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18 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
19 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
20 **SAN JOSE DIVISION**

21 MAXIMILIAN KLEIN, et al.,

22 Plaintiffs,

23 vs.

24 FACEBOOK, INC.,

25 Defendant.

26 This Document Relates To: All Actions

Consolidated Case No. 5:20-cv-08570-LHK

**SECOND JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT
STATEMENT**

The Hon. Lucy H. Koh

Hearing Date: July 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

1 the limitations period), and seeks different remedies (*e.g.*, damages, which are not subject to laches)
2 for different harms (*e.g.*, consumers not receiving adequate compensation for their data).

3 **Advertiser Complaint.** The Advertiser Complaint, Dkt. 86, alleges anticompetitive
4 conduct in an entirely separate market—the Social Advertising Market—not analyzed in Judge
5 Boasberg’s opinions. As to anticompetitive conduct, Judge Boasberg’s opinions do not address, for
6 example, Advertiser Plaintiffs’ allegations that Facebook used its Platform to bootstrap through
7 large advertising purchases Facebook’s fledgling NEKO mobile advertising product, that Facebook
8 forced deals with targeted app developers on its Platform to feedback their own users’ data to
9 Facebook, or that Facebook and Google entered into a market allocation agreement to stay out of
10 each other’s respective advertising territories. The Advertiser Complaint alleges additional acts
11 during different time periods (*e.g.*, as recently as 2020, well within the limitations period), and seeks
12 different remedies (*e.g.*, damages, which are not subject to laches) for different harms (*e.g.*,
13 supracompetitive prices for Facebook’s advertising services).

14 Because Facebook has made clear that it will attempt to rely on Judge Boasberg’s recent
15 decisions in its reply brief, Plaintiffs respectfully request an opportunity to address those decisions—
16 which were issued after Plaintiffs submitted their opposition to Facebook’s motion to dismiss—
17 through supplemental briefing. Plaintiffs propose filing a supplemental brief, not to exceed ten (10)
18 pages, no later than July 8, 2021.

19 **Facebook’s Position:**

20 Facebook respectfully suggests that a continuance of the Case Management Conference for
21 approximately 4 weeks would be most efficient for the Court and the parties. Facebook’s motion
22 to dismiss will be fully briefed tomorrow, July 1, with a motion hearing set for July 15, 2021. Two
23 days ago, on June 28, 2021, the District Court for the District of Columbia granted Facebook’s
24 motion to dismiss the two substantially-related government antitrust actions against Facebook, in
25 *FTC v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 1:20-cv-3590-JEB (hereinafter “FTC Case”), Dkt. No. 73, and—in a
26 ruling that closely tracks Judge Freeman’s recent dismissal of parallel claims in *Reveal Chat*, *see*
27 *Reveal Chat Holdco LLC v. Facebook, Inc.*, 2021 WL 1615349 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 26, 2021)—in *New*
28 *York v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 1:20-cv-03589-JEB (hereinafter “State AG Case”), Dkt. No. 137. The

1 court granted only the FTC leave to amend to attempt to remedy deficiencies identified by Judge
2 Boasberg by July 29, 2021. *See id.* Dkt. No. 72. Continuing the Case Management Conference
3 until a time convenient to the Court in August 2021 would provide time for the scope of this case
4 surviving the motion to dismiss, if any, and the related government case to become clearer, making
5 the Court’s and parties’ time and discussions of case management issues, including a schedule for
6 further discovery, more efficient and effective. As Judge Boasberg put it when denying the FTC’s
7 motion to compel a Rule 26(f) conference during the pendency of Facebook’s motion to dismiss,
8 “Given that Facebook’s Motion to Dismiss raises a number of serious challenges to the Complaint,
9 it would be premature for the parties to discuss discovery until the contours of what, if anything,
10 remains are known,” and with a decision “expect[ed] to issue ... next month ..., there is little
11 possibility of delay adversely affecting Plaintiff.” FTC Case, Minute Order (May 11, 2021).
12 Plaintiffs’ protestations of delay (and suggestion that continuing the CMC for 4 weeks amounts to
13 a “stay”) are not credible. They have waited until this statement to request a 26(f) conference and
14 make no arguments rooted in efficiency about why a conference makes more sense now as opposed
15 to a month from now, after which Facebook proposes that the 26(f) schedule proceed on the timeline
16 Plaintiffs have proposed.

17 If the Court would prefer to move forward with the Case Management Conference as
18 scheduled, Facebook is of course prepared to appear and participate. Facebook respectfully suggests
19 that the agenda for the conference might include (1) discussion of Facebook’s pending motion to
20 disqualify Keller Lenkner LLC, for which it has requested expedited treatment; and (2) the need for
21 the parties to negotiate a formal coordination order with the related government case, depending
22 how that case proceeds further, if at all.

