Campbell et al v. Facebook Inc.

Case No. C 13-05996 PJH (MEJ)

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I, Christopher Chorba, declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice law before this Court. I am a partner in the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, and I am one of the attorneys responsible for representing Defendant Facebook, Inc. in the above-captioned action. I submit this declaration in support of Facebook's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Withdraw Plaintiff David Shadpour Without Prejudice. Unless otherwise stated, the following facts are within my personal knowledge and, if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently to these facts.
- 2. During a lengthy meet and confer call on March 17, 2015, Plaintiffs' counsel informed me (and my co-counsel) that Plaintiff David Shadpour wished to withdraw from the action. During this conference, I explained to Plaintiffs' counsel that Facebook would evaluate the request, but it would require Mr. Shadpour to complete his document production, respond to Facebook's pending Interrogatories, and sit for a deposition.
- 3. On April 16, 2015, Facebook served draft notices of deposition for the named Plaintiffs, including Mr. Shadpour. A true and correct copy of the draft deposition notice for Mr. Shadpour is attached as **Exhibit 1**. Consistent with Civil Local Rule 30-1, Facebook asked to meet and confer with Plaintiffs' counsel regarding the scheduling of these depositions. Along with my cocounsel Joshua Jessen, I repeatedly attempted to obtain dates for Mr. Shadpour's deposition on several occasions, including separate inquiries on May 1, May 5, May 6, May 7, May 12, and May 26. Accordingly, the only reason that "[n]o date for such a deposition has been set" (Dkt. 96 at 3:2-3) is because Plaintiffs' counsel has refused to provide one. Further, during these discussions, Facebook offered to take the deposition in Mr. Shadpour's hometown of Los Angeles, California, at a mutually agreeable date.¹
- 4. Two weeks later, on April 30, Plaintiffs' counsel served a proposed stipulation regarding the dismissal of Mr. Shadpour. Attached as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of this

¹ Even though the draft notices (Exhibit 1) specified Gibson Dunn's Palo Alto office as the location for all three depositions, the parties subsequently agreed to hold the depositions of Messrs. Campbell and Hurley at Plaintiffs' counsel's offices in San Francisco.

proposed stipulation. During a subsequent discussion among the parties, Facebook explained that the stipulation was unacceptable because it did not allow for the completion of Mr. Shadpour's discovery obligations (including his deposition).

- 5. On Wednesday, May 27, at approximately 5:15 p.m., counsel for Plaintiffs (Melissa Gardner) wrote to me and my colleagues: "You requested that we let you know prior to filing papers regarding Mr. Shadpour's withdrawal as a plaintiff and putative class representative. We will be filing those papers today." I responded immediately, and I asked Ms. Gardner to "inform the Court that this request is opposed insofar as there are outstanding discovery requests and a deposition notice to Mr. Shadpour." A true and correct copy of this exchange is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**. Plaintiffs did not file any motion to withdraw at this time, and, instead, raised Mr. Shadpour's request to withdraw through the parties' joint discovery letter brief to Magistrate Judge James.
- 6. Along with the two other named Plaintiffs, Mr. Shadpour has served substantial discovery on Facebook, including three sets of document requests (60 total requests), two sets of interrogatories, and one set of requests for admission. Mr. Shadpour (along with his co-Plaintiffs) served additional discovery requests on Facebook on May 26, 2015 (after his counsel notified Facebook that he intended to withdraw), and again on June 29, 2015 (after the parties briefed Facebook's motion to compel his deposition and document production).
- 7. Attached as **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of Mr. Shadpour's Objections and Responses to Facebook's First Set of Requests for Production of Documents, dated March 9, 2015. In these responses, Mr. Shadpour stated that he "will produce any responsive, non-privileged documents in his possession, custody, or control, if any" in response to *all* of Facebook's Document Requests. To date, Mr. Shadpour has not produced any documents.
- 8. Attached as **Exhibit 5** is a true and correct copy of Mr. Shadpour's Corrected Objections and Responses to Facebook's First Set of Interrogatories, dated April 2, 2015. Plaintiffs designated the document as "Highly Confidential Attorneys' Eyes Only" pursuant to the Stipulated Protective Order, and so Facebook as filed this exhibit under seal.
 - 9. Attached as **Exhibit 6** is a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' Supplemental Initial