## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA NORFOLK DIVISION

I/P ENGINE, INC.

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 2:11-cv-512

AOL INC., et al.,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO SEAL PORTIONS OF DEFENDANTS' MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S RULE 59 MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL ON THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF DAMAGES AND EXHIBIT 2 TO THE DECLARATION OF MARGARET P. KAMMERUD FILED IN SUPPORT THEREOF

In support of their Motion to Seal pursuant to Local Rule 5, and the Protective Order entered in this matter on January 23, 2012 (Doc. No. 85), Defendants Google Inc., Target Corporation, IAC Search & Media, Inc., Gannett Co., Inc. and AOL Inc. (collectively "Defendants") state the following:

- 1. Defendants have moved the court for leave to file under seal Portions of Defendants' Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiff's Rule 59 Motion for a New Trial on the Dollar Amount of Damages ("Memorandum in Opposition to Rule 59 Motion") and Exhibit 2 to the Declaration of Margaret P. Kammerud filed in support of that Opposition ("Exhibit 2 to the Kammerud Declaration").
- 2. Portions of the Memorandum in Opposition to Rule 59 Motion and Exhibit 2 to the Kammerud Declaration contain data that is confidential under the Protective Order.

- 3. There are three requirements for sealing court filings: (1) public notice with an opportunity to object; (2) consideration of less drastic alternatives; and (3) a statement of specific findings in support of a decision to seal and rejecting alternatives to sealing. *See, e.g., Flexible Benefits Council v. Feldman*, No. 1:08-CV-371, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 93039 (E.D. Va. Nov. 13, 2008) (citing *Ashcraft v. Conoco, Inc.*, 218 F.3d 282, 288 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000)). Defendants contend that Portions of the Memorandum in Opposition to Rule 59 Motion and Exhibit 2 to the Kammerud Declaration contain data that is confidential under the Protective Order. Defendants specifically state as reasons for sealing the requested pleadings that:
  - (a) Portions of the Memorandum in Opposition to the Rule 59 Motion reference financial information that is not generally known, that has economic value, and would cause competitive harm if made widely public. Additionally, the material is subject to a pending motion to redact certain transcripts (Doc. No. 802); and
  - (b) Exhibit 2 to the Kammerud Declaration references financial information that is not generally known, that has economic value, and would cause competitive harm if made widely public. Additionally, the material is subject to a pending motion to redact certain transcripts. (Doc. No. 802.)

Defendants have made all reasonable efforts to narrowly limit their redactions in compliance with the law of this Circuit.

- 4. *In camera* copies of Portions of the Memorandum in Opposition to Rule 59 Motion and Exhibit 2 to the Kammerud Declaration have been forwarded to the Court. The Court also finds that by filing narrowly redacted public pleadings, the Defendants have made all reasonable efforts to limit their redactions in compliance with the law of this Circuit.
- 5. For the sake of consistency with practices governing the case as a whole, Portions of the Memorandum in Opposition to Rule 59 Motion and Exhibit 2 to the Kammerud Declaration should remain sealed and be treated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Protective Order.

Accordingly, and in satisfaction of the requirements of Local Rule 5, Defendants respectfully ask the Court to seal Portions of the Memorandum in Opposition to Rule 59 Motion and Exhibit 2 to the Kammerud Declaration.

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