

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

METTEYYA BRAHMANA,)	Case No.: C 09-00106 PSG
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Plaintiff,)	ORDER FOLLOWING FINAL
v.)	PRETRIAL CONFERENCE
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PHILLIP CHARLES LEMBO; CYBERDATA)	(Re: Docket Nos. 332, 339, 337, 342)
CORPORATION; NUMONIX, INC.; and)	
CONQUEST TECHNOLOGY LIMITED,)	
Defendants.)	

On January 10, 2012, Plaintiff Metteyya Brahmana (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants Phillip Charles Lembo, Cyperdata Corp., Numonix, Inc., and Conquest Technology Ltd. (“Defendants”) appeared for pretrial conference. Having considered the briefing and argument of both parties regarding their motions *in limine* and other pretrial matters, the court rules as follows.

A. MOTIONS IN LIMINE

Plaintiff’s Motion *in Limine* No. 1: Plaintiff moves to exclude evidence of Plaintiff’s prior convictions in 1986 (fraud relating to loan student loan application), 1998 (securities fraud), and 1999 (attempted pandering) as more prejudicial than probative, as well as unduly-time consuming and potentially confusing to a jury.¹ Plaintiff contends that CyberData did not ask for information

¹ See Fed. R. Evid. 403 (“Although relevant, evidence may be excluded if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues, or misleading the jury.”).

1 regarding criminal record or prior incarceration before hiring Plaintiff, and furthermore that
2 Defendant Lembo had learned of Plaintiff's conviction well before terminating Plaintiff and took
3 no action at that time. Plaintiff also specifically seeks to exclude evidence of the prior convictions
4 pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 609 on the following grounds: (1) his significant, demonstrated
5 rehabilitation since that period of his life; (2) the fact that more than 10 years have passed since the
6 1986 conviction, which moreover was reduced to a misdemeanor after Plaintiff made restitution;
7 and (3) that the 1999 conviction for attempted pandering is not a crime involving a dishonest act or
8 false statement and does not go to Plaintiff's credibility.

9 Defendants oppose the motion, arguing that the evidence is relevant to the basis for
10 Plaintiff's termination, because Plaintiff did not disclose his criminal history and imprisonment
11 misrepresented this in Plaintiff's employment application. Defendants also argue that Plaintiff's
12 argument pursuant to Rule 609 is a "red herring" because Defendants do not seek to use the
13 evidence of prior convictions for impeachment purposes, but rather as direct evidence in this case.²

14 Plaintiff's imprisonment within the past 10 years for the 1998 felony conviction is clearly
15 relevant to Defendants' defense to plaintiff's wrongful termination claim. In order to limit the risk
16 of unfair prejudice to Plaintiff, however, the court will exclude evidence of the specifics of the
17 1998 conviction (e.g., the fact that the conviction was for securities fraud). To this same end, the
18 court will exclude evidence of the 1986 conviction pursuant to Rules 403 and 609(b), and will
19 exclude evidence of the 1999 attempted pandering conviction pursuant to Rule 403 and 609(a)(2)
20 because it did not involve a dishonest act or false statement.³ The court will entertain a stipulation
21 by the parties for a joint jury instruction relating to the evidence of past criminal conviction.

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24 ² During oral argument, however, defense counsel stated that Plaintiff's credibility is at issue,
25 suggesting that evidence of Plaintiff's conviction and prison sentence may be used by the
26 Defendants for impeachment purposes. *See* FTR 2:41:17-2:42:15 (Jan. 10, 2012).

26 ³ *Cf. United States v. Colbert*, 116 F.3d 395, 396 (9th Cir. 1997) (finding that a conviction for lewd
27 conduct, like that for prostitution, does not involve dishonesty or false statement and is not
28 admissible under Fed. R. Evid. 609(a) for impeachment purposes) (citing *United States v. Walker*,
613 F.2d 1349, 1354 (5th Cir. 1980), *United States v. Wright*, 564 F.2d 785 (8th Cir. 1977)).

1 Plaintiff's Motion *in Limine* No. 2: Plaintiff moves to exclude any references to Plaintiff's
2 name change from Matthew Bowin to Metteyya Brahmana as not relevant to the claims at issue
3 and potentially prejudicial because it might induce the jury to look up information online pertaining
4 to Plaintiff's former name. Defendants argue that Plaintiff's name change(s) prevented Barfield
5 from verifying Plaintiff's educational background and are probative of Barfield having taken
6 reasonable steps to verify the truth of the information in his email, which are directly relevant to
7 the false light claim.

8 The court finds the fact of Plaintiff's name change(s) to be relevant to Defendants' defense
9 to the false light cause of action, and more probative than prejudicial. It is not necessary, however,
10 to reveal Plaintiff's actual former name(s) in order to minimize any risk of juror curiosity relating
11 to the former name(s). Defendants may introduce evidence of Plaintiff's name change(s), excluding
12 any mention or indication of Plaintiff's actual former name(s).

13 Plaintiff's Motion *in Limine* No. 3: Plaintiff moves to exclude evidence regarding the
14 alleged presence of pornographic images on Plaintiff's work computer as not relevant and
15 substantially more prejudicial than probative. Defendants object and argue that the probative value
16 outweighs the prejudice to Plaintiff, because Plaintiff's internet use during work hours is relevant
17 to Defendants' motive for termination.

18 Defendants may introduce evidence limited to establishing that Plaintiff was engaged in
19 surfing the internet or using his work computer for non-business related purposes. Defendants shall
20 not specify the presence of pornographic material discovered on the computer.

21 Plaintiff's Motion *in Limine* No. 4: Plaintiff moves to exclude evidence regarding
22 Plaintiff's unemployment benefits since his termination. Defendants have not opposed this motion.
23 The motion is granted.

24 Plaintiff's Motion *in Limine* No. 5: Plaintiff moves to exclude evidence regarding the
25 reasons for or circumstances of Plaintiff's divorce from his ex-wife, Yanina Scevchenko.
26 Defendants have not opposed this motion. The motion is granted.

1 Plaintiff's Motion *in Limine* No. 6: Plaintiff moves to exclude evidence regarding
2 Plaintiff's unemployment benefits since his termination. Defendants have not opposed this motion.
3 The motion is granted.

4 Defendants' Motion *in Limine* No. 1: Defendants move to exclude any evidence of damages
5 claimed by Plaintiff. Defendants contend that Plaintiff failed to make appropriate disclosures
6 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(c)⁴ or even to respond to Defendants' multiple written
7 discovery requests asking Plaintiff to identify the basis of his calculation of damages. According to
8 Defendants, Plaintiff refused and simply continued to refer to his Fourth Amended Complaint.
9 Defendants contend that such failure to disclose was not harmless because the complaint does not
10 make clear the type or types of damages or the basis for any damage calculations. Defendants
11 argue that the appropriate sanction for Plaintiff's failure is preclusion from offering the evidence at
12 trial.⁵

13 Plaintiff opposes the motion and argues that Defendants' motion is mooted as to the
14 computation of damages for lost wages because Plaintiff supplemented his responses to
15 Defendants' discovery requests on December 23, 2011, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26.⁶
16 According to Plaintiff, the majority of documents produced to Defendants were already in
17 Defendants' possession. Furthermore, Plaintiff points out that his Fifth Amended Complaint (filed
18 March 27, 2010) provided a computation of damages for emotional distress and punitive damages
19 with respect to both the wrongful termination and false light claims.

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22 ⁴ See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) (requiring amongst the required, initial disclosures "a computation of
23 each category of damages claimed by the disclosing party – who must also make available for
24 inspection and copying as under Rule 34 the documents or other evidentiary material ... including
25 materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries suffered").

26 ⁵ See *Yeti by Molly v. Deckers Outdoor Corp.*, 259 F.3d 1101, 1106 (9th Cir. 2001) ("Rule 37(c)(1)
27 gives teeth to [the disclosure requirements] by forbidding the use at trial of any information
28 required to be disclosed by Rule 26(a) that is not properly disclosed.") (citations omitted).

⁶ See Docket No. 354 (Seibert Decl.) (explaining production of documents and electronic records to
Defendants' counsel to supplement Plaintiff's earlier discovery responses, including "documents
supporting Plaintiff's claims for lost wages that Plaintiff seeks to admit at trial").

1 Defendants' Motion *in Limine* No. 3: Defendants move to exclude evidence related to those
2 causes of action that have been dismissed. Plaintiff objects only to the extent that some of the
3 evidence specified by Defendants overlaps with evidence that supports Plaintiff's active claims.
4 Insofar as Plaintiff does not object to the exclusion of evidence identified as relating to nos. 1, 2, 3,
5 and 4 in Defendants' motion,¹⁰ the motion is granted as to those items.

