

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

MINUTES

October 25, 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:

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10:01 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 conference commences. Counsel states their appearances.

The Court has reviewed the joint statement and intends to address certain topics, such as, discovery issues and disputes. The Court wants to talk about the competing approaches to dispositive motions and where to go from here, in the short term and long term. In addition, the Court suggests they talk about the Federal Trade Commission action, (FTC), and how it may affect this case.

Defense counsel brings the Court up to date on discovery, ongoing discussions regarding search terms and some productions. Plaintiff informs the Court they have served request for admissions, as well as form and special interrogatories.

The parties confer about the list of (8) eight, senior executive custodians whose files are to be searched. Plaintiff wants to set an informal discovery conference, (IDC) on the custodian issue. The Court discloses that he will schedule the conference at the end of the hearing.

The Court and counsel have brief discussions re the customer experience ambassador communications, (customer appreciation program), side agreements with 3rd parties and dispositive motions pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 437c(t).

Subsequently, the Court and counsel open discussions re the FTC complaint and coordination. Defendant brings the Court up to date on the status. The parties had an initial meeting and conferring re early litigation and have conferred about a protective order. Counsel believes there are some overlapping allegations with this case and pricing allegations. The parties discuss having an informal coordination and believe they will have more to report at the next conference. Plaintiff says they are open to coordination with the private plaintiffs and the FTC action.

The Court continues the action to January 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., for a further case management conference. The Court suggests counsel continue to meet and confer. If they reach an impasse,

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they should contact the clerk in Department 304, to schedule an informal discovery conference, (IDC). The parties may add it onto the case management conference if they wish.

11:58 a.m. Court adjourns.

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