### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

MARSHALL DIVISION

VERSATA SOFTWARE, INC., )(

ET AL. ) ( CIVIL DOCKET NO.

) ( 2:07-CV-153-CE

VS. ) ( MARSHALL, TEXAS

) (

) ( MAY 14, 2009

SAP AMERICA INC., ET AL. ) ( 1:30 P.M.

MOTIONS HEARING

BEFORE THE HONORABLE JUDGE CHAD EVERINGHAM

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

#### **APPEARANCES:**

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- 1 COURT SECURITY OFFICER: All rise.
- THE COURT: Please be seated.
- We've got a motions hearing set today in
- 4 2:07-CV-153, Versata against SAP and others.
- 5 What says the plaintiff?
- MR. COLE: Your Honor, Scott Cole, Laurie
- Gallun, and Kevin Knuepper for the plaintiff. We're
- 8 ready to proceed.
- THE COURT: Okay. The defendant?
- MR. BATCHELDER: Good afternoon, Your Honor,
- James Batchelder from Day, Casebeer, Madrid &
- Batchelder. With me is my partner, Will Nelson. Also
- 13 I've got Kurt Truelove from the Patton, Tidwell &
- Schroeder firm, and in-house counsel, Kevin Hamel.
- THE COURT: All right.
- MR. BATCHELDER: Defendant is ready.
- THE COURT: And Mr. Kitchen?
- MR. COLE: Oh, sorry.
- THE COURT: Are you looking for work, or you
- <sup>20</sup> just --
- MR. KITCHEN: I was wondering if there was
- anything available. And I did want to send Mr. Baxter's
- $^{23}$  regards to the Court.
- THE COURT: Well, we've got a list of things
- here to do today. I will advise you, and maybe this



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- will help, maybe it won't help. Your Markman ruling is
- imminent, and by imminent, I mean, Monday or Tuesdayish
- of next week. I would be very confident with Monday,
- but for the fact that Judge Amos Mazzant is being sworn
- <sup>5</sup> in tomorrow as the newest magistrate judge in this
- district, and I will be there instead of here finishing
- your Markman opinion.
- But I can -- if I were you-all, I would look
- 9 for it sometime before close of business Tuesday, but
- that's not a warranty, but I know that there's a motion
- to limit your claims, and so I don't know if that helps
- you resolve that or not, but my thought was in view of
- that, to give you-all some period of time from Tuesday
- of next week for you to consider the Markman rulings on
- both sides and to let me know within 7 to 10 calendar
- days thereafter what are we going forward with. So does
- that work for the plaintiff?
- MR. COLE: Yes, Your Honor. I think the
- only remaining dispute really is whether the reduction
- of claims would also entail a reduction of prior art
- references concomitant with that.
- As far as reducing claims, we -- we agreed
- to reduce it to five claims per patent. I can't
- remember the exact number of days after the Markman
- ruling. So that -- that part of it is easy. It's just



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- $^{1}$  we don't want to do that if they're going to go with 102
- $^2$   $\,$  prior art references and refuse to reduce those. So
- that's, I think, the only remaining dispute on that
- 4 front.
- 5 THE COURT: Okay. Well, what's -- what's
- the answer to that? You need all 102 or will 90 do or
- 7 what's the --
- MR. BATCHELDER: Well, our only problem is
- for 103, we do feel like our experts need to be able to
- tell the story about how these patents arose in a
- 11 crowded field.
- I haven't ever seen a case where defendants
- were required to diminish the number of asserted prior
- art references in that context, and I haven't seen that
- cause any problems at trial. So we do think a
- limitation of the number of asserted claims is
- appropriate, but if Your Honor feels strongly about
- $^{18}$  reducing the number of asserted prior art references, we
- would consider it for 102, but we think it would be
- $^{20}$  problematic for 103.
- THE COURT: Well, what my problem is more
- than anything is that you've got 103 references or 102,
- however many it's going to be, at this time, and then
- the expert gets up there to discuss the -- the crowded
- state of the art, talks about four of them, and then the



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