6 With respect to no. 5 (evidence related to Plaintiff's alleged demotion in 2006), Plaintiff
7 argues that the evidence underlies his theory for Defendants' actual motivation for terminating
8 Plaintiff in 2008. Because the court agrees that evidence supporting Plaintiff's position that his
9 termination was the result of a refusal to participate in illegal activities is relevant and admissible,
10 the motion is denied as to topic no. 5. Similarly, the court finds that no. 6 (evidence related to
11 alleged acts of third party discrimination or harassment against Plaintiff) is relevant for the limited
12 purpose of Plaintiff proving his damages. Plaintiff may therefore introduce evidence of
13 discrimination and harassment solely for the limited purpose of establishing damages.

14 Defendants' Motion *in Limine* No. 4: Defendants move to exclude evidence that would
15 attempt to establish individual liability for Plaintiff's wrongful termination claim, as well as that
16 would attempt to establish Defendant Lembo's liability for Plaintiff's false light claim. Plaintiff
17 concedes that only CyberData can be held liable for wrongful termination, and on that basis the
18 court will exclude any evidence of Defendant Lembo's liability for wrongful termination. But
19 Plaintiff disputes that Lembo cannot be held liable for his alleged republication of the allegedly
20 false material. Plaintiff relies on a line of defamation cases in which courts have upheld liability for
21 individuals who allowed false or misleading material to remain in the public sphere after being
22 notified of it, even though not responsible for its initial publication.¹¹ "Defamation law sometimes

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24 ¹⁰ See Docket No. 332 at 7 (Defs.' Mot. In Limine).

25 ¹¹ See, e.g., *Hellar v. Bianco*, 111 Cal. App. 2d 424, 427 (Cal. App. 1952). The Ninth Circuit
26 recently cited *Hellar* with approval, noting that "*Hellar* is not an anomaly, but of a piece with a
27 longstanding theory of defamation liability." See *Barnes v. Yahoo!, Inc.*, 570 F.3d 1096, 1103 n.10
(9th Cir. 2009) (citations omitted). See also *Flowers v. Carville*, 310 F.3d 1118, 1128 (9th Cir.
2002) ("noting the "venerable principle that a person who repeats a defamatory statement is
generally as liable as the one who first utters it").

1 imposes ‘an affirmative duty to remove a publication made by another.’”¹² Plaintiff argues that the
2 same reasoning applies with equal force to republication of false or misleading material that places
3 an individual in a false light.¹³

4 The court notes that the holding in *Barnes v. Yahoo!, Inc.* is premised on a finding that the
5 potentially liable party is found to be the publisher or speaker of the false or misleading content.¹⁴
6 The publication element of a false light cause of action requires only that the “defendant publicized
7 information or material that showed plaintiff in a false light.”¹⁵ This general definition of
8 publication does not on its face exclude republication. Furthermore, the court agrees that the
9 rationale for holding an individual liable for republication of libelous statements applies equally to
10 statements giving rise to a claim of false light.¹⁶ The court therefore finds that Lembo may be
11 subject to liability under Plaintiff’s false light claim and that otherwise admissible evidence of such
12 may be introduced.

13 Defendants’ Motion *in Limine* Nos. 5 and 6: Defendants move to exclude evidence relating
14 to Plaintiff’s damages claims. First, Defendant seeks to exclude evidence regarding CyberData’s
15 net worth, including size, market share, and financial condition. Plaintiff argues that he must be
16 allowed to submit evidence of the company’s financial condition and Plaintiff’s sales performance
17 to the extent that Defendants argue that the termination decision was based in part on the economic
18 situation and CyberData’s finances at the time. Defendants also seek to exclude evidence of
19 Lembo’s personal net worth, which Plaintiff concedes is not relevant, except as to his claim for
20 punitive damages.

21 ¹² *Barnes*, 570 F.3d at 1103 (citing Prosser and Keaton on Torts § 113, at 803).

22 ¹³ See Docket No. 357 at 2 (Pl.’s Supp. Briefing in Opp’n to Defs.’ Mot. In Limine No. 4) (citing
23 *Johnson v. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, Inc.* 43 Cal. App. 3d 880, 893 (1974).

24 ¹⁴ See *Barnes*, 570 F.3d at 1101-02.

25 ¹⁵ See, e.g., Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions (CACI) No. 1802 (2012).

26 ¹⁶ See *Flowers*, 310 F.3d at 1132 (noting the parallels between defamation and false light claims
27 and how in California, “an action for invasion of privacy by placing the plaintiff in a false light in
28 the public eye is in substance equivalent to a libel claim”) (quoting *Selleck v. Globe Int’l Inc.*, 166
Cal. App. 3d 1123, 1133 (1985)).

1 Second, Defendants move to limit Plaintiff’s calculation of damages for the wrongful
2 termination claim to Plaintiff’s salary during the period of service, less the amount which Plaintiff
3 earned or might have earned from other employment.¹⁷ Plaintiff argues that he may seek
4 compensation for actual losses, including lost wages, salary, commission and benefits, as well as
5 for emotional harm,¹⁸ and that the court may not limit Defendants’ liability based on evidence of
6 payments to Plaintiff from sources collateral to Defendants.¹⁹

7 Third, Defendants move to limit recovery under Plaintiff’s false light claim to a
8 demonstration by a preponderance of the evidence that he has suffered “serious mental harm or
9 special damages.”²⁰ To the extent that punitive damages are available for Plaintiff’s false light
10 claim, Defendants argue that Plaintiff must demonstrate oppression, fraud, or malice with clear and
11 convincing evidence.²¹ Plaintiff agrees that a showing of oppression, fraud or malice is required for
12 an award of punitive damages for wrongful termination, but argues that such a showing is not
13 required for punitive damages on his false light claim.²²

14 Having considered the parties’ arguments and the applicable law, the court finds as follows.
15 Evidence of CyberData’s general financial condition during the time frame between Plaintiff’s hire
16 and termination is relevant for the limited purpose of establishing whether the termination may
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19 ¹⁷ See Docket No. 332 at 9 (citing *Parker v. Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp.*, 3 Cal. 3d 176, 181-
82 (1970)).

20 ¹⁸ See Docket No. 353 at 6 (Pl.’s Opp’n to Def.’s Mot. In Limine) (citing *Freund v. Nycomed*
21 *Amersham*, 347 F.3d 752, 760 (9th Cir. 2003)). Defendants initially also sought to limit damages
22 and to preclude punitive damages resulting from a theory based on breach of contract. At the
23 hearing, defense counsel conceded that Defendants’ arguments relating to a breach of contract
theory are moot in light of representations made by Plaintiff’s counsel and thereby withdrawn. See
FTR 2:59:53 - 3:00:10.

24 ¹⁹ See *id.* (citing *McLean v. Runyon*, 222 F.3d 1150, 1155-56 (9th Cir. 2000)).

25 ²⁰ See Docket No. 332 at 9 (citing *Diaz v. Oakland Tribune, Inc.*, 139 Cal. App. 3d 118, 188
(1983)).

26 ²¹ See *id.* (citing Cal. Civ. Code Section 3294(a)).

27 ²² See Docket No. 353 at 6 (citing *Fellows v. Nat’l Enquirer*, 42 Cal. 3d 234 (1986)).

1 have been economically motivated. The parties therefore will be allowed to offer such evidence in
2 support of their arguments related to the wrongful termination claim.

3 With respect to introducing more detailed financial information relating to CyberData’s or
4 Lembo’s net worth, Plaintiff at this time has not met his burden of demonstrating there is sufficient
5 evidence to maintain a prima facie case for punitive damages. Although California law recognizes
6 that punitive damages may be available in a case for wrongful termination in violation of public
7 policy,²³ the plaintiff first must establish a prima facie case of oppression, fraud or malice.²⁴ The
8 same is true for rewarding punitive damages under the tort of false light.²⁵ Where a prima facie
9 case has not been established, evidence of net worth is inadmissible because it may be distracting
10 to the jury and prejudicial to the jury’s compensatory damages determination.²⁶ Accordingly, the
11 court grants Defendants’ motion to exclude evidence of CyberData and Lembo’s net worth without
12 prejudice to Plaintiff establishing at trial a prima facie case for punitive damages, at which point
13 Plaintiff may seek permission to introduce evidence of net worth, market share, and other detailed
14 financial data.

15 Finally, in California, “damages for wrongful discharge in violation of public policy are
16 not limited to those specified in the underlying statute that was violated” and may extend to

17 ²³ See *Freund*, 347 F.3d at 760 (affirming availability of damages, including punitive, beyond those
18 proscribed by the statute underlying a claim of wrongful discharge in violation of public policy).