23 As to the import of Judge Boasberg’s rulings on the pending motion to dismiss, Facebook
24 does not agree to Plaintiffs’ proposal that Plaintiffs be permitted a supplemental brief on the
25 decisions in the government cases one week before the motion hearing. Facebook expects that the
26 Court will review for itself those decisions and their relationship to the issues in this case, as already
27 briefed by the parties. Of course, should the Court feel that supplemental briefing would be helpful
28 to the Court in evaluating the issues, Facebook would have no objection to such a process as long

1 as it is not one-sided (as Plaintiffs appear to propose) and would welcome the opportunity to provide
2 the Court with whatever additional briefing the Court would find helpful.

3 **2. Jurisdiction and Service**

4 **Plaintiffs' Position:**

5 The Court has (and Facebook has not disputed) subject matter jurisdiction over these
6 consolidated actions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, 1337(a), 1367, and 15 U.S.C. §§ 15, 26.

7 **Facebook's Position:**

8 The March 31, 2021 Joint Case Management Statement ("March 31 JCMS") noted that
9 certain Plaintiffs had raised the issue of arbitrability of Plaintiffs' claims and that Facebook expected
10 to assess that issue, and raise it with the Court as appropriate, once the CACs were filed and the
11 scope of the cases became clearer. *See* Dkt. No. 78 at 1. With the CACs filed, Facebook reserves
12 all rights and defenses with respect to unnamed members of the putative classes alleged in the CACs,
13 including but not limited to its right to move to compel arbitration of any unnamed putative class
14 members' claims subject to an arbitration provision at the appropriate time. *See, e.g., Gutierrez v.*
15 *Wells Fargo Bank, NA*, 889 F.3d 1230 (11th Cir. 2018); *Rushing v. Williams-Sonoma, Inc.*, 2020
16 WL 6787135 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 8, 2020); *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litig.*, 2011 WL
17 1753784 (N.D. Cal. May 9, 2011).

18 **3. Facts**

19 **Consumer Plaintiffs' Position:**

20 As described in the Consumer Complaint and in Plaintiffs' opposition to Facebook's motion
21 to dismiss, Facebook has engaged in a multi-part anticompetitive scheme to destroy competition by
22 deceiving consumers (and the market) about the data privacy protections it provides, and by
23 surveilling consumers to identify competitors (and then acquiring or destroying them). Dkts. 87,
24 109. Consumer Plaintiffs' claims are timely, since Consumer Plaintiffs allege actionable conduct
25 inside the four-year limitations period and also allege facts that establish tolling past that period.
26 Dkt. 109 at 8–9, 11–13. As explained in Plaintiffs' opposition brief, Facebook's reliance on Judge
27 Freeman's decisions in *Reveal Chat I* and *Reveal Chat II* is misplaced. Dkt. 109. As one example,
28 both in this filing, *see infra*, Section 8, and in others, Facebook has conceded that Consumer

1 Plaintiffs' deception theory is "absent" from *Reveal Chat*. Dkt. 17-1 at 5. And, despite Facebook's
2 attempt to inject them here, Judge Boasberg's recent orders in the government cases do not resolve
3 the distinct claims at issue in these cases and should be addressed in supplemental briefing, not in a
4 case management statement.

5 **Advertiser Plaintiffs' Position:**

6 As explained in the Advertiser Complaint and in Plaintiffs' opposition to Facebook's motion
7 to dismiss, Facebook engaged in a multi-part scheme with the specific intent to harm competition
8 that included: a bait-and-switch plan in which Facebook deceptively attracted third-party developers
9 to build apps for Facebook's open Platform, then secretly manipulated Platform access (using
10 granular information gathered by deceptive Onavo sypware) to pick winners, blacklist direct
11 competitors, and extort app developers for large advertising purchases and/or their data; a market-
12 division agreement with Google; and a serial acquisition scheme that, together with other non-
13 acquisition conduct, had the purpose and effect of eliminating competition in the Social Advertising
14 Market. Dkt. 109 at 2. As explained in Plaintiffs' opposition brief, Advertiser Plaintiffs also
15 pleaded a straightforward market allocation agreement that is a classic *per se* violation of Section 1.
16 Contrary to Facebook's argument below, Advertiser Plaintiffs' Section 1 claim alleges that the
17 agreement affected both Facebook's Social Advertising Market and Google's exchange-based
18 market because Facebook and Google agreed not to compete in each other's markets. *Id.* at 33–34.

