

# Exhibit A

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

PARALLEL NETWORKS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

ADIDAS AMERICA, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

**Civil Action No. 6:10-cv-00491-LED**

**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.** By March 4, 2011, 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.** Each party shall provide to every other party the following information:
  - A. 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. to the extent that any party pleads a claim for relief or defensive matter other than those addressed in the Patent Rules,<sup>1</sup> the party shall serve by April 15, 2011 and without awaiting a discovery request, (if trial and discovery relating to damages are not bifurcated from liability, the date for damages disclosures is April 15, 2011, or 45 days after the Court order denying bifurcation, whichever is later) a copy of all documents, data compilations and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party that are relevant to those additionally pleaded claims or defenses involved in this action. Otherwise, if trial and discovery relating to damages are bifurcated from liability, then the date for disclosure under this paragraph is deferred until a later date as agreed by the parties or ordered by the Court. By written agreement of all parties, alternative forms of disclosure may be provided in lieu of paper copies. For example, the parties may agree to exchange images of documents electronically or by means of computer disk; or 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 paper copies of the disclosure materials; and
  - C. by April 15, 2011, if trial and discovery relating to damages are not bifurcated from liability, 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. Otherwise, if trial and discovery relating to damages are bifurcated from liability, then the date for disclosure under this paragraph is deferred until a later date as agreed by the parties or ordered by the Court.
3. **Testifying Experts.** Any limitation on the number of testifying expert witnesses is deferred until a later date as agreed by the parties or ordered by the Court. 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 relied upon by the expert in forming his or her opinion, except that draft

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<sup>1</sup> The Patent Rules are Appendix M to the Local Rules which are available on the Court's website at [www.txed.uscourts.gov](http://www.txed.uscourts.gov)

expert reports, litigation counsel's communications with experts, and expert notes shall not be discoverable; and  
(2) the expert's current resume and bibliography.

4. **Discovery Limitations.** Discovery is limited in this case to the disclosures described in Paragraphs 1 - 3 together with:

- A. **Written Discovery:** 15 common interrogatories per side and 10 interrogatories per party, and 30 common requests for admission per side and 10 requests for admissions per party (with no limits on requests for admissions related to the admissibility of documents). "Party" means a party and its affiliated companies. "Side" means a party or a group of parties with a common interest.
- B. **Party Depositions:** Plaintiff may take a total of 21 hours of Rule 30(b)(6) deposition testimony per Defendant. Defendants may collectively take 14 hours of Rule 30(b)(6) deposition testimony of Plaintiff; and, in addition, each Defendant may take 2 hours of Rule 30(b)(6) testimony of Plaintiff. Defendants may not collectively exceed 56 hours of Rule 30(b)(6) deposition of Plaintiff. No witness will sit for more than two days per week for a deposition, except by agreement.
- C. **Rule 30(b)(1) Depositions:** Each side may take a total of 150 hours of Rule 30(b)(1) depositions. However, Plaintiff shall not exceed 28 hours of Rule 30(b)(1) deposition of any one Defendant. Defendants collectively may not exceed 14 hours of Rule 30(b)(1) deposition of any one witness. Plaintiff may not exceed 7 hours of Rule 30(b)(1) deposition of any one witness of Defendants.

Any party may move the Court for modification of these limits upon a showing of good cause or agreement among the parties.

5. **Privileged Information.** There is no duty to disclose privileged documents or information. However, the parties are directed to meet and confer concerning privileged documents or information after the Scheduling Conference. By the date provided in the Docket Control Order, the parties shall exchange privilege logs identifying the documents or information and the basis for any disputed 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 by the date provided in the Docket Control Order. Notwithstanding the foregoing, privilege logs need not

include post-filing privileged documents (i.e. on or after June 1, 2010), with the exception of documents related to opinions of counsel relative to infringement, validity or enforceability that a party has relied upon or reserved the right to rely upon.

6. **Expert materials.** Drafts of expert reports shall not be discoverable. Notes, memoranda, and other writings of an expert shall not be discoverable, except to the extent that the expert relies upon them for his or her opinions. Oral and written communications with an expert shall not be discoverable, except to the extent that the expert relies upon them for his or her opinions.
7. **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.

8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **Notification of the Court.** The parties shall promptly file a notice with the Court that the disclosures required under this Order have taken place.
11. **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.

12. **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.
13. **Electronic Discovery.** The parties will meet to decide on a mutually acceptable and reasonable format for the production of electronic documents. In accordance with Local Rules and the Federal Rules, including Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26, the parties have agreed that no voice mails, instant messages, or cell phone text messages will be preserved, searched for, or produced.
14. **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 CV-26(f). If the undersigned is not available, the parties shall proceed in accordance with Local Rule CV-26(f).
15. **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.
16. **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.
17. **Protective Orders.** A copy of the Court’s standard protective order is available on the Court’s website at [www.txed.uscourts.gov](http://www.txed.uscourts.gov) entitled “Judge Davis Standard Protective Order.” A party may request that the Court issue the Protective Order. However, a party may propose to modify the terms of the Protective Order for good cause. The Court authorizes the parties to file any document that is subject to a protective order under seal.
18. **Courtesy Paper Copies.** Paper copies will not be accepted by this Court unless specifically requested.

19. **Hearing Notebooks.** With the exception of providing notebooks to the appointed technical advisor, hearing notebooks are no longer required or requested. However, the Court may request hearing notebooks in specific instances.