19 ²⁴ See Cal. Civ. Code Section 3294(a) (“In an action for the breach of an obligation not arising
20 from contract, where it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has been
21 guilty of oppression, fraud, or malice, the plaintiff, in addition to the actual damages, may recover
22 damages for the sake of example and by way of punishing the defendant.”)

23 ²⁵ See *id.* Plaintiff cites *Fellows v. Nat’l Enquirer* in support of his argument that a showing of
24 oppression, fraud or malice is not necessary for punitive damages for his false light claim. But
25 Plaintiff conflates special damages with the requirements for punitive damages. In *Fellows*, the
26 court addresses proof of special damages under Cal. Civ. Code Sec. 45a in the context of a false
27 light invasion of privacy claim based on a defamatory publication, not the required showing for
28 punitive damages in the same context. See *Fellows*, 42 Cal. 3d at 251-52.

²⁶ See *Geddes v. United Financial Group*, 559 F.2d 557, 560 (9th Cir. 1977) (finding that
defendant’s financial standing is inadmissible as evidence in determining compensatory damages
because the purpose of compensatory damages is to make plaintiff whole) (citations omitted); *999*
v. C.I.T. Corp., 776 F.2d 866, 872-73 (9th Cir. 1985) (holding that the district court did not err in
allowing evidence of defendant’s net worth because there was sufficient evidence for the jury to
find oppression or fraud as a basis for punitive damages).

1 punitive damages or other remedies.²⁷ Evidence relevant to establishing those damages is therefore
2 admissible. While Defendants may seek to prove that compensatory damages should be mitigated
3 or limited based on factors such as Plaintiff's failure to seek out comparable work, Plaintiff will not
4 be precluded from offering evidence going to emotional harm, or to punitive damages under the
5 circumstances explained above.

6 Defendants' Motion *in Limine* No. 7: Defendants move to exclude any evidence of
7 CyberData's corporate airplane as not relevant and prejudicial. Plaintiff opposes the motion on the
8 ground that the airplane is relevant to Plaintiff's discovery of CyberData's partner company,
9 Conquest, which triggered Plaintiff's refusal to participate in the allegedly illegal activity. Plaintiff
10 further argues that Defendants have not established what prejudice, if any, would stem from
11 introduction of the necessary evidence regarding the airplane.

12 The motion is granted but only in part. Plaintiff may introduce evidence of CyberData's
13 airplane limited to the name and existence of the airplane, for the limited purpose of establishing
14 how Plaintiff discovered the allegedly illegal activity that he then refused to participate in.

15 Defendants' Motion *in Limine* No. 8: Defendants move to exclude all evidence regarding
16 Conquest Technology Limited as not relevant to the claims at issue and potentially prejudicial.
17 Plaintiff responds once again that evidence relating to Conquest is central to Plaintiff's wrongful
18 termination claim and theory that he was terminated because of his refusal to be party to illegal
19 activities with respect to Conquest.

20 The motion is denied. Plaintiff will be allowed to offer evidence about Conquest for the
21 limited purpose of establishing the basis for his belief that Defendants were engaged in illegal
22 activities and directed him to participate.

23 **B. VOIR DIRE**

24 As explained at the hearing, the court will conduct the majority of the voir dire, but will
25 permit limited questions by counsel. Both parties have submitted proposed voir dire questions.²⁸

26 ²⁷ See *Freund*, 347 F.3d at 759-60.

27 ²⁸ See Docket No. 342 (Defs.' Proposed Juror Questionnaire); Docket No. 337 (Pl.'s Proposed Voir
28 Dire).

1 Plaintiff does not object to Defendants' proposed questions.²⁹ Defendants object to several of
2 Plaintiff's proposed voir dire questions on the grounds that they 1) invade the personal privacy
3 right of jurors, 2) have a predominant purpose of preconditioning the juror to a particular result,
4 and 3) necessitate undue consumption of time, create risk of undue prejudice, confuse the issues or
5 mislead the juror, and are not relevant to the litigation. Specifically Defendants object to Plaintiff's
6 Question Nos. 35, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 60, and 61.³⁰

7 Counsel for each side will be allowed 30 minutes, following the close of the court's voir
8 dire, to ask either follow-up questions in reference to particular responses to the court's questions
9 or to use the proposed voir dire already filed with the court. However, the following questions on
10 file with the court will not be permitted: Plaintiff's Proposed Voir Dire Question Nos. 46, 47, 48,
11 49, 52, 53, 60, and 61.

