

United States District Court For the Northern District of California

The Court VACATES the current hearing date on the Motions to Quash and DENIES the Motions to Quash without prejudice. The subpoenas subject to the Motions to Quash shall not be operative pending resolution of the instant dispute and the parties' compliance with the procedures for resolution of discovery disputes as set forth below. Any joint letter regarding the instant discovery dispute shall be filed no later than December 23, 2010.

6 Parties shall comply with the procedures in this order, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 7 and the Northern District of California's Local Rules, General Orders, and General Standing Orders. 8 Local rules, general orders, general standing orders, and a summary of the general orders' electronic 9 filing requirements (including the procedures for emailing proposed orders to chambers) are 10 available at http://www.cand.uscourts.gov. The parties' failure to comply with any of the rules or orders may be a ground for sanctions.

RESOLUTION OF DISCOVERY DISPUTES

13 In order to respond to discovery disputes in a flexible, cost-effective and efficient manner, 14 the Court uses the following procedure. The parties shall not file formal discovery motions. 15 Instead, as required by the federal and local rules, the parties shall first meet and confer to try to 16 resolve their disagreements. The meet and confer session must be *in person or by telephone*, and 17 may not be conducted by letter, e-mail, or fax. If disagreements remain, the parties shall file a joint 18 letter no later than five (5) business days after the meet and confer session. Lead trial counsel for 19 both parties must sign the letter, which shall (a) include an attestation that the parties met and 20 conferred in person or by telephone regarding all issues prior to filing the letter; and (b) going issue-21 by-issue, describe each unresolved issue, summarize each party's position with appropriate legal 22 authority; and provide each party's final proposed compromise. The joint letter shall not exceed ten 23 (10) pages without leave of Court. In the rare instance that a joint letter is not possible, each side 24 may submit a letter not to exceed four (4) pages, which shall include an explanation of why a joint 25 letter was not possible. The Court will review the submission(s) and determine whether formal 26 briefing or proceedings are necessary.

27 In emergencies during discovery events (such as depositions), any party may, after 28 exhausting good faith attempts to resolve disputed issues, seek judicial intervention pursuant to Civil

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L.R. 37-1(b) by contacting the Court through the courtroom deputy. If the Court is unavailable, the
 discovery event shall proceed with objections noted for the record.

3 In the event that a discovery hearing is ordered, the Court has found that it is often efficient 4 and beneficial for the parties if counsel appear *in person*. This provides the opportunity, where 5 appropriate, to engage counsel in resolving aspects of the discovery dispute while remaining 6 available to rule on any disputes that counsel are not able to resolve. For this reason, the Court 7 expects counsel to appear in person. Permission for a party to attend by telephone may be granted, 8 in the Court's discretion, upon written request made at least two weeks in advance of the hearing if 9 the Court determines that good cause exists to excuse personal attendance, and that personal 10 attendance is not needed in order to have an effective discovery hearing. The facts establishing good 11 cause must be set forth in the request.

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CHAMBERS COPIES AND PROPOSED ORDERS

All filings relating to a discovery dispute referred to Magistrate Judge Ryu shall list the civil
case number and the district court judge's initials followed by the designation "(DMR)."

15 Under Civil L.R. 5-1(b), parties must lodge an extra paper copy of any filing and mark it as a 16 copy for "Chambers." Please three-hole punch the chambers copy and submit it to the Oakland 17 Clerk's Office. In a case subject to electronic filing, chambers copies must be submitted by the 18 close of the next court day following the day the papers are filed electronically. Any proposed 19 stipulation or proposed order in a case subject to electronic filing shall be submitted by email to 20 dmrpo@cand.uscourts.gov as a word processing format attachment on the same day that the 21 document is e-filed. This address should only be used for this stated purpose unless otherwise 22 directed by the Court.

PRIVILEGE LOGS

If a party withholds information that is responsive to a discovery request by claiming that it
is privileged or otherwise protected from discovery, that party shall *promptly* prepare and provide a
privilege log that is sufficiently detailed and informative for the opposing part(ies) to assess whether
a document's designation as privileged is justified. *See* Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(b)(5). The privilege log

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1	shall set forth the privilege relied upon and specify separately for each document or for each	
2	category of similarly situated documents:	
3	a.	The title and description of the document, including number of pages or Bates-
4		number range;
5	b.	The subject matter addressed in the document;
6	с.	The identity and position of its author(s);
7	d.	The identity and position of all addressees and recipients;
8	e.	The date the document was prepared and, if different, the date(s) on which it was sent
9		to or shared with persons other than its author(s); and
10	f.	The specific basis for the claim that the document is privileged or protected.
11	Failure to furnish this information promptly may be deemed a waiver of the privilege or protection.	
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13	IT IS SO ORDERED.	
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15	Dated: Dec	ember 2, 2010
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