

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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4 TRANSPERFECT GLOBAL, INC.,
5 TRANSPERFECT TRANSLATIONS INT'L,
6 INC., and TRANSLATIONS.COM, INC.,

7 Plaintiffs,

8 v.

9 MOTIONPOINT CORP.,

10 Defendant.
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No. C 10-2590 CW

ORDER RESOLVING
MOTIONS IN LIMINE
(Docket Nos. 288,
290)

12 On June 5, 2013, the Court held a pretrial conference and
13 heard arguments regarding the parties' motions in limine. After
14 considering the parties' oral argument and submissions, the Court
15 now issues the following rulings:

16 I. TransPerfect's Motions in Limine

17 No. 1 - Unopposed Motion To Exclude References to the Expert
18 Opinions of Martin Haeberli: This motion is GRANTED. Dr. Chase's
19 response to Haeberli is also excluded.

20 No. 2 - Motion to Exclude Evidence of Infringement Based On
21 Comparisons Between the Parties' Respective Products and Services:
22 This motion is GRANTED. MotionPoint may, however, present
23 product-comparison evidence to support its invalidity defenses.

24 No. 3 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument that
25 MotionPoint's Invention Requires a "Turnkey" System, Avoidance of
26 "Client-Side IT Work," or Similar Characterizations: This motion
27 is DENIED. Although MotionPoint may not misrepresent the nature
28 of its patent claims, it is not precluded from using the terms,
 "turnkey," "avoidance of client-side IT work," or similar

1 characterizations to describe the alleged benefits of its
2 inventions at trial.

3 No. 4 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument of
4 Infringement Based on the Doctrine of Equivalents Under the
5 Doctrines of Prosecution History Estoppel and Claim Vitiating:
6 This motion is GRANTED. MotionPoint may still present argument
7 and evidence of literal infringement.

8 No. 5 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument That
9 TransPerfect's Patents Are Less Valuable, Valid, or Legitimate
10 Because TransPerfect Did Not Apply for the Patents Itself: This
11 motion is DENIED. MotionPoint may not argue that TransPerfect's
12 patents are invalid because of the manner in which TransPerfect
13 acquired them. MotionPoint may, however, present evidence
14 relating to TransPerfect's purchase of the patents -- such as the
15 price TransPerfect paid -- for other purposes, including proof of
16 damages.

17 No. 6 - Motion to Exclude the Testimony of William Fleming as
18 Inadmissible Hearsay: This motion is GRANTED. Fleming may not
19 testify about what MotionPoint's clients and prospective clients
20 said to him about MotionPoint's products or services. Nor may he
21 testify about any comments that TransPerfect employees allegedly
22 made to MotionPoint employees, who subsequently relayed those
23 comments to Fleming. If any TransPerfect representatives
24 expressed their doubts about the validity of TransPerfect's
25 patents to Fleming directly, those comments may be admissible as
26 statements against interest.

27 No. 7 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument Regarding Non-
28 Obviousness Based on Secondary Indicia Due to a Lack of a Nexus:

1 This motion is DENIED. The existence of a nexus is a question of
2 fact.

3 No. 8 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument That Material
4 Added to a Patent Application Is Effective as Prior Art Against a
5 Patent with an Earlier Filing Date: This motion is DENIED. This
6 involves questions of fact.

7 No. 9 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument Based on
8 Third-Party Websites: This motion is DENIED.

9 No. 10 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument About
10 MotionPoint's State of Mind Concerning the Alleged Infringement
11 and Invalidity of TransPerfect's Patents: This motion is GRANTED.
12 MotionPoint's state of mind regarding the alleged infringement and
13 invalidity of TransPerfect's patents is not relevant in light of
14 TransPerfect's decision to abandon its willful infringement
15 claims.

16 No. 11 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument Regarding
17 MotionPoint's "Price Erosion" Theory of Damages: This motion is
18 DENIED as moot. MotionPoint stated at the pretrial conference
19 that it will not seek price erosion damages.

20 No. 12 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument That
21 MotionPoint Is Entitled to Damages Based on a Theory of
22 Infringement for Which it Disclosed No Quantification of Damages:
23 This motion is GRANTED. MotionPoint represents that it will not
24 seek damages that it has not quantified.

25 No. 13 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument Concerning
26 Past Discussions Between the Parties Regarding the Possible sale
27 of MotionPoint to TransPerfect: This motion is DENIED.
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1 No. 14 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument Regarding
2 TransPerfect's Trademarks, Which Are Not the Subject of This
3 Litigation: This motion is GRANTED.

4 II. MotionPoint's Motions in Limine

5 No. 1 - Motion to Exclude References to the Ongoing Re-
6 examinations of MotionPoint's Patents: This motion is DENIED. The
7 Federal Circuit has held that "non-final re-examination
8 determinations are of little relevance to the jury's independent
9 deliberations on the factual issues underlying the question of
10 obviousness." Callaway Golf Co. v. Acushnet Co., 576 F.3d 1331,
11 1343 (Fed. Cir. 2009) (upholding district court decision to
12 exclude evidence from parallel re-examination proceedings at
13 trial); see also Oracle Am., Inc. v. Google Inc., 2012 WL 1189898,
14 at *3 (N.D. Cal.) (excluding evidence from non-final re-
15 examination proceedings because the "probative value is outweighed
16 by the time and confusion that would be involved"). Here, none of
17 the pending re-examinations of MotionPoint patents has resulted in
18 a final action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).¹
19 Thus, evidence from these re-examinations must be excluded.

20 No. 2 - Motion to Preclude All References to the Alleged
21 Trespass on TransPerfect's Property by Unknown Persons: This
22 motion is GRANTED.

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25 ¹ Although TransPerfect characterizes the recent Action Closing
26 Prosecution issued in the '216 patent re-examination as a final action,
27 the PTO's Manual of Patent Examining Procedure makes clear that it is
28 not. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 2671.02 (8th ed.)
("Although an Action Closing Prosecution (ACP) has many attributes
similar to a 'final rejection' made in an ex parte reexamination
proceeding or in a non-provisional application, it is not a final
action." (emphasis added)).

1 No. 3 - Motion to Exclude Evidence Suggesting that
2 MotionPoint Attempted to Learn About its Competitors through
3 Subterfuge: This motion is GRANTED in part. TransPerfect may not
4 present evidence that MotionPoint employees or agents posed as
5 prospective TransPerfect customers to investigate the possible
6 infringement of patents asserted in this litigation.

7 No. 4 - Motion to Exclude Evidence and Argument Regarding the
8 WizTom White Paper: This motion is DENIED.

9 No. 5 - Motion to Exclude Evidence and Argument Concerning
10 the Jujitsu Presentation Because It Does Not Constitute Prior Art
11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102: This motion is DENIED.

12 No. 7 - Motion to Exclude Evidence and Argument relating to
13 WizTom and WebBudget Because They Do Not Qualify As Prior Art
14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(g): This motion is DENIED. The parties
15 dispute whether WizTom and WebBudget were available for use in the
16 United States before MotionPoint's invention was conceived.
17 Because this is a factual question, it must be resolved by the
18 jury.

19 No. 8 - Motion to Exclude Evidence and Argument Relating to
20 Idiom WorldServer: This motion is DENIED.

21 No. 9 - Motion in Limine to Exclude Unauthenticated Printouts
22 from an Archive Website: This motion is DENIED. TransPerfect
23 shall produce authentication for the thirteen new printouts within
24 three days of this order.

25 No. 10 - Motion to Preclude TransPerfect from Relying on the
26 Doctrine of Equivalents to Prove its Infringement Claims: This
27 motion is GRANTED.

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No. 12 - Motion to Exclude Evidence or Argument Regarding
Non-Obviousness Based on Secondary Indicia Due to a Lack of a
Nexus: This motion is DENIED.

No. 15 - Motion to Exclude All References or Evidence Related
to TransPerfect's Co-Founder and Co-CEO: This motion is DENIED.

III. Remaining Motions in Limine

At the pretrial conference, the parties indicated that they
had reached an agreement as to the resolution of several of
MotionPoint's motions in limine, specifically Nos. 6, 11, 13, 14,
and 16. Accordingly, the parties are directed to file a
stipulation within three days of this order detailing their
agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 6/10/2013



CLAUDIA WILKEN
United States District Judge