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28UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIAFINJAN, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
ZSCALER, INC.,
Defendant.

Case No. 17-cv-06946-JST

**ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT
ZSCALER, INC.'S MOTION TO
EXTEND TIME**

Re: ECF No. 55

Defendant Zscaler, Inc., now moves to extend the time by which it must serve its Patent Local Rule 3-3 invalidity contentions and produce its Patent Local Rule 3-4(b) associated prior art. ECF No. 55. These items are currently due by July 2, 2018. The Court will deny the request.

Zscaler bases its request on its contention that Finjan's infringement contentions are inadequate, and Zscaler's stated intention to file a motion to compel Finjan to serve amended contentions. *Id.* at 2. Zscaler cites several cases in which courts have stayed service of invalidity contentions because the patentee's infringement contentions were inadequate. In each of those cases, however, the court actually found that the infringement contentions were inadequate. *Infineon Techs. v. Volterra Semiconductor*, No. C 11-6239 MMC DMR, 2012 WL 4808445 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 9, 2012); *Implicit Networks Inc. v. Hewlett-Packard Co.*, No. C 10-03746 SI, 2011 WL 3954809 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 7, 2011); *Tessengerlo Kerley, Inc. v. OR-Cal, Inc.*, No. C 11-04100 WHA, 2012 WL 1253178 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 13, 2012). Here, that question has yet to be determined.¹

¹ The Court has a separate concern with Zscaler's motion: it contains text in 12-point Times New Roman font, but appears to use condensed character spacing in an attempt to evade the rules regarding page length.

1 Of course, and without deciding the question now, if Finjan is ordered to amend its
2 infringement contentions, Zscaler may then seek leave to amend its invalidity contentions if there
3 is good cause for the amendment. See, e.g., DCG Sys. v. Checkpoint Techs., LLC, No. C 11-03792
4 PSG, 2012 WL 1309161, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 16, 2012) (permitting amendment of infringement

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6 Civil Local Rule 6-3(a) provides, in relevant part, “A motion to enlarge or shorten time may be no
7 more than 5 pages in length.” Civil Local Rule 3-4(c)(2) provides, with respect to papers
8 presented for filing:

9 Text must appear on one side only and must be double-spaced with
10 no more than 28 lines per page, except for the identification of
11 counsel, title of the case, footnotes and quotations. Typewritten text
12 may be no less than standard pica or 12-point type in the Courier
13 font or equivalent, spaced 10 characters per horizontal inch. Printed
14 text, produced on a word processor or other computer, may be
15 proportionally spaced, provided the type may not be smaller than
16 12-point standard font (e.g., Times New Roman). The text of
17 footnotes and quotations must also conform to these font
18 requirements.

19 Because Zscaler’s motion uses condensed character spacing, it fits into five pages more than five
20 pages’ worth of text. For example, the following passage occupies four-and-one-half lines in
21 Zscaler’s motion, but correctly spaced, it occupies more than five lines:

22 As an alternative, Zscaler asked—if Finjan would prefer that the
23 motion to compel be heard on shortened time—whether it would
24 agree to a stipulated request to shorten time on Zscaler’s motion to
25 compel, such that it could be filed by June 28, and briefed and heard
26 by either July 12 or July 19. Id. Finjan sent an email stating that it
27 would not agree either to Zscaler’s proposed extensions or to
28 stipulate for a request to shorten time for hearing of Zscaler’s
motion to compel. Id. ¶ 10.¹

ECF No. 55 at 4. Because Zscaler’s brief would have been longer than five pages had it complied
with Local Rule 3-4(c)(2), the brief is effectively overlength.

The Court is unused to concerning itself with the rules regarding font sizes and character spacing,
but those rules are important. For one thing, the use of condensed text makes a party’s briefs more
difficult to read. More fundamentally, it also potentially gives the filing party an unfair advantage
by allowing it to present a more fulsome argument than it otherwise could, and increases the
burden on the Court and the parties to read, digest, and respond to that party’s argument.

The Court could have stricken or denied Zscaler’s brief on this basis. Because the Court is
denying Zscaler’s motion on the merits, however, it instead includes this footnote in hopes that the
parties will comply with the rules in the future.

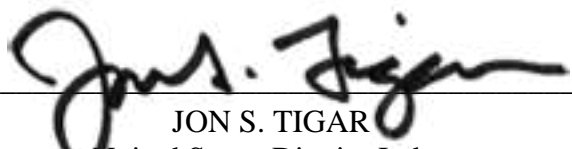
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contentions even though it might “force [defendant] to . . . amend its invalidity contentions);
Vasudevan Software, Inc. v. Int’l Bus. Machines Corp., No. C09-05897 RS HRL, 2011 WL
940263, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 18, 2011) (recognizing that amendment to infringement contentions
might require amendment of invalidity contentions). As of now, however, that question is
premature.

Zscaler’s motion is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 27, 2018



JON S. TIGAR
United States District Judge