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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE DIVISION

DANA MULVANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 15-cv-04371-BLF

ORDER SUBMITTING PLAINTIFF'S OTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE FIRST IDED COMPLAINT WITHOUT HEARING ON MOTION: GRANTING MOTION; AND DIRECTING THE PARTIES TO SUBMIT A PROPOSED MODIFIED CASE SCHEDULE

[Re: ECF 21]

Plaintiff Dana Mulvany filed this action in the Santa Clara County Superior Court small claims division, alleging that Defendant Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. committed an unspecified violation of her rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Defendant removed the action to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Plaintiff seeks leave to file a first amended complaint, as the original complaint was filed on a small claims form that does not meet federal pleading requirements. Plaintiff has submitted a proposed first amended complaint in compliance with the Court's Civil Local Rules which fleshes out the factual and legal bases for her claims.

Defendant has filed a response to Plaintiff's motion representing that it would have stipulated to amendment, but Plaintiff filed the present motion before discussions regarding stipulation could be concluded. Defendant also asserts that Plaintiff's proposed first amended complaint contains pleading deficiencies which Defendant outlines in its response.

Plaintiff's reply disputes Defendant's characterization of events and in particular Defendant's representation that it never opposed Plaintiff's request to amend the complaint. 1

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Based upon the parties' submissions, it appears that there has been a significant breakdown in communication between counsel. The Court urges counsel to meet and confer more effectively on any future issues that arise in the case so as to avoid wasting resources on matters that do not require judicial intervention. In light of the liberal standard governing amendment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2), providing that "[t]he court should freely give leave when justice so requires," the reasons given by Plaintiff for seeking leave to amend, and Defendant's lack of opposition, Plaintiff's motion for leave to amend is GRANTED. Plaintiff may file the proposed first amended complaint it has submitted to the Court or it may submit a revised first amended complaint that addresses the asserted deficiencies raised by Defendant in its response to Plaintiff's motion.

The Court will direct the parties to meet and confer regarding any modifications to the case schedule necessitated by the filing of a first amended complaint.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) Plaintiff's motion for leave to file a first amended complaint, previously set for hearing on June 2, 2016, is hereby SUBMITTED without oral argument and the hearing is VACATED. See Civ. L.R. 7-1(b).
- (2) Plaintiff's motion for leave to file a first amended complaint is GRANTED.
- (3) Plaintiff shall file a first amended complaint on or before June 3, 2016.
- (4) The parties shall meet and confer regarding any modifications to the case schedule necessitated by the filing of a first amended complaint and shall submit a stipulated proposed modified case schedule on or before June 3, 2016.

Dated: May 19, 2016

United States District Judge