19 **Facebook's Position:**

20 Even after consolidation and amendment, both the Users' and the Advertisers' CACs are
21 still untimely and still premised on theories well beyond the outer boundaries of the antitrust laws,
22 for all the reasons Facebook explained in the March 31 JCMS, *see* Dkt. No. 78 at 5-9, and has
23 explained in its motion to dismiss, *see* Dkt. No. 97, and as both Judge Freeman and now Judge
24 Boasberg have held, twice apiece. *See* FTC Case, No. 1:20-cv-3590-JEB, Dkt. No. 73; State AG
25 Case, No. 1:20-cv-03589-JEB, Dkt. No. 137; *Reveal Chat Holdco LLC*, 2021 WL 1615349 (N.D.
26 Cal. Apr. 26, 2021); *Reveal Chat Holdco, LLC*, 471 F. Supp. 3d 981 (N.D. Cal. 2020).

27 The only new claim in the CACs is the Advertisers' allegations involving an alleged
28 agreement between Facebook and Google over advertising that takes place off Facebook on third-

1 party mobile applications. This “agreement” allegedly restrained competition only in the purported
2 exchange-based ad market—which according to Plaintiffs is a separate market from the alleged
3 “social advertising market” where the Advertisers claim they were injured. The Advertisers thus
4 allege harm in one alleged market (social advertising) by virtue of an agreement that they say
5 restrained competition in a separate alleged market (exchange-based advertising). As a result,
6 Advertisers lack antitrust standing. Moreover, the Advertisers allege the agreement was executed
7 in September 2018, but five of the named Plaintiffs cannot claim causal antitrust injury because they
8 did not purchase advertising after this date.

9 **4. Legal Issues**

10 Consumer Plaintiffs identified the legal issues their claims presented in the March 31, 2021
11 case management statement. Dkt. 78 at 9. Consumer Plaintiffs have no further disputed legal issues
12 to raise at this time.

13 In addition to the legal issues identified in the March 31 JCMS, *see* Dkt. No. 78 at 9-11,
14 Facebook and Advertiser Plaintiffs identify the following additional legal issues arising from the
15 Advertiser Complaint:

16 Whether the Google Network Bidding Agreement unreasonably restrained trade in violation
17 of Section 1 of the Sherman Act.

18 Whether Advertisers have antitrust standing for their claim under Section 1 of the Sherman
19 Act.

20 **5. Motions**

21 **a. Pending Motions**

22 *Motion to Disqualify Counsel:* On May 7, 2021, Facebook filed a motion to disqualify Keller
23 Lenkner LLC. *See* Dkt. No. 93. The motion has been fully briefed. *See* Dkt. No. 98 (Keller
24 Lenkner’s opposition); Dkt. No. 103 (Facebook’s reply). A motion hearing is scheduled for
25 September 30, 2021. *See* Dkt. No. 93. Facebook has requested expedited treatment of this motion.

26 *Motion to Dismiss:* On May 20, 2021, Facebook filed a motion to dismiss the CACs.
27 *See* Dkt. No. 97. On June 17, 2021, Plaintiffs filed an opposition to Facebook’s motion to dismiss.

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1 See Dkt. No. 109. Facebook will file its reply by July 1, 2021. A motion hearing is scheduled for
2 July 15, 2021.

3 *Motion to Remand:* In *Rosenman v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 21-CV-02108-LB, removed to N.D.
4 Cal. on Mar. 25, 2021, and ordered related to this case on April 9, 2021, *see* Dkt. No. 85, Plaintiff
5 Shari Rosenman filed a motion to remand on April 26, 2021, No. 21-CV-02108-LB, Dkt. No. 17;
6 Facebook filed an opposition to the motion to remand on May 26, 2021, *see id.* Dkt. No. 20; and
7 Rosenman filed her reply on June 25, 2021, *see id.* Dkt. No. 19 (ordering briefing schedule). A
8 motion hearing is scheduled for August 12, 2021.

9 **b. Anticipated Motions**

10 In addition to the specific motions below, the parties also anticipate that there will be further
11 motions, including motions to exclude expert testimony and motions in limine.

12 **Plaintiffs' Anticipated Motions:**

13 *Motion for Class Certification:* Consistent with the Court's case management order, Dkt.
14 82 at 2, Plaintiffs intend to move for class certification by March 15, 2022.

