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Introduction

The verdict form in this complex case necessarily spans 20 pages and requires unanimous answers to more than 500 discrete questions across 5 different legal disciplines. (Dtk. No. 1890.) The likelihood of an inconsistent verdict is a possibility despite the jury's best efforts. Samsung respectfully requests thirty minutes to review the verdict form before the jurors are dismissed and the opportunity to determine whether it would be appropriate to seek clarification if an inconsistent verdict is reached. This will allow the parties and the Court to determine whether to seek clarification of any potential inconsistent verdict from the fact-finders themselves, avoid waiver of potential of inconsistent verdict arguments, and conserve the resources of the Court and the parties.

Samsung requested that Apple join in this motion. Apple declined.

Argument

The parties risk the possibility that any inconsistent verdict arguments may be deemed waived on appeal if not given sufficient time to review the verdict form for inconsistencies before the jury is discharged. *See Home Indemnity Co. v. Lane Powell Moss & Miller*, 43 F.3d 1322 (9th Cir. 1995) (holding that the district court "properly refused to amend the judgment because [the plaintiff] waived its objection to the jury's verdict on its contribution claim by not objecting to the alleged inconsistency prior to the dismissal of the jury").

The parties and the Court here have expended substantial time, money, and resources to bring this case to verdict. Allowing the parties thirty minutes to identify any inconsistencies in the jury's verdict and the opportunity to seek clarification from the original fact-finders will (1) give clarity to the verdict and may avoid potential post-trial briefing on topics the jury could have easily remedied if given the opportunity, and (2) allow the parties the time necessary to object to the verdict in order to preserve those objections for any appeal. *See, e.g., Duk v. MGM Grand Hotel, Inc.*, 320 F.3d 1052, 1057 (9th Cir. 2003) ("We now hold that where the jury is still available, a district court's decision to resubmit an inconsistent [special] verdict for clarification is within its discretion.")

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