investigator General, United States Department of |
| 18 | Justice Investigator General for consideration to provide this federal civic servant United States Attorney representation, or Office of |
| 19 | Special Counsel representation, or for the United States government to provide forms of relief available to all employees retaliated |
| 20 | against, whether regular federal employee or invited federal civic service in technical assistant role, be supported and Mr. Bruzzone's |
| 21 | motion upheld. |
| 22 | He continued to referred to himself as a "Relator." |
| 23 | In May 2014, counsel for Intel filed a letter briefing seeking a discovery stay. Counsel |
| 24 | stated that they had conferred with "Mr. Bruzzone through email rather than by telephone or in |
| 25 | person for safety reasons." Appended to Intel's letter was an email from Mr. Bruzzone to counsel |
| 26 | for Intel, dated April 23, 2014, stating (Dkt. No. 44, Exh. C): |
| 27 | Would it not be more efficient to just settle with me on negligence? Then put me under an NDA, to find out who the bad guys are for |
| 28 | my personal protection, or Subpoena me as a witness where I will eventually discovery that in the specific proceeding. Or become my |
| | attorney I am a better witness than a plaintiff. It would be |

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more effective for your actions that is not necessarily my action, but certainly annunciates the causes and reasons for my action. His complaint herein was thereafter stricken. He was given until June 4 to file a first amended

complaint (Dkt. No. 51).

The June 4 deadline passed. Plaintiff did not file a first amended complaint. There was and is no operative complaint in this action.

Mr. Bruzzone then filed a motion to disqualify the undersigned judge. On June 17, Judge

Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers denied the motion (Dkt. No. 58).

The parties were then ordered to show cause why this action should not be dismissed. Mr.

Bruzzone filed a response refusing to file a first amended complaint. With no operative

complaint herein, the action was dismissed and judgment entered (Dkt. Nos. 72, 73). Mr.

Bruzzone then filed an "appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit"

(Dkt. No. 75). He has received permission to proceed in forma pauperis as to that appeal.

Intel has now filed a motion to declare Mr. Bruzzone a vexatious litigant. Intel proposes

the following pre-filing review:

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(1) any complaints or notices of appeal filed by Michael A. Bruzzone in the Northern District of California against Intel Corporation or any person employed or formerly employed by or associated with Intel shall be forwarded by the Clerk to this Court for pre-filing review; (2) if the Court ascertains that the complaint or notice of appeal is duplicative or frivolous, it will not be filed and will be returned to Mr. Bruzzone, but (3) if the Court finds that the proposed complaint or notice of appeal is not duplicative or frivolous, it will be given to the Clerk with instructions to file it, subject to payment of fees.

22 The deadline for Mr. Bruzzone to file an opposition passed and no response was timely filed. A

23 July 2014 order gave plaintiff another chance to file a response. Mr. Bruzzone filed an opposition

and Intel filed a reply (Dkt. Nos. 61, 80, 81). (To be clear, only Intel has moved to declare Mr.

25 Bruzzone a vexatious litigant; ARM has not joined the motion.)

Mr. Bruzzone sent Intel's in-house counsel and numerous other recipients (including

27 individuals with "usdoj.gov," "ftc.gov," and "ec.europa.eu" domain addresses) a lengthy email,

28 dated July 23, 2014. Here are excerpts from Mr. Bruzzone's email with the subject line "Fm

