

25 granted the motion. Plaintiffs attempted to schedule a deposition for Schulz several times, but
 26 Christopher A. Bandas, counsel for Schulz, failed to respond. After Plaintiffs served Schulz with a
 27 notice of deposition, Bandas informed Plaintiffs' counsel that he believed that Schulz could not be
 28 compelled to appear for a deposition absent service of a subpoena to appear because he was a non-

party. Plaintiffs' numerous attempts to serve Schulz with a subpoena to appear at a deposition and a
 subpoena to produce documents were unsuccessful. On April 28, 2014, Plaintiffs filed a motion to
 compel the deposition of and the production of documents by Schulz, which was referred to the
 undersigned. Docket Nos. 352, 354.

5 Under Rule 37(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Civil Local Rule 37-1(a), and the undersigned's Standing Order re: Civil Discovery Disputes ("Standing Order"), parties must 6 7 meet and confer in an effort to resolve any discovery disputes prior to seeking judicial intervention. 8 The Standing Order generally provides that parties may seek judicial intervention only after an in-9 person meeting between lead counsel fails to resolve the discovery dispute, in which case the parties 10 shall file a *Discovery Dispute Joint Report*. "[R]efusal to attend or to participate meaningfully will be grounds for sanctions and/or for entry of an order in favor of the other side." Standing Order § 11 12 2.C.i.

13 Through email, Plaintiffs' counsel informed Bandas of Plaintiffs' intent to file a motion to compel Schulz's deposition and asked for Bandas's availability to meet and confer regarding their 14 15 positions. Plaintiffs' counsel attempted to schedule a meet and confer three times by email and 16 letter and three times by telephone. Bandas failed to respond. Because Bandas has refused to meet 17 and confer with Plaintiffs' counsel, Plaintiffs' motion to compel the deposition of and the 18 production of documents by Schulz is granted. Schulz is ordered to appear and testify at deposition 19 and produce documents in accordance with Judge Davila's Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Appeal Bonds and Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Additional Discovery, Docket No. 307, within 20

21 thirty (30) days of the date this Order is filed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: August 18, 2014

a. HOWARD R. LLOYD UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 10

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