IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION

AGIS SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT LLC,

Case No. 2:22-cv-00263-JRG-RSP

Plaintiff,

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

v.

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.,

ET AL.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFF AGIS SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT LLC'S SUR-REPLY IN FURTHER OPPOSITION TO SAMSUNG'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND ANSWER TO ADD CLAIM PRECLUSION AND KESSLER DOCTRINE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES (DKT. 101)



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Defendants do not contest that this Court may deny a request for leave to amend pleadings on the basis of futility, and their Reply confirms that these are precisely the type of circumstances warranting denial of leave.

First, Defendants' proposed amendment fails to plead facts sufficient to plausibly allege the defense of claim preclusion. It is undisputed that none of the pre-reexamination claims of the '970 Patent are asserted in this case. Defendants rely on a prior dismissal against third-party Google that was expressly limited to pre-reexamination claims of the '970 Patent, and that expressly carved out the new reexamination-amended claims. Defendants' argument that the dismissal was made "with prejudice" is irrelevant because the "with prejudice" concerned only the pre-reexamination claims. See Ex. 2 at 1, n.2. Google has maintained that the pre-reexamination claims ceased to exist so as to remove subject matter jurisdiction, that the new claims were never accused in the Google case, and that the differences between the pre-reexamination claims and new reexamination-amended claims were substantive and material. See Exs. M, N. Accordingly, Samsung's proposed amendment is futile for failure to plead sufficient facts to support a defense of claim preclusion. ¹

Second, Defendants' proposed amendment fails to plead facts sufficient to plausibly allege the defense related to the *Kessler* doctrine. This case concerns only Samsung devices. There is no overlap of devices or sales between Samsung and Google. Defendants cannot plausibly allege identity of a cause of action because the sale of Samsung devices accused in this case arises from different transactions from Google devices. AGIS has consistently maintained that it is accusing

¹ For the first time in a footnote to its Reply, Samsung relies on Rule 41(a)(1)(B) to contend that two successive dismissals have the effect of an adjudication on the merits. However, Rule 41(a)(1)(B) requires that the dismissals must be actions "based on or including the same claim." AGIS's arguments apply with equal force to Rule 41(a)(1)(B) because it is undisputed that the pre-reexamination claims are not the same as the new reexamination-amended claims, and AGIS never received leave to assert the new-reexamination-amended claims of the '970 Patent in the first-dismissed case.



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