United States District Court

EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

ORDER RE: "HOTLINE" HEARING PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE CV-26(e)

Participants: Austin Curry - Counsel for Plaintiff Bedrock Computer Technologies, LLC

Claude Stern and Michael Jones - Counsel for Defendant Google, Inc.

Date: January 14, 2011

This case is assigned to United States District Judge Leonard Davis and referred to United States Magistrate Judge John Love for all pretrial proceedings.

The Court conducted a telephonic hearing on January 14, 2011.

During the deposition of Defendant's corporate representative, Plaintiff objected to Defendant's counsel instructing the witness not to answer Plaintiff's questions based upon objections not listed in Local Rule CV-30. Defendant asserted that this inquiry sought information protected by an earlier agreement between counsel and concerned Defendant's confidential proprietary information that is not relevant to this case.

The Court SUSTAINED Defendant's objection, finding the Court lacked the relevant information in the context of a "Hotline" call to determine whether or not the alleged agreement between the parties applied to deposition testimony. The Court instructed the parties to file the appropriate motions for consideration by Judge Love regarding this matter.

SIGNED this 14th day of January, 2011.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE