

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

**BEDROCK COMPUTER,
TECHNOLOGIES, LLC**

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v.

No. 6:09cv269 LED-JDL

**SOFTLAYER TECHNOLOGIES,
INC., ET AL.**

JURY DEMANDED

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

Participants: Phillip Aurentz - Attorney for Bedrock Computer Technologies, LLC
Todd Briggs - Attorney for Google, Inc.

Date: March 30, 2011

Action on: Deposition Questions and Attorney-Client Privilege

The case is assigned to United States Magistrate Judge John Love.

The Court held a Hotline hearing between the above named parties to resolve a dispute regarding a line of deposition questioning that drew attorney-client privilege objections. Plaintiff argued that certain questions regarding Google's method of document collection should be answered. Counsel for Google contended such questions called for information protected by the attorney-client privilege.

After hearing argument, the Court sustained Google's objection to the particular question presented to the Court during the hearing, but ordered the witness to answer questions to the extent the information called for did not result from attorney-client communications. The Court stated both parties were allowed to put their questions and objections on the record, but cautioned Plaintiff's counsel to frame questions so as to avoid an objection due to privilege. In addition, the Court

instructed Google that it may invoke the attorney-client privilege when appropriate, but Plaintiff was not precluded from seeking further relief from the Court.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 31st day of March, 2011.



JOHN D. LOVE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE