
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DIVISION, DISTRICT OF UTAH

CUMMINGS, et. al.	:	Civil No. 2:09-cv-00046
Plaintiffs,	:	
vs.	:	MEMORANDUM DECISION & ORDER
MCGOVERN, et. al.	:	
Defendants.	:	JUDGE CLARK WADDOUPS MAGISTRATE JUDGE BROOKE C. WELLS

Currently before the Court is defendant Robert McGovern and defendant Gil Contreras' Motion To Quash Service.¹ On December 18, 2008, plaintiffs served defendants by leaving a copy of the summons and complaint with Mr. Randy Simons, a fellow employee at Dynaflex Products. Defendants, however, contend that service was not in accordance with State and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and therefore service should be quashed. Specifically, defendants contend that the rules require service on the individual person² or to a person of suitable age and discretion at the

¹ Docket No. 4.

²Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(e)(2)(A).

party's dwelling house or usual place of abode.³

Upon consideration of the pending motion the Court finds, however, that defendants overlook Federal Rule of Civil Procedure (4)(e)(1) which provides that an individual may be served by "following state law for serving a summons in an action brought in courts of general jurisdiction in the state where the district court is located or *where service is made*."⁴ Here, service was made in the State of California.⁵ In California, a summons may be served by leaving a copy at the person's office with an individual who is "apparently in charge thereof" and then by mailing a copy of the summons and complaint to the person being served at the place where the summons and complaint were left.⁶ In compliance therewith plaintiffs left a copy of the summons and complaint with Mr. Randy Simons⁷ at the Dynaflex office. Subsequent thereto, defendants mailed a copy of the summons and complaint to the offices of Dynaflex as reflected in the Returns of Service.⁸

Accordingly, the Court finds that service on defendants complies with both the

³Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(e)(2)(B)

⁴Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(e)(1).

⁵Defendants' Memorandum In Support, Exhibits A and B.

⁶California Code of Civil Procedure 415.20(a). "[A] summons may be served by leaving a copy of the summons and complaint during usual office hours in his or her office or, if no physical address is known, at his or her usual mailing address, other than a United States Postal Service post office box, with the person who is apparently in charge thereof, and by mailing a copy of the summons and complaint by first-class mail, postage prepaid to person to be served at the place where a copy of the summons and complaint were left."

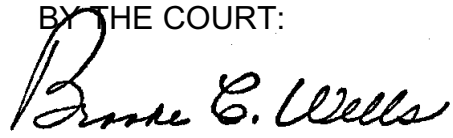
⁷Defendants contend that Mr, Simmons is the Chief Financial Officer of Dynaflex.

⁸Defendants' Memorandum In Support, Exhibit A.

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the California Code of Civil Procedure and therefore defendants' Motion To Quash is denied.

DATED this 11th day of August, 2009.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brooke C. Wells". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

Brooke C. Wells
United States Magistrate Judge