| 1 | Bruzzone Re Arrest Intel Attorneys William Faulkner and Jim McManis NOW" (Dkt. No. 83, | | | | |
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| 2 | Second Supp. Faulkner Decl. ¶ 2, Exh. 1) (all typographical errors in original): | | | | |
| 3 | Please note my observation that it's time to arrest IntelcounselMr. William Faulkner and Mr. James Mcmanis for manipulating my | | | | |
| 4 5 | civil actionsincluding many Judges participating to conceal minimally a \$26,626,000,000cartel theft by Intel executives, marketing and sales employees. | | | | |
| 6 | Mr. Faulkner and Mr. McManis are attorneys, forringmasters, | | | | |
| 7 | engaged in cartelcrime ring that have been manipulating Bruzzone V Intel case matters for 192 months, with their Secret service Affiliate Dr. Harley Stock, including influencing many Superior | | | | |
| 8 | Court and State Judges for a very long time. | | | | |
| 9 | That is why all three of those aforementioned individual should bearrested now; for obstruction of justice, conspiracy to conceal | | | | |
| 10 | felonyantitrust, criminal RICO and treason against the UnitedStates. | | | | |
| 11 | And any who does not follow through on the arrest of Faulkner, McManisand Stock, will also have committed a treason; 18 USC 3 | | | | |
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| 13 | Ms. Almirantearena, you fire Messrs. Faulkner and Mcmanis NOW. They are not working for Intel. They are representatives of | | | | |
| 14 | organized crime, and as a result, you may be as well. So please show all of us you arenot by dismissing Messrs. Faulkner and McManis | | | | |
| 15 | from the Bruzzone casematter(s). | | | | |
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| 17 | Arrest Faulkner, McManis, Stock now, and the gang of detectives includinglaw agents engaged with them in their sting: FBI, Secret | | | | |
| 18 | Service, police, manyof their identities are known and their acts which aremultiple forms offelony criminal violations, targeting me, | | | | |
| 19 | well recorded. | | | | |
| 20 | And ask Governor Jerry Brown, Treasurer Bill Lockyer, Attorney Tom Greenewith the FTC who they are concealing at the FBI, Intel | | | | |
| 21 | Corporate and private detectives, and ARM private detectives, and other law enforcement, along with Dr. Stock, engaged in their sting | | | | |
| 22 | to disqualify my witness status and to blockdiscovery of those targeting me in a felony crime. And all thewhilethey systematically | | | | |
| 23 | strip me of myability to work, my finances, and indirectly strip my family of their properties on their blacklist and group boycott of my | | | | |
| 24 | Intel competitive professional services in trade and commerce. | | | | |
| 25 | Arrest them now. | | | | |
| 26 | This order follows full briefing and oral argument. | | | | |
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| 1 | ANALYSIS |
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| 2 | 1. R EQUESTS FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE. |
| 3 | Citing FRE 201(b) and Bennett v. Medtronic, Inc., 285 F.3d 801, 803, n.2 (9th Cir. 2002), |
| 4 | Intel has made fifteen requests for judicial notice in support of its motion to declare Mr. Bruzzone |
| 5 | a vexatious litigant (Dkt. Nos. 63, 65, 78). Intel's requests as they pertain to Exhibits A, B, D, F, |
| 6 | I, K, L, M, P, Q, R, S, and T to the Declaration of William Faulkner, Exhibit 1 to the |
| 7 | Supplemental Declaration of William Faulkner, and Exhibit 1 to the Second Supplemental |
| 8 | Declaration of William Faulkner are GRANTED. The remainder of the requests, to the extent not |
| 9 | relied upon in this order, are DENIED AS MOOT . |
| 10 | 2. MOTION TO DECLARE MR. BRUZZONE A VEXATIOUS LITIGANT. |
| 11 | Our court of appeals has recognized the inherent power of federal courts to regulate the |
| 12 | activities of abusive litigants by imposing carefully tailored restrictions under appropriate |
| 13 | circumstances. De Long v. Hennessey, 912 F.2d 1144, 1147 (9th Cir. 1990). Our court of appeals |
| 14 | has stated: |
| 15 | When district courts seek to impose pre-filing restrictions, they must: (1) give litigants notice and an opportunity to oppose the |
| 16 | order before it is entered; (2) compile an adequate record for appellate review, including a listing of all the cases and motions |
| 17 | that led the district court to conclude that a vexatious litigant order was needed; (3) make substantive findings of frivolousness or |
| 18 | harassment; and (4) tailor the order narrowly so as to closely fit the specific vice encountered. |
| 19 | Ringgold-Lockhart v. Cnty. of Los Angeles, No. 11-57231, 2014 WL 3805579, at *2 (9th Cir. |
| 20 | Aug. 4, 2014) (internal quotation marks omitted; citing <i>De Long</i>). Although pre-filing review |
| 21 | orders are an "extreme remedy that should rarely be used," "[f]lagrant abuse of the judicial |
| 22 | process cannot be tolerated because it enables one person to preempt the use of judicial time that |
| 23 | properly could be used to consider the meritorious claims of other litigants." Molski v. Evergreen |
| 24 | Dynasty Corp., 500 F.3d 1047, 1057 (9th Cir. 2007) (citing De Long). |
| 25 26 | A. Notice and Opportunity to be Heard. |
| 26 27 | The first procedural requirement is satisfied. Mr. Bruzzone has had notice and an |
| 27 28 | opportunity to be heard. He was promptly served with Intel's motion and reminded of the |
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August 14 hearing date in a July order (Dkt. Nos. 68, 79, 80). Mr. Bruzzone filed an opposition 2 to the motion and noted that the "time of Intel['s] motion . . . is August 14, 2014" (Opp. 4). On 3 the noticed hearing date, the matter was called. Defense Attorney James McManis was present 4 but Mr. Bruzzone did not appear. Mr. Bruzzone has had notice and an opportunity to be heard.

B. Adequate Record.

"An adequate record for review should include a listing of all the cases and motions that led the district court to conclude that a vexatious litigant order was needed," although the court need not list every case filed by the litigant. *Molski*, 500 F.3d at 1059 (internal quotation marks omitted). This order has already summarized the actions, orders, and briefs relevant to the motion herein. To repeat, Mr. Bruzzone has filed at least two state actions and four federal actions (including this one) against Intel Corporation based on many of the same underlying facts.

Bruzzone v. Intel Corporation, et al., No. 99-779409 (Santa Clara Sup. Ct. 1999);

- No. 08-04169 (N.D. Cal. 2008);
- No. 09-00679 (N.D. Cal. 2009);
- Bruzzone v. Intel Corporation, No. 11-213829 (Santa Clara Sup. Ct. 2011); ٠
- Bruzzone v. Intel Corporation, et al, No. 13-03729 (N.D. Cal. 2013); ٠

Bruzzone v. Intel Corporation, et al., No. 14-01279 (N.D. Cal. 2014) (this action).

18 In 2010, Mr. Bruzzone was found "guilty of five counts of contempt of court for failure to 19 obey" a court order. The California Court of Appeal for the Sixth Appellate District has found 20 Mr. Bruzzone's arguments "brief and perplexing" and a Superior Court judge has found Mr. 21 Bruzzone's claims "confusing" and "unintelligible." In his qui tam action, the government 22 incurred time and expense declining to intervene, consenting to dismissal, and appearing at 23 hearings. In the instant action (to which the government is not a party), Mr. Bruzzone has filed a 24 motion to contact senior government officials, including United States Attorney General Eric 25 Holder and President Barack Obama, along with Assistant U.S. Attorney Sara Winslow, the 26 Department of Justice, Congress, and various agencies. He has filed a motion to disqualify the 27 undersigned judge (denied by Judge Gonzalez Rogers), and Intel has filed a motion to declare him 28 a vexatious litigant. In addition, some of the emails Mr. Bruzzone has sent are distressing. Most

recently, Mr. Bruzzone has asked members of the United States Department of Justice to "Arrest 2 Intel Attorneys William Faulkner and Jim McManis" of the firm McManis Faulkner and directly 3 emailed Intel's in-house counsel asking that they "fire Messrs. Faulkner and Mcmanis." This 4 order finds Mr. Bruzzone's email misguided and inappropriate.

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Accordingly, there is an adequate record to review and this requirement is satisfied.

C. Substantive Findings of Frivolousness and/or Harassment.

Before entering a pre-filing order, the district court must make substantive findings as to the frivolous and/or harassing nature of the litigant's actions. Our court of appeals has stated that "[t]o determine whether the litigation is frivolous, district courts must look at both the number and content of the filings as indicia of the frivolousness of the litigant's claims."

Ringgold-Lockhart, 2014 WL 3805579, at *4 (quotation marks omitted). Generally, this involves

a finding that the number of claims made was inordinate and those claims were patently without

13 merit. Our court of appeals has also stated that "the district court may make an alternative finding

14 that the litigant's filings show a pattern of harassment," meaning several similar types of actions

15 constituting an "intent to harass the defendant or the court." Id. at *4–5. Our court of appeals has

16 stated that the Second Circuit's five-factor standard "provides a helpful framework" for this

17 determination:

> (1) the litigant's history of litigation and in particular whether it entailed vexatious, harassing or duplicative lawsuits; (2) the litigant's motive in pursuing the litigation, e.g., does the litigant have an objective good faith expectation of prevailing?; (3) whether the litigant is represented by counsel; (4) whether the litigant has caused needless expense to other parties or has posed an unnecessary burden on the courts and their personnel; and (5) whether other sanctions would be adequate to protect the courts and other parties.

23 Molski, 500 F.3d at 1058 (quoting Safir v. U.S. Lines, Inc., 792 F.2d 19, 24 (2d Cir. 1986)).

24 "Finally, courts should consider whether other, less restrictive options, are adequate to protect the 25 court and parties." Ringgold-Lockhart, 2014 WL 3805579, at *5.

This order makes a substantive finding of harassment in light of Mr. Bruzzone's actions.

27 This order finds that Mr. Bruzzone has a personal vendetta against Intel as evidenced by the six

28 actions he has filed in state and federal court. All of these actions, the earliest one dating back to **United States District Court** For the Northern District of Californi 1

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1999, have related to Mr. Bruzzone's allegation that Intel has interfered with his "efforts to obtain 2 and sustain employment" (Faulkner Exh. P). This is allegedly in "retaliation" for Mr. Bruzzone's 3 conduct in 1998 and 1999.

None of Mr. Bruzzone's actions in federal and state court has survived the pleading stage. The allegations raised in his dismissed Santa Clara Superior Court action (affirmed by the California Court of Appeal) in many ways mirrored the actions he has brought in federal court which defendants, the government, and the court have spent significant time and expense sifting through. His allegations have been characterized as "confusing" and "unintelligible." Mr. Bruzzone's representations are bizarre and hard to believe.

10 Nonetheless, Mr. Bruzzone was given a fair opportunity to file a proper first amended 11 complaint, but he never did herein. He instead filed a motion to disqualify, which was found to 12 lack any evidence of bias or facts that could form a legitimate basis upon which to disqualify. 13 Mr. Bruzzone has misdirected government resources by filing unsuccessful "qui tam" actions and 14 has sought "time to correspond" with senior government officials, including the President of the 15 United States. Despite a permanent injunction prohibiting him from corresponding with Intel 16 personnel, he violated that order and was found guilty of five counts of contempt. As recently as 17 last month, Mr. Bruzzone sent an email to Intel's in-house counsel and the Department of Justice 18 calling for the arrest of counsel from the firm of McManis Faulkner (Second Supp. Faulkner 19 Decl. \P 2). On several occasions, Mr. Bruzzone has proceeded *pro se* and represented that he 20 lacks resources. Nonetheless, he continues to file lengthy complaints, including a 72-page 21 complaint referencing more than 24 federal statutes. His claims in this action and others are 22 numerous and inordinate, seeming to arise from a bizarre belief that Intel has allegedly retaliated 23 against him by trying to assassinate him by suicide. He accuses Intel of crimes and seeks to 24 involve vast swaths of government resources investigating his claims, even though the United 25 States declined to intervene in his prior qui tam action.

26 This order finds that Mr. Bruzzone's claims are frivolous, harassing, and brought with no 27 objective good faith expectation of prevailing. His approach is to repeatedly sue Intel using 28 complaints referencing an uncalled-for number of statutes, which forces Intel to incur needless

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expense defending itself in court. This is a flagrant abuse of the judicial process and has enabled
 Mr. Bruzzone to consume a considerable amount of time and resources from Intel, other
 defendants, the government, Superior Court judges, the California Court of Appeal, and federal
 judges. Accordingly, this order makes a substantive finding of harassment in light of Mr.
 Bruzzone's actions.

The question that remains is whether less drastic sanctions would accomplish the same ends. In particular, our court of appeals has pointed to sanctions under FRCP 11, including:

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nonmonetary directives; an order to pay a penalty into court; or, if imposed on motion and warranted for effective deterrence, an order directing payment to the movant of part or all of the reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses directly resulting from the violation.

12 *Ringgold-Lockhart*, 2014 WL 3805579, at *5.

This order finds that monetary sanctions would have little deterrent effect on Mr. Bruzzone's harassing actions. In this action, he has filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, representing under penalty of perjury that he was not presently employed, he was unmarried, and he had "6800 checking 300 savings." In the past, he has also represented to the undersigned judge that he was not in a financial position to fund his actions without government intervention. It may be difficult to collect a penalty or order of attorney's fees and/or expenses from *pro se* Mr. Bruzzone.

This order also finds that nonmonetary directives would not have the weight necessary to deter Mr. Bruzzone from continuing to harass Intel and from needlessly draining resources from the government. Mr. Bruzzone is currently subject to a permanent injunction prohibiting him from commencing communications with and approaching certain Intel personnel. Currently, this permanent injunction expires in October 2015, but may be renewed. Nevertheless, Mr. Bruzzone violated his permanent injunction in 2010 and most recently has asked Intel's in-house counsel to fire attorneys from the law firm of McManis Faulkner.

Having considered alternative sanctions, this order finds that pre-filing review is warranted to tamp down on Mr. Bruzzone's harassing actions and repetitive filing of frivolous claims.

D. Narrowly Tailored Order.

This order finds a narrowly tailored pre-filing review order is warranted, at least as to any further litigation against Intel. Mr. Bruzzone is hereby **DECLARED A VEXATIOUS LITIGANT**. This is not a bar on bringing lawsuits, but a pre-filing review. Plaintiff must submit to pre-filing review any *pro se* complaint filed in the Northern District of California against Intel Corporation, its current employees, its former employees, Evangelina Almirantearena, Steve Lund, Harley Stock, and/or Andrew Grove. The Clerk shall then forward any complaints submitted by plaintiff to the undersigned for pre-filing review. If the Court ascertains that the complaint is duplicative or frivolous, it will not be filed and will be returned to plaintiff. If the Court finds that the proposed pleading is not duplicative or frivolous, it will be given to the Clerk with instructions to file it.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein, defendant's motion to declare plaintiff Michael Bruzzone a
vexatious litigant is GRANTED as to litigation against Intel and/or its current or former employees.
It is hereby ordered that plaintiff may not file, nor the Clerk accept for filing, any further *pro se*complaints from plaintiff against Intel, Evangelina Almirantearena, Steve Lund, Harley Stock,
Andrew Grove, and/or any current or former employees of Intel, without obtaining prior leave
from the Court. The Clerk shall forward any complaints submitted by plaintiff to the undersigned
judge for pre-filing review.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 Dated: August 19, 2014.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE