

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FINJAN, INC.,

No. C 17-05659 WHA

Plaintiff,

v.

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER
AND REFERENCE
TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE
FOR MEDIATION/SETTLEMENT**

JUNIPER NETWORKS, INC.,

Defendant.

After a case management conference, the Court enters the following order pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (“FRCP”) and Civil Local Rule 16-10:

1. All initial disclosures under FRCP 26 must be completed by **FEBRUARY 28, 2018**, on pain of preclusion, including full and faithful compliance with FRCP 26(a)(1)(A)(iii).
2. The last day for plaintiff to voluntarily withdraw any asserted claims shall be **MARCH 8, 2018**.
3. Leave to add any new parties or to amend pleadings must be sought by **MAY 31, 2018**.
4. The non-expert discovery cut-off date shall be **MARCH 29, 2019**.
5. The deadline for producing opinions of counsel under Patent Local Rule 3-7 shall be **28 CALENDAR DAYS** before the non-expert discovery cut-off, irrespective of the timeline in said rule.
6. Subject to the exception in the next paragraph, the last date for designation of expert testimony and disclosure of full expert reports under FRCP 26(a)(2) as to any issue on which a party has the burden of proof (“opening reports”) shall be **MARCH 29, 2019**

1 Within **FOURTEEN CALENDAR DAYS** of said deadline, all other parties must disclose any
2 expert reports on the same issue (“opposition reports”). Within
3 **SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS** thereafter, the party with the burden of proof must disclose
4 any reply reports rebutting specific material in opposition reports. Reply reports must
5 be limited to true rebuttal and should be very brief. They should not add new material
6 that should have been placed in the opening report and the reply material will ordinarily
7 be reserved for the rebuttal or sur-rebuttal phase of the trial. If the party with the
8 burden of proof neglects to make a timely disclosure, the other side, if it wishes to put
9 in expert evidence on the same issue anyway, must disclose its expert report within the
10 fourteen-day period. In that event, the party with the burden of proof on the issue may
11 then file a reply expert report within the seven-day period, subject to possible exclusion
12 for “sandbagging” and, at all events, any such reply material may be presented at trial
13 only after, if at all, the other side actually presents expert testimony to which the reply
14 is responsive. The cutoff for all expert discovery shall be **FOURTEEN CALENDAR DAYS**
15 after the deadline for reply reports. In aid of preparing an opposition or reply report, a
16 responding party may depose the adverse expert sufficiently before the deadline for
17 the opposition or reply report so as to use the testimony in preparing the response.
18 Experts must make themselves readily available for such depositions. Alternatively,
19 the responding party can elect to depose the expert later in the expert-discovery period.
20 An expert, however, may be deposed only once unless the expert is used for different
21 opening and/or opposition reports, in which case the expert may be deposed
22 independently on the subject matter of each report. At least **28 CALENDAR DAYS** before
23 the due date for opening reports, each party shall serve a list of issues on which it will
24 offer any expert testimony in its case-in-chief (including from non-retained experts).
25 This is so that all parties will be timely able to obtain counter-experts on the listed
26 issues and to facilitate the timely completeness of all expert reports. Failure to so
27 disclose may result in preclusion.
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- 1 7. As to damages studies, the cut-off date for *past damages* will be as of the expert report
2 (or such earlier date as the expert may select). In addition, the experts may try to
3 project *future damages* (*i.e.*, after the cut-off date) if the substantive standards for
4 future damages can be met. With timely leave of Court or by written stipulation, the
5 experts may update their reports (with supplemental reports) to a date closer to the time
6 of trial.
- 7 8. At trial, the opening testimony of experts on direct examination will be limited to the
8 matters disclosed in their reports (and any reply reports may be covered only on
9 rebuttal or sur-rebuttal). Omitted material may not ordinarily be added on direct
10 examination. This means the reports must be complete and sufficiently detailed.
11 Illustrative animations, diagrams, charts and models may be used on direct examination
12 only if they were part of the expert's report, with the exception of simple drawings and
13 tabulations that plainly illustrate what is already in the report, which can be drawn by
14 the witness at trial or otherwise shown to the jury. If cross-examination fairly opens
15 the door, however, an expert may go beyond the written report on cross-examination
16 and/or redirect examination. By written stipulation, of course, all sides may relax these
17 requirements. For trial, an expert must learn and testify to the full amount of billing
18 and unbilled time by him or his firm on the engagement.
- 19 9. To head off a recurring problem, experts lacking percipient knowledge should avoid
20 vouching for the credibility of witnesses, *i.e.*, whose version of the facts in dispute is
21 correct. This means that they may not, for example, testify that based upon a review of
22 fact depositions and other material supplied by counsel, a police officer did (or did not)
23 violate standards. Rather, the expert should be asked for his or her opinion based —
24 explicitly — upon an assumed fact scenario. This will make clear that the witness is
25 not attempting to make credibility and fact findings and thereby to invade the province
26 of the jury. Of course, a qualified expert can testify to relevant customs, usages,
27 practices, recognized standards of conduct, and other specialized matters beyond the
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- 1 ken of a lay jury. This subject is addressed further in the trial guidelines referenced
2 below.
- 3 10. Counsel need not request a motion hearing date and may notice non-discovery motions
4 for any Thursday (except holidays) at 8:00 a.m. The Court sometimes rules on the
5 papers, issuing a written order and vacating the hearing. If a written request for oral
6 argument is filed before a ruling, stating that a lawyer of four or fewer years out of law
7 school will conduct the oral argument or at least the lion's share, then the Court will
8 hear oral argument, believing that young lawyers need more opportunities for
9 appearances than they usually receive. Unless discovery supervision has been referred
10 to a magistrate judge, discovery motions should be as per the supplemental order
11 referenced below.
- 12 11. By **JUNE 7, 2018**, each side shall select one asserted claim — presumably the strongest
13 case for infringement and the strongest case for noninfringement or invalidity,
14 respectively — and file an early motion for summary judgment on that claim, with
15 oppositions due by **JUNE 28, 2018**, replies due by **JULY 12, 2018**, and the motion
16 hearing on **JULY 26, 2018, AT 8:00 A.M.** The outcome of this exchange may (or may
17 not) warrant an injunction or sanctions, depending on which side prevails. The
18 potential remedies will be litigated soon after the early motions for summary judgment
19 are decided (depending, of course, on the outcome). In addition to adjudicating the
20 selected claims on their merits and indicating the relative strengths (or weaknesses) of
21 both sides' positions, this procedure will serve to educate the undersigned judge about
22 the overall technology at issue. If issues of fact prevent summary judgment, then we
23 will have a trial on the disputed points soon thereafter, approximately three weeks after
24 the hearing on July 26. Both sides shall please plan their calendars accordingly.
- 25 12. The last day to file dispositive motions (other than the early motions for summary
26 judgment described above) shall be **APRIL 11, 2019**.
- 27 13. The **FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE** shall be held on **JUNE 6, 2019, at 2:00 P.M.**
28 Although the Court encourages argument and participation by younger attorneys, lead

