UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MISTY SNOW, et al., Plaintiffs, v. ALIGN TECHNOLOGY, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 21-cv-03269-VC

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO JOIN A NECESSARY PARTY

Re: Dkt. No. 124

Align's motion to join SmileDirectClub is denied. The plaintiffs are clear that they are not seeking injunctive relief on their Section 1 claim. While the complaint could have been drafted more carefully in this respect, the fairest reading is that the Section 1 claim seeks damages only. And absent the possibility of an injunction on that claim, Align's argument that the various agreements make SmileDirectClub a necessary party to this case would swallow the general rule that it is not necessary to sue every alleged antitrust conspirator. *See Ward v. Apple, Inc.*, 791 F.3d 1041, 1052 (9th Cir. 2015). SmileDirectClub remains free to move to intervene.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 26, 2022

VINCE CHHABRIA United States District Judge