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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

CAMPIDOGLIO LLC, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., et al.,

Defendants.

C12-949 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

(1) The deferred portion of plaintiffs' motion for Rule 37(b) relief, docket no. 129, is DENIED. The Court is satisfied that, contrary to plaintiffs' contention, defendant Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo") has not invoked the attorney-client privilege too broadly. The Court DECLINES to award attorney fees or costs to Wells Fargo. 2

¹ With respect to the e-mail from attorney Shawn Sax (ADI000018346), as to which Wells Fargo has withdrawn its assertion of the bank examination privilege, <u>see</u> Minute Order at n.1 (docket no. 236 at 2), both sides have clarified that Wells Fargo continues to invoke the attorney-client privilege. Having reviewed the document again <u>in camera</u>, the Court is persuaded that it was properly withheld. With regard to the attachments to e-mails identified in the previous Minute Order (ADI000028439, 84166, 28988, 84505, 85341, and 84422), Wells Fargo has explained that some of these materials were produced and other documents were not disclosed as either not responsive to the discovery requests at issue or protected by attorney-client privilege, as reflected in a separate privilege log entry. The Court is satisfied that Wells Fargo has complied with its discovery obligations.

² Wells Fargo has acknowledged that, in response to plaintiffs' motion for Rule 37(b) relief, it undertook a review of its privilege assertions and, as a result, produced additional documents to plaintiffs. <u>See</u> Supp. Resp. at 2 (docket no. 247). Thus, although plaintiffs did not prevail on the motion, <u>see</u> Minute Orders (docket nos. 185 & 236), the Court is of the opinion that an award of expenses in opposing the motion would be "unjust." <u>See</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(5)(B)&(b)(2)(C).

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1 (2)Plaintiffs' unopposed motion for extension, docket no. 239, is GRANTED as follows. The deadline set forth in the Minute Order entered March 11, 2014, docket no. 236, for plaintiffs to file a supplemental response to defendants' motion for summary judgment is extended to July 11, 2014. Defendants' supplemental reply is due on July 3 18, 2014. Defendants' motion for summary judgment, docket no. 72, is RENOTED to 4 (3)July 18, 2014. Plaintiffs' motion to certify class, docket no. 37, and defendants' alternative motion to dismiss, docket no. 220, are also RENOTED to July 18, 2014. Both of these motions, however, will be decided after the Court rules on defendants' motion for summary judgment. **(4)** Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment, docket no. 210, is STRICKEN 7 without prejudice as prematurely filed. <u>See Hartley v. Suburban Radiologic Consultants</u>, Ltd., 295 F.R.D. 357, 367-69 (D. Minn. 2013); see also Weir v. Joly, 2011 WL 6043024 (D. Ore. Dec. 2, 2011); Gomez v. Rossi Concrete Inc., 2011 WL 666888 (S.D. Cal. Feb. 17, 2011). If the Court grants the pending motion to certify class, plaintiffs may refile their motion for summary judgment after notice has been given and the period for class members to exclude themselves has expired. 10 (5)The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of 11 record. 12 Dated this 11th day of June, 2014. 13 William M. McCool Clerk 14 s/Claudia Hawney 15 Deputy Clerk 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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