UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:11-CV-01340-KJD-LRL

THE COMMERCIAL FINANCE GROUP,

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25 26 <u>ORDER</u>

Presently before the Court is Defendant's Motion to Dismiss (#8). In response, Plaintiff filed a Counter-motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint (#9). Defendant filed a response in opposition (#11) to the counter-motion to amend to which Plaintiff replied (#12).

Plaintiff's Proposed Amended Complaint (#13/14) only asserts claims against California Factors and Finance (Arizona), Inc. No claims in the proposed amended complaint are asserted against Defendant The Commercial Finance Group. Since leave to amend should be freely granted in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a), the Court grants Plaintiff's motion to amend. Thus, Defendant's motion to dismiss is denied as moot. Furthermore, to the extent that Defendant argues that Plaintiff maintained the action against it in bad faith, the Court notes that if Defendant's counsel had not suggested to Plaintiff that The Commercial Finance Group was a d/b/a

of Commercial Factors and Finance, <u>see</u> Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, Doc. No. 8, p.23, then Plaintiff's counsel might have been more inclined to believe its later assertion that it was not Plaintiff's employer.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Counter-motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint (#9) is **GRANTED**;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff file her amended complaint within seven (7) days of the entry of this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Dismiss (#8) is **DENIED as moot**; IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall serve the summons and amended complaint in compliance with Rule 4 within one-hundred and twenty (120) days of filing the amended complaint.

DATED this 19th day of April 2012.

Kent J. Dawson

United States District Judge