

Exhibit A

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

EMG TECHNOLOGY, LLC

Plaintiff

v.

APPLE, INC.,
AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.,
BLOOMBERG, L.P.
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.

Defendants.

CASE NO. 6:08-cv-447 (LED)

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

[PROPOSED] DISCOVERY ORDER

After review of the pleaded claims and defenses in this action and in furtherance of the management of the Court's docket under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16, the Court enters the following

Discovery Order:

1. **Disclosures.** Within forty-five (45) days after the filing of this order, and without awaiting a discovery request, each party shall disclose to every other party the following information:
 - A. the correct names of the parties to the lawsuit;
 - B. the name, address, and telephone number of any potential parties;
 - C. the legal theories and, in general, the factual bases of the disclosing party's claims or defenses (the disclosing party need not marshal all evidence that may be offered at trial);
 - D. the name, address, and telephone number of persons having knowledge of relevant facts, a brief statement of each identified person's connection with the case, and a brief, fair summary of the substance of the information known by such person;
 - E. any indemnity and insuring agreements under which any person or entity may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment entered in this action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment;
 - F. any settlement agreements relevant to the subject matter of this action;
 - G. any statement of any party to the litigation;

2. **Additional Disclosures.**

- A. The parties shall provide the disclosures required by the Court's Patent Rules in accordance with the deadlines set forth in said rules and the Court's Docket Control Order.
- B. Plaintiff's production: to the extent that plaintiff pleads a claim for relief or defensive matter other than those addressed in the Patent Rules,¹ within ninety (90) days after the filing of this order, and without awaiting a discovery request, plaintiff shall produce a copy of all documents, data compilations and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the plaintiff that are relevant to those additionally pleaded claims or defenses involved in this action.
- C. Defendants' production:
- i) within ninety (90) days after the filing of this Order, and without awaiting a discovery request, defendants shall begin a rolling production of documents relevant to the parties' pleaded claims and defenses, including at least a substantial production of preexisting documents sufficient to describe the structure and operation of the accused instrumentalities, along with marketing materials pertaining to the accused instrumentalities;
 - ii) within one-hundred and twenty (120) days after the filing of this Order, and subject to the entry of a protective order or an agreement between the parties pertaining to the inspection and production of source code, defendants shall provide for inspection and production of source code for the accused instrumentalities. Without prejudice to plaintiff's ability to seek such code if plaintiff later establishes that such code is necessary to prepare its case, the parties agree that Apple Inc. shall not be required to produce Digital Rights Management source code;
 - iii) within one-hundred and fifty (150) days after the filing of this Order, and without awaiting a discovery request, defendants shall complete their production of documents, data compilations and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the defendants that are relevant to the parties pleaded claims or defenses. Specifically excluded from this category are email and source code production. The parties' agreements on the defendants' production of source code is set forth above, and the parties' agreements on the defendants' production of email is set forth below;
 - iv) within one hundred and twenty (120) days after plaintiff provides key words for searching that limit the amount of email to a reasonable amount, defendants shall produce email from the 1 to 4 most knowledgeable custodians concerning each accused instrumentality. Such custodians shall be

¹ The Patent Rules are Appendix M to the Local Rules which are available on the Court's website at www.txed.uscourts.gov.

identified in defendants' initial disclosures. The parties agree to cooperate in testing and modifying the key word lists to provide a reasonable number of responsive emails. This production shall be without prejudice to plaintiff's ability to request emails from specific additional individuals.

- D. within ninety (90) days after the filing of this order, the parties shall produce a complete computation of any category of damages claimed by any party to the action, making available for inspection and copying (See Local Rule CV-34), the documents or other evidentiary materials on which such computation is based, including materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries suffered; and those documents and authorizations described in Local Rule CV-34.

The parties agree to produce computer disks containing electronic images of documents to the extent reasonably possible. The parties further agree to meet and confer within twenty-one (21) days of the filing of this order to discuss the format of the electronic images. By written agreement between a producing and receiving party, alternative forms of disclosure may be provided. For example, the parties may agree to review and copy disclosure materials at the offices of the attorneys representing the parties instead of requiring each side to furnish electronic images of the disclosure materials.

- 3. **Testifying Experts.** Each side is limited to five testifying expert witnesses. By the date provided in the Docket Control Order, each party shall disclose to the other party or parties:
 - A. The expert's name, address, and telephone number;
 - B. The subject matter on which the expert will testify;
 - C. A report as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(B);
 - D. If the expert is not retained by, employed by, or otherwise subject to the control of the disclosing party, documents reflecting the general substance of the expert's mental impressions and opinions;
 - E. If the expert is retained by, employed by, or otherwise subject to the control of the disclosing party;
 - (1) all documents, tangible things, reports, models, or data compilations that have been provided to, reviewed by, or prepared by or for the expert in anticipation of the expert's testimony; and
 - (2) the expert's current resume and bibliography.
- 4. **Discovery Limitations.** Discovery is limited in this cause to the disclosures described in Paragraphs 1 - 3 together with 50 interrogatories and 60 requests for admissions per side. Depositions of fact witnesses, including 30(b)(6) witnesses and third party witnesses, shall be limited to 60 hours per side. "Side" means a party or a group of parties with a common interest.

5. **Privileged Information.** There is no duty to disclose privileged documents or information. Within one-hundred and fifty (150) days of the filing of this order, the parties shall exchange privilege logs identifying the documents or information and the basis for any claim of privilege in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the other parties to assess the applicability of the privilege or protection. A party may move the Court for an order compelling the production of any privileged documents or information identified on any other party's privilege log. If such a motion is made, the party asserting privilege shall file with the Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of the motion to compel any proof in the form of declarations or affidavits to support their assertions of privilege, along with the documents over which privilege is asserted for in camera inspection. If the parties have no disputes concerning privileged documents or information, then the parties shall file a notice so stating within ten (10) days of the date designated for exchanging privilege logs.
6. **Pre-trial Disclosures.** By the date provided in the Docket Control Order, each party shall provide to every other party the following disclosures regarding the evidence that the disclosing party intends to present at trial:
 - A. The name and, if not previously provided, the address and telephone number, of each witness, separately identifying those whom the party expects to present at trial and those whom the party may call if the need arises.
 - B. The designation of those witnesses whose testimony is expected to be presented by means of a deposition and, if not taken stenographically, a transcript of the pertinent portions of the deposition testimony.
 - C. An appropriate identification of each document or other exhibit, including summaries of other evidence, separately identifying those which the party expects to offer and those which the party may offer if the need arises.

By the date provided in the Docket Control Order, a party may serve and file a list disclosing (1) any objections to the use under Rule 32(a) of a deposition designated by another party under subparagraph "B." above; and (2) any objections, together with the grounds therefor, that may be made to the admissibility of materials identified under subparagraph "C." above. Objections not so disclosed, other than objections under Rules 402 and 403 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, shall be deemed waived unless excused by the Court for good cause shown.

7. **Signature.** The disclosures required by this order shall be made in writing and signed by the party or counsel and shall constitute a certification that, to the best of the signer's knowledge, information and belief, such disclosure is complete and correct as of the time it is made.
8. **Exchange of Disclosures.** If feasible, counsel shall meet to exchange disclosures required by this order; otherwise, such disclosures shall be served as provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.

9. **Notification of the Court.** The parties shall promptly file a notice with the Court that the disclosures required under this Order have taken place.
10. **Duty to Supplement.** After disclosure is made pursuant to this order, each party is under a duty to supplement or correct its disclosures immediately if the party obtains information on the basis of which it knows that the information disclosed was either incomplete or incorrect when made, or is no longer complete or true.
11. **Requests for Production.** Because documents relevant to any claim or defense are to be produced pursuant to the Patent Rules and paragraphs one and two of this Order, requests for production are unnecessary. However, should a party believe that certain relevant documents have not been produced, that party may request said documents by letter. The Court will entertain a motion to compel documents without the necessity of a movant propounding formal requests for production.
12. **Discovery Disputes.** Counsel are directed to contact the chambers of the undersigned for any “hot-line” disputes before contacting the Discovery Hotline provided by Local Rule CV26(f). If the undersigned is not available, the parties shall proceed in accordance with Local Rule CV-26(f).
13. **Discovery Conferences.** Within 72 hours of the Court setting any discovery motion for hearing, each party’s lead trial counsel and local counsel shall meet and confer in person or by telephone in an effort to resolve the dispute without Court intervention. Counsel shall promptly notify the Court of the results of the meeting. Attendance by proxy is not permitted. Unless excused by the Court, lead counsel shall attend any discovery hearing set by the Court.
14. **No Excuses.** A party is not excused from the requirements of this Discovery Order because it has not fully completed its investigation of the case, or because it challenges the sufficiency of another party’s disclosures, or because another party has not made its disclosures. Absent court order to the contrary, a party is not excused from disclosure because there are pending motions to dismiss, to remand or to change venue. Parties asserting the defense of qualified immunity may submit a motion to limit disclosure to those materials necessary to decide the issue of qualified immunity.
15. **Protective Orders.** The parties will propose the terms of the protective order. The Court authorizes the parties to file any document that is subject to a protective order under seal.
16. **Courtesy Paper Copies.** Paper copies will not be accepted by this Court unless specifically requested.
17. **Hearing Notebooks.** With the exception of *Markman* notebooks required in the Docket Control Order, hearing notebooks are no longer required or requested. However, the Court may request hearing notebooks in specific instances.