1 trial counsel must attend the final pretrial conference. For the form of submissions for
2 the final pretrial conference and trial, please see below.

3 14. A **JURY TRIAL** shall begin on **JULY 8, 2019**, at **7:30 A.M.**, in Courtroom 12, 19th Floor,
4 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, 94102. The trial schedule and
5 time limits shall be set at the final pretrial conference. Although almost all trials
6 proceed on the date scheduled, it may be necessary on occasion for a case to trail,
7 meaning the trial may commence a few days or even a few weeks after the date stated
8 above, due to calendar congestion and the need to give priority to criminal trials.
9 Counsel and the parties should plan accordingly, including advising witnesses.

10 15. Counsel may not stipulate around the foregoing dates without Court approval.

11 16. For many years, the Court conducted a claim construction hearing about mid-way
12 through the fact-discovery period. While this timing gave some guidance to counsel
13 and experts, it had the distinct disadvantage of requiring abstract rulings without the
14 benefit of a more complete record, thus increasing the risk of a claim construction error
15 and a re-trial (and, for that matter, subsequent second appeal). Instead of a stand-alone
16 claim construction hearing, claim construction will now be done on summary judgment
17 or at trial in settling the jury instructions. In this way, the Court will better understand
18 the as-applied meaning of terms advanced by counsel as claim constructions.

19 17. In addition to the early summary judgment motions described above, each party (or
20 group of related parties) shall be entitled to one summary judgment motion. If it is
21 granted in full or nearly so, then that party (or group) may ask for leave to file another
22 summary judgment motion as long as the deadline to file one has not passed. Any
23 summary judgment motion must be limited to 25 pages of briefing and 120 pages of
24 declarations and exhibits (not counting the patent itself). The opposition must be
25 limited to forty pages of briefing and 140 pages of declarations. The reply must be
26 limited to fifteen pages of briefing and twenty pages of declarations and exhibits. In
27 the case of voluminous documents and transcripts attached as exhibits, counsel may
28 append only the pages of the document necessary to support the assertions in the

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