12 **C. EVIDENTIARY OBJECTIONS**

13 Plaintiff's Objections: Plaintiff objects to various sections of Defendants' submitted
14 deposition transcripts on the same grounds as expressed in Plaintiff's motions *in limine*. Plaintiff
15 specifically objects to the following excerpts as revealing information relating to Plaintiff's past
16 convictions and to Plaintiff's name change: 23:2-25, 36:4-13, 41:10-23, and 115:18-116:3.

17 Defendants may use only those sections of these deposition excerpts that comply with the court's
18 rulings on Plaintiff's motions *in limine* nos. 1 and 2.

19 Plaintiff additionally objects to Deposition Excerpt 61:13-15 as incomplete,³¹ Excerpt
20 82:23-83:11 as calling for speculation and incomplete, and Excerpt 78:16-24 as not relevant and
21 more prejudicial than probative.³² Defendants may offer the excerpt 82:23-83:11 relating to Metta

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23 ²⁹ See Docket No. 350 (Pl.'s Objections to Defs.' Proposed Form of Verdict and Juror
Questionnaire).

24 ³⁰ See Docket No. 346 (Defs.' Objections to Voir Dire)

25 ³¹ Defense counsel has corrected this submission to be Deposition Excerpt 64:13-15. Because this
26 excerpt relates to Plaintiff's parole, it is subject to the same limitations as those sections relating to
Plaintiff's conviction and imprisonment.

27 ³² See Docket No. 351 (Pl.'s Objections to Defs.' Depo. Designations).

1 Motors; Plaintiff may seek to introduce the remainder of the excerpt pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 106.
2 Defendants may not offer excerpt 78:16-24 relating to Plaintiff's allegedly viewing pornography
3 while at work.

4 Plaintiff also objects to the following proposed exhibits: Defendants' D-34, D-35, D-36, D-
5 37, D-47-48,³³ D-49, D-56-60, D-61, D-64-66, D-67-71, D-72-76, D-77-82, D-83-88, D-91-100,
6 D-101-102, as well as the Metta Motors Website and Plaintiff's MySpace Page.³⁴ Having reviewed
7 Plaintiff's objections to the proposed exhibits, D-34, D-35, D-36, D-37, D-64-66, D 96-100, and
8 Plaintiff's MySpace Page shall be excluded. D-49, D-56-60, D-61, D-68-71, D-72-76, D-77-82, D-
9 101-102, and the Metta Motors Website page may be offered into evidence, provided the
10 appropriate foundation is laid.

11 Defendants' Objections: For the same reasons expressed in Defendants' motion *in limine*
12 no. 2, Defendants object to Plaintiff's use of deposition transcripts. Defendants also object to
13 Plaintiff's Exhibit Nos. P-5, P-6, P-8, P-9, P-10, P-11, and P-20.³⁵ P-5, P-6, P-9, P-10, P-11, and P-
14 20 shall be excluded. P-8 may be offered into evidence, provided the proper foundation is laid.

15 **D. JURY INSTRUCTIONS AND FORM OF VERDICT**

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court will issue the appropriate jury instructions and
17 jury verdict form at trial.

18 **E. SCHEDULE**

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the schedule for trial is as follows:

- 20 1. Jury selection shall commence on January 23, 2012;
- 21 2. Opening statements will immediately follow jury selection;
- 22 3. Opening statements and closing arguments are each limited to 30 minutes per party;

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25 ³³ Plaintiff's objection has been withdrawn based on defense counsel's representation that he will
remove the incorrect resume from D-47-48 and exchange for the appropriate exhibit.

26 ³⁴ See Docket No. 352 (Pl.'s Objections to Defs.' Proposed Exhibits).

27 ³⁵ See Docket No. 348 (Defs.' Objections to Pl.'s Proposed Exhibits).

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4. 20 hours of total trial time is allotted, with each party having 10 hours of trial time (exclusive of any time allotted for jury selection, and opening statements and closing arguments);
5. Trial will commence each morning at 9:30AM and conclude at 4:30PM. There will be two 15-minute breaks (at approximately 11:00AM and 3:00PM) and a one-hour lunch break from 12:30PM-1:00PM.
6. No trial will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2011.

F. SETTLEMENT

The parties are encouraged to continue settlement discussions and to contact the court should both sides determine that a further, court-sponsored settlement discussion has a substantial likelihood of success.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 1/19/2012



PAUL S. GREWAL
United States Magistrate Judge