

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

MINUTES

May 05, 2023

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA

PLAINTIFF

VS.

AMAZON.COM, INC.

DEFENDANT

Department: **304**

Case Number: **CGC-22-601826**

Nature of Cause:

**CASE MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE**

Present:

Judge: ETHAN P. SCHULMAN
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10:00 a.m. The above-entitled action comes on calendar regularly for a case management conference. The Court, counsel and court staff are present as listed above.

The case management conference commences. Counsel states their appearances. ** Court Reporter, Amorita Ledesma, CSR No. 12852, is present. **

The parties briefly confer about the agenda items for today's conference.

The Court and counsel open discussions re the pre-trial schedule. The Court says he is inclined to tentatively adopt the proposed pre-trial schedule, subject to adjustments. The Court advises the parties not to wait until (30) thirty days before trial to have dispositive motions heard. The Court thinks the parties should consider breaking the motions up or having Motions for Summary Adjudication to adjudicate the issues, but not completely dispose of the issues. The parties may stipulate to address them, but they must have Court approval.

Next, the parties focus on coordination. The Court is aware of multiple cases pending in various jurisdictions (Federal Court, New York and Washington, DC) that may have overlapping claims. Defendant brings the Court up to date with pending cases and suggests deposing the same witnesses in the cases to avoid duplicative depositions and (non-duplicative) document discovery. Plaintiff clarifies (2) of the case claims and has concerns about delaying progress in their case. At present, there are no proposals from Amazon re coordination. The Court suggests the parties coordinate it if it is practicable, but it should not result in a delay in this case. The Court does not want to postpone the deadlines.

The parties address discovery disputes and 3rd party correspondence. The Court gives informal guidance as to document productions and form interrogatories as set forth in open court, (re Document Requests 1, 14 and 15).

10:58 a.m. The Court declares the morning recess.

11:16 a.m. The conference recommences. All parties are present. ** Court Reporter, Suzy Onuki, CSR No. 13734, is present and replaces the previous court reporter. **

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The parties resume talks concerning discovery disputes and 3rd party correspondence. The Court expresses its tentative views. The Court states Amazon is entitled to take depositions and suggests a formal motion process. The parties shall meet and confer to try to reach an agreement. Counsel should bring any new disputes to the Court's attention.

Defendant brings up issues concerning confidentiality designations, witness identities and documents requests. Counsel believes they are overbroad and overbearing. The Court suggests a stipulation and order for the briefing schedule, if needed. Counsel must clear the hearing date with the clerk in Department 304.

Counsel shall submit a proposed order to remove the filing of a joint case management statement. The parties agree to a conference in (90) ninety days.

The Court continues the action to August 3, 2023, at 9:00 am, for a further case management conference.

Court adjourns.