

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

THETA IP, LLC *
* March 26, 2024
VS. *
* CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:23-CV-314
APPLE INC. *

BEFORE THE HONORABLE ALAN D ALBRIGHT
MARKMAN HEARING (via Zoom)

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11:02 1 (Hearing begins.)

11:02 2 DEPUTY CLERK: A civil action in Case
11:02 3 6:23-CV-314, Theta IP LLC versus Apple Incorporated.
11:02 4 Case called for a Markman hearing.

11:02 5 THE COURT: Announcements from counsel
11:02 6 starting with plaintiff, please.

11:02 7 MR. JOHANNINGMEIER: Yes. This is Corey
11:02 8 Johanningmeier for Theta. And with me is Russ Horton
11:02 9 and my client representative, Demetris Paraskevopoulos.

11:02 10 THE COURT: Welcome all.

11:02 11 MR. HORTON: Morning, Your Honor.

11:02 12 MR. UNDERWOOD: Good morning, Your Honor.
11:02 13 Travis Underwood for Apple. With me is Eamonn Gardner,
11:03 14 Patrick Lauppe, and Priya Viswanath. We also have I
11:03 15 believe three client reps on the line: Chris Han,
11:03 16 Aaron Huang, and Stepan Starchenko. And we're ready to
11:03 17 proceed.

11:03 18 THE COURT: There's no rest for the
11:03 19 weary. I had Ms. Amstutz in a hearing two minutes ago
11:03 20 and then I have you. You guys ought to get a week off
11:03 21 after being in trial.

11:03 22 MR. UNDERWOOD: We don't, Your Honor. I
11:03 23 imagine you're probably tiring of us at this point.

11:03 24 THE COURT: No, no, no. Couldn't be
11:03 25 happier.

11:03 1 So let me pull up the claim terms.

11:03 2 Oh, also, we are going to -- this is
11:03 3 probably for Apple's benefit as well. We -- I'm orally
11:03 4 denying the motion to transfer, and we will get an
11:03 5 order out in the very near future. So...

11:04 6 MR. GARDNER: Your Honor, this is Eamonn
11:04 7 Gardner on behalf of Apple.

8 THE COURT: Yes.

11:04 9 MR. GARDNER: And we understand and thank
11:04 10 you for providing some guidance on when we'll receive a
11:04 11 written order. And we understand that the Court's
11:04 12 going to deny that motion.

11:04 13 For purposes of the Markman hearing
11:04 14 today, you know, we obviously respect that there's a
11:04 15 number of people that are already on the line, and
11:04 16 given the limited number of issues that we think need
11:04 17 to be addressed during today's Markman, Apple's willing
11:04 18 to proceed forward.

11:04 19 We would just like to note for the record
11:04 20 that we believe a written order on the transfer issues
11:04 21 is proper prior to proceeding forward with the Markman.
11:04 22 And we just want to be clear that our sort of
11:04 23 willingness to proceed forward today with it is without
11:04 24 prejudice to positions for other cases.

11:04 25 THE COURT: Why don't we just -- I'll

11:04 1 tell you what. We're just going to go ahead and break
11:04 2 the hearing and we will get you a written order.

11:05 3 You guys have a good day. Take care.

11:05 4 (Hearing adjourned.)

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