

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION

1 ANCORA TECHNOLOGIES, INC. *
2 *
3 VS. * February 7, 2020
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5 LG ELECTRONICS, INC., ET AL *
6 * CIVIL ACTION NO. AU-20-CV-34
7 SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD, *
8 ET AL *

BEFORE THE HONORABLE ALAN D ALBRIGHT, JUDGE PRESIDING
TELEPHONIC DISCOVERY HEARING

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03:00 1 (February 7, 2020, 3:00 p.m.)

03:00 2 THE COURT: Good morning. It's Alan Albright.

03:00 3 MS. MILES: Hi, Judge. It's Suzanne.

03:00 4 MR. AINSWORTH: Hello, Judge Albright.

03:00 5 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

03:00 6 MR. AINSWORTH: This is Charley Ainsworth and Andres Healy

03:00 7 for the plaintiff Ancora.

03:00 8 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

03:00 9 MR. FRISCH: Good afternoon. You have Jared Frisch of

03:01 10 Covington & Burling for defendant Samsung.

03:01 11 THE COURT: Okay. Anyone else that is going to be

03:01 12 talking?

03:01 13 MS. CHIAVIELLO: Good afternoon, Your Honor. This is

03:01 14 Elizabeth Chiaviello from Morgan Lewis on behalf of LG.

03:01 15 THE COURT: Okay. Good afternoon to you.

03:01 16 Anyone else?

03:01 17 Okay. I'm not sure why I'm here, but I'm happy to help.

03:01 18 Whoever is going to start, please feel free to go.

03:01 19 MR. HEALY: Thank you, Your Honor. This is Andres Healy

03:01 20 of Susman Godfrey on behalf of the plaintiffs. I'm happy to

03:01 21 report that we reached agreement with defendant on all but one

03:01 22 issue, and that one issue is what we're hoping to get Your

03:01 23 Honor's guidance on today.

03:01 24 THE COURT: Okay.

03:01 25 MR. HEALY: The issue is that the number of pages of

03:01 1 source code that plaintiffs -- I guess either parties would be
03:01 2 entitled --

03:01 3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. HEALY: And I apologize. I'm getting a little bit of
5 feedback. So hopefully Your Honor can hear me.

6 THE REPORTER: This is Kristie. I'm having a hard time
7 hearing you. I'm the court reporter.

8 (Brief off-the-record discussion.)

03:02 9 MR. HEALY: Your Honor, plaintiff's position on the sole
03:02 10 issue in dispute is simple. We have received from Mr. Albright
03:02 11 what we understand to be the Court's model protective order or
03:02 12 default protective order, and plaintiff's preference is to
03:02 13 stick to the Court's default. That provides that we are
03:03 14 entitled, or I guess any party is entitled to 250 pages -- to
03:03 15 print 250 pages per accused architecture. That's what we'd
03:03 16 prefer to stick with. Defendant's position is they'd like to
03:03 17 change that language and instead limit plaintiffs to 250 pages
03:03 18 per chip set vendor.

03:03 19 So what that effectively means is that, if of the hundreds
03:03 20 of products at issue in this case, if they're all, for example,
03:03 21 equipped with a Qualcomm chip set, that we would be limited to
03:03 22 250 pages of printed code across all those products regardless
03:03 23 of whether they actually include different code, different
03:03 24 functionality or entirely different products.

03:03 25 And so just very simply, Your Honor, we have two reasons

03:03 1 why we ask the Court to reject defendants' request to depart
03:03 2 from the default. Number one, as plaintiffs have explained to
03:03 3 defendant, we understand the Court's limit of per accused
03:04 4 architecture to take into account the fact that different
03:04 5 products have different codes. As a result, we've told them,
03:04 6 look. If two or three or a hundred products all have the same
03:04 7 relevant code, we understand that the Court's default limits us
03:04 8 to 250 pages across all those products because they share the
03:04 9 same relevant architecture and code. We have no issue with
03:04 10 that. Frankly, we hope that's the case. If all the code is
03:04 11 the same, that makes our job a lot easier, and we frankly have
03:04 12 no interest in reviewing, much less printing duplicative code.

03:04 13 But defendants have told us that the code is likely not
03:04 14 the same, that different products and different chip sets may
03:04 15 have different code. And that leads me to number two, Your
03:04 16 Honor, is defendants also told us that the code is going to be
03:04 17 the best source of proof in this case. In fact, Samsung's
03:04 18 counsel told us during the meet and confer process that there's
03:05 19 not a whole lot of technical documents that go into the details
03:05 20 of the functionality at issue and that they think that we're
03:05 21 going to have to get those details from the code.

03:05 22 So to limit us to 250 pages of code across so many
03:05 23 different products, so many different chip sets seems to us to
03:05 24 be an unreasonable limitation, and we prefer to remain with
03:05 25 what the Court has established as a -- rule.

03:05 1 Unless the Court has any questions, that's my -- I'm done
03:05 2 for now, Your Honor.

03:05 3 THE COURT: Okie-dokie.

03:05 4 MR. FRISCH: Your Honor, if I may, this is Jared Frisch
03:05 5 from Covington for defendant Samsung.

03:05 6 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

03:05 7 MR. FRISCH: Yes. So to just address a few of those
03:05 8 points, you know, we do think there is going to be, you know,
03:05 9 source code that needs to be produced, and we do think that
03:05 10 it's going to be relevant to the accusations that plaintiffs
03:06 11 have made.

03:06 12 The issues that we see, Your Honor, with the language that
03:06 13 Ancora is asking for is that in the present context, we think
03:06 14 of that kind of giving Ancora free reign and the real upper
03:06 15 limit on the amount of code that's going to be printed. And
03:06 16 what we would like in the present instance is just some sort of
03:06 17 clarity on the presumptive limit for the time being.

03:06 18 Now, as we have said to Ancora a few times in meet and
03:06 19 confers, we'd be happy, you know, after they've reviewed the
03:06 20 code to discuss any reasonable increases in the number of pages
03:06 21 that would be necessary. But we're not sure right now what's
03:06 22 really being staged as the number of accused architectures.

03:06 23 As Mr. Healy, I think, stated, there's hundreds of accused
03:06 24 products in these cases, the two cases. In the infringement
03:06 25 contentions we've only received charts -- you know, one set of

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