UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Date: January 18, 2012

Case Nos. SACV 11-1860 DOC (JPRx); SACV 11-1862 DOC (JPRx); SACV 11-10692 DOC (JPRx); SACV 11-10701 DOC (JPRx); SACV 11-10694 DOC (JPRx); SACV 11-1985 DOC (JPRx)

Title: PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGIES LLC -V- GOOGLE INC., ET AL.

PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGIES LLC -V- NETFLIX, INC., ET AL.

PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGIES LLC -V- DISH NETWORK CORPORATION

PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGIES LLC -V- FACEBOOK, INC.

PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGIES LLC -V- SONY CORPORATION OF AMERICA

PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGIES LLC -V- HULU LLC

PRESENT:

THE HONORABLE DAVID O. CARTER, JUDGE

<u>Julie Barrera</u>
Courtroom Clerk

Court Reporter

Not Present

ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR PLAINTIFFS: ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR DEFENDANTS:

NONE PRESENT

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PROCEEDING (IN CHAMBERS):

CONSOLIDATION ORDER

This Court recently accepted the transfer of the above-captioned cases because they are related to SACV 11-1860 DOC (JPRx). Plaintiff Preservation Technologies LLC alleges that the defendants in each of the above-captioned cases have infringed upon the same patents. Because there will be a significant amount of overlap between these cases, they are hereby ordered consolidated in the low case number, SACV 11-1860 DOC (JPRx). Plaintiff is hereby ORDERED to file a consolidated complaint by January 27, 2012. All future answers and motions shall be filed in the SACV 11-1860 DOC (JPRx) docket.

Pursuant to the America Invents Act, 35 U.S.C. § 299, "accused infringers may not be joined in one action as defendants or counterclaim defendants, or have their actions consolidated for trial, based solely on allegations that they each have infringed the patent or patents in suit." Thus, the cases will be consolidated for pretrial purposes only at this point in time. Unless defendants waive their rights under the America Invents Act, *see* 35 U.S.C. § 299(c), or it is determined that "questions of fact

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common to all defendants or counterclaim defendants will arise in the action," *see* 35 U.S.C. § 299(a)(2), each defendant will be afforded its right to a separate trial. But, to maximize judicial efficiency, these cases are now consolidated for the purposes of pretrial coordination.

The Clerk shall serve a copy of this minute order on counsel for all parties in this action

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