

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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SAN JOSE DIVISION

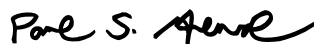
APPLE INC.,)	Case No.: C 11-1846 LHK (PSG)
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Plaintiff,)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO
v.)	CHANGE TIME
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SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD, a)	
Korean corporation; SAMSUNG)	
ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC., a New York)	
corporation; and SAMSUNG)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, LLC,)	
a Delaware limited liability company,)	
Defendants.)	

Before the court is a request by the parties for three discovery motions currently scheduled for hearing on April 3 and April 10, 2012 to be heard together at a specially-set hearing on April 9, 2012. The April 9 hearing date would accommodate the scheduling needs of counsel who are committed to argue the various motions.

This request causes the court to reflect on past discovery motions in this case and the oral arguments that have taken place. The court is struck by the absence – in more than 22 motion hearings thus far – of argument presented by counsel other than senior-level partners. Despite the court’s appreciation for the skill and attention paid to each of these past arguments, the court

1 cannot help but note the absence of opportunity afforded to each side's less experienced trial
2 attorneys. Just as there is value in lead counsel's presence during a meet and confer session, there
3 is value in at least an occasional opportunity for a less experienced lawyer to gain experience
4 arguing in open court. Therefore, with respect to the pending request, the court will grant the
5 specially-set hearing of April 9, 2012, so long as each party agrees to present at least one associate
6 for oral argument on at least one of the three motions to be heard. If either party does not wish to
7 accept this offer, the court will hear argument on the motions as presently scheduled. The parties
8 shall inform the court of their decision no later than tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. by contacting the
9 courtroom deputy to the undersigned.
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11 Dated: 3/29/2012



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13 PAUL S. GREWAL
14 United States Magistrate Judge
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