## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

KLEIN & HEUCHAN, INC.,

Plaintiff,

V.

COSTAR REALTY INFORMATION, INC., and COSTAR GROUP, INC.,

Defendants-Counterclaim Plaintiffs,

V.

SCOTT BELL and KLEIN & HEUCHAN, INC.,

Counterclaim-Defendants.

Civil Action No. 8:08-cv-01227-JSM-EAJ

## JOINT MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A REPLY IN SUPPORT OF JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND DISCOVERY

Defendants/Counterclaim Plaintiffs CoStar Realty Information, Inc., and CoStar Group, Inc. (collectively, "CoStar") and Counterclaim-Defendant Scott Bell ("Bell") hereby move pursuant to Local Rule 3.01(c) to file a reply of no more than three pages to Plaintiff/Counterclaim-Defendant Klein & Heuchan, Inc.'s ("K&H") opposition [D.E. 49] to CoStar and Bell's Joint Motion to Extend Discovery [D.E. 48].

A reply is necessary to briefly address the following issues:

• CoStar and Mr. Bell established a good cause basis for their motion. Mr. Bell was not added to this case until April 13, 2009, when he answered the counterclaim. This case has substantively changed with the entry of a new party, and all parties would potentially be prejudiced if discovery were not extended.

- **K&H will not be prejudiced.** K&H will not be prejudiced by a 60-day extension of discovery. Indeed, K&H does not even argue that an extension would be prejudicial, and instead, volunteers to allow Mr. Bell alone to proceed with discovery. But because the relationship between K&H and Mr. Bell is central to the parties' dispute, K&H's proposal to allow discovery to proceed in a selective manner would severely prejudice both Mr. Bell and CoStar. This course would effectively allow K&H to avoid answering to Mr. Bell's testimony and his other discovery, and thereby prevent CoStar and Mr. Bell from developing the record regarding Mr. Bell and K&H's relationship.
- No other deadlines would be affected by an extension. K&H's assertion that this case has been proceeding since last year does not have any bearing on the requested relief. A short 60-day extension until July 27, 2009 would maintain a discovery deadline that is well *before* the mediation date (August 20, 2009), the dispositive motion deadline (September 1, 2009), and the trial date (January 10, 2010). [D.E. 18, 46.] Moreover, this is the first request for an extension. Thus, no party will be prejudiced an extension would merely allow this case to proceed to a just resolution on the merits.
- The existence of a related case warrants an extension. There is a related case (Case No. 8:09-cv-565) that was recently transferred to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida [see D.E. 47]. It may be appropriate to consolidate the two cases and to adjust the discovery deadline in this case accordingly.

CoStar and Mr. Bell respectfully request leave to file a reply of no more than three pages so that they may fully develop these issues and have an opportunity to respond to K&H's assertions.

Dated: May 29, 2009 Respectfully submitted,

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