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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 COBBLER NEVADA, LLC,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 KEVIN JAMES,

12 Defendant.

C15-1430 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

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

15 (1) Given the unusual nature of BitTorrent-related infringement claims, and in
16 light of Mr. James's health problems, *See Answer*, docket no. 40, and *Response to Order*
17 *to Show Cause*, docket no. 67, the Court finds that an alternative dispute resolution
18 procedure under Local Court Rule 39.1, may be helpful in reaching a prompt resolution
19 of this case without any significant, additional Court intervention. Although Mr. James
20 has every right to represent himself, Mr. James is strongly advised to secure legal counsel
21 to facilitate early alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") proceedings and for the
22 protection of his legal rights. In the event that Mr. James is interested in having counsel
23 appointed for him for the limited purpose of participating in alternative dispute
resolution, **he must respond to this Minute Order with a request for appointment of
pro bono counsel no later than June 15, 2017.** Upon receipt of such request, the Court
will refer the matter for appointment of pro bono counsel to provide representation for the
limited purpose of conducting an early ADR procedure under the "Plan of the U.S.
District Court for the W.D. of Washington for the Representation of Pro Se Litigants in
Civil Rights Actions."

1 (2) Plaintiff's motion for sanctions, docket no. 68, is RENOTED to June 23,
2 2017. Mr. James is ADVISED that, if he fails to request that counsel be appointed, or if
3 he affirmatively declines appointed counsel, the Court will decide plaintiff's motion for
4 sanctions, to which Mr. James has failed to respond.

5 (3) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of
6 record and to defendant Kevin James pro se.

7 Dated this 26th day of May, 2017.

8 William M. McCool
9 Clerk

10 s/Karen Dews
11 Deputy Clerk