15 *Responses to Motions filed by Facebook:* Plaintiffs reserve all rights and arguments to
16 respond to, or oppose, any future motions filed by Facebook. To the extent Facebook anticipates
17 filing a motion to relate additional individual actions to these consolidated actions, Plaintiffs will,
18 at that time, evaluate such a motion and file any such response in accordance with N.D. Cal. Civil
19 L.R. 3-12(e). Should Facebook file any motion to compel arbitration or motion for judgment on the
20 pleadings, Plaintiffs reserve all rights to oppose those motions. Consistent with the Court's case
21 management order, Dkt. 82 at 2, Plaintiffs will, by December 9, 2022, oppose any motion for
22 summary judgment filed by Facebook.

23 **Facebook's Anticipated Motions:**

24 *Motion to Relate:* The antitrust claims from the complaint in *Loveland v. Facebook, Inc.*,
25 No. 21-CV-03300-CRB (transferred to N.D. Cal on May 4, 2021), have been severed, and Facebook
26 anticipates moving to relate the severed antitrust claims to this case once refiled, which appear to be
27 largely copied from those advanced in the *Klein* complaint.

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1 *Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings:* In the event that this case survives Facebook’s
2 motion to dismiss, Facebook is evaluating the preclusive effect, if any, of the judgment in the State
3 AG Case and may seek judgment on the pleadings on that basis.

4 *Motion to Compel Arbitration:* Facebook reserves all rights and defenses with respect to
5 unnamed members of the putative classes alleged in the CACs, including but not limited to its right
6 to move to compel arbitration of any unnamed putative class members’ claims subject to an
7 arbitration provision at the appropriate time. *See, e.g., Gutierrez*, 889 F.3d 1230; *Rushing*, 2020
8 WL 6787135; *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litig.*, 2011 WL 1753784.

9 *Motion for Summary Judgment:* In the event that this case survives the motion to dismiss,
10 Facebook anticipates moving for summary judgment pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 56.

11 **6. Amendment of Pleadings**

12 Pursuant to the Court’s scheduling order, Dkt. 82, the Consumer Plaintiffs and the Advertiser
13 Plaintiffs filed their respective consolidated class action complaints on April 22, 2021, Dkts. 86, 87.

14 Pursuant to the Court’s April 2, 2021 Case Management Order (Dkt. No. 82), the last day to
15 further amend pleadings or add parties is August 27, 2021.

16 **7. Updates Regarding Discovery**

17 **a. Facebook’s Production of Documents Produced to Public Regulators**

18 The Court’s April 2, 2021 Case Management Order required Facebook to produce to
19 Plaintiffs, within 30 days of that order, “the documents Facebook produced to the Federal Trade
20 Commission and the United States House of Representatives” in connection with those entities’
21 parallel antitrust investigations into Facebook. Dkt. 82 at 1. On May 3, 2021, Facebook made a
22 document production to Plaintiffs, and Plaintiffs’ review of that production is currently ongoing.

23 **b. Stipulated Protective and Clawback Orders**

24 To facilitate Facebook’s Court-ordered production on May 3, 2021, the parties agreed to an
25 interim protective order, Dkt. 89, as well as an interim clawback order pursuant to Federal Rules of
26 Evidence 502(d), Dkt. 90. Judge DeMarchi entered modified versions of the parties’ stipulated,
27 interim protective and clawback orders on May 3, 2021. Dkts. 91, 92.

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1 After Facebook’s May 3, 2021 document production, the parties continued to negotiate the
 2 terms of final protective and clawback orders that would govern discovery moving forward. As to
 3 those terms of the protective and clawback orders upon which the parties could not agree, the parties
 4 submitted their disputes to Judge DeMarchi on May 14, 2021, via joint letter briefs. Dkts. 94, 95.
 5 Judge DeMarchi held a hearing on the parties’ disputes on May 25, 2021, Dkt. 99, issuing orders as
 6 to the clawback order on June 3, 2021, Dkt. 105, and as to the protective order on June 14, 2021,
 7 Dkt. 108. In accordance with Judge DeMarchi’s orders, the parties submitted revised, stipulated
 8 protective and clawback orders, which Judge DeMarchi has since entered. Dkts. 106, 107, 110, 111.

9 **c. Further Updates Regarding Discovery**

10 The Court’s April 2, 2021 Case Management Order set September 2, 2022, as the fact
 11 discovery cut-off, and November 4, 2022, as the expert discovery cut-off. Dkt. 82 at 2.

12 **Plaintiffs’ Position:**

13 Plaintiffs are currently reviewing Facebook’s May 3, 2021 document production. Based
 14 upon that review, Plaintiffs anticipate determining what additional discovery is needed. Plaintiffs
 15 oppose Facebook’s further attempts to delay these consolidated actions, including Facebook’s desire
 16 to slow the progression of discovery. After Facebook last attempted to delay the start of discovery
 17 pending the outcome of the government cases, *see* Dkt. 78 at 22–28, the Court denied “Facebook’s
 18 request to stay discovery[.]” Dkt. 82 at 1. Facebook has not filed any motion for a stay, nor should
 19 the Court grant one. As such, and to meet the deadlines set in the Court’s prior case management
 20 order, Dkt. 82, Plaintiffs believe that discovery should continue and propose the following schedule.

Event	Date
Rule 26(f) Conference Deadline	July 30, 2021
Rule 26(f) Report Deadline	August 13, 2021
Deadline for Exchange of Initial Disclosures	August 13, 2021

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 26 **Defendant’s Position:**

27 Facebook respectfully suggests that the proper time to discuss additional discovery is at a
 28 Case Management Conference continued to a time convenient for the Court in August 2021, when

1 the scope of this case as well as the status of the related government case will be clearer. Facebook’s
 2 motion to dismiss will be fully briefed tomorrow and heard by the Court in a little over two weeks,
 3 whereas the State AG Case and the FTC Case have now been dismissed, with only the FTC granted
 4 leave to amend to attempt to remedy the deficiencies identified by Judge Boasberg, by July 29, 2021.
 5 Facebook has also produced over 12 million pages of documents to Plaintiffs, which Plaintiffs
 6 confirm they are still reviewing. A Case Management Conference and discussion about the schedule
 7 for a 26(f) conference and report are therefore likely to be far more productive and efficient if held
 8 in early August rather than early July. Facebook proposes that the parties proceed with a 26(f)
 9 conference and 26(f) report and exchange of initial disclosures promptly after an August 2021 Case
 10 Management Conference, including on a schedule paralleling the Plaintiffs’ current proposal (*i.e.*, a
 11 26(f) conference within three weeks of that Case Management Conference and the filing of a 26(f)
 12 report and exchange of initial disclosures within two weeks of the 26(f) conference), at which time
 13 the parties can negotiate a discovery schedule that accounts for the guidance from this Court’s
 14 motion to dismiss decision as well as the need to negotiate a formal coordination order with the
 15 government case, to the extent it proceeds. In the interim, Plaintiffs have over 12 million pages of
 16 documents produced to the FTC and House Judiciary Committee that they can continue to review
 17 to help focus and tailor the parties’ 26(f) discussions and further discovery.

18 **8. Related Cases**

19 **Plaintiffs’ Position:**

20 Plaintiffs do not have any related cases to bring to the Court’s attention.¹ *See* Standing Order
 21 for All Judges of the Northern District of California, cl. 10 ([https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/wp-](https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/judges/Standing_Order_All_Judges_11.1.2018.pdf)
 22 [content/uploads/judges/Standing_Order_All_Judges_11.1.2018.pdf](https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/judges/Standing_Order_All_Judges_11.1.2018.pdf)). If and when Facebook files a
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24 ¹ Judge Freeman rejected Facebook’s arguments that these cases are “related” to *Reveal Chat*. *See*
 25 *Reveal Chat Holdco LLC et al v. Facebook, Inc.*, Case No. 5:20-cv-00363-BLF (N.D. Cal. Jan. 21,
 26 2021), Dkt. 110. And as to the government cases, Facebook attempts to establish factual and legal
 27 connections between those cases and these private actions based on the filing of certain “related
 28 case notices.” But as the government entities have explained, these same “related case notices” are
 “pro forma related case filings” that “are required under” D.D.C. Local Rules, and they “do[] not
 involve any analysis or contemplation” of more than superficial relationships among these cases.
State of New York et al v. Facebook, Inc., Case No. 1:20-cv-03589-JEB (D.D.C. Jan. 11, 2021), Dkt.
 96 at 6.

1 motion to relate *Loveland* or any other actions to these consolidated actions, Plaintiffs will, at that
2 time, evaluate such a motion and file any such response in accordance with N.D. Cal. Civil L.R. 3-
3 12(e).

4 **Defendant’s Position:**

5 Since the Court’s April 2, 2021 Case Management Order (Dkt. No. 82), the Court granted
6 motions to relate the following two cases to this action (Dkt. No. 85)—

- 7 • *Ryan v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 21-CV-02017-SVK (N.D. Cal. filed Mar. 23, 2021)
- 8 • *Rosenman v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 21-CV-02108-LB (removed to N.D. Cal. on Mar. 25,
9 2021)

10 Facebook anticipates moving to relate the severed antitrust claims in *Loveland v. Facebook,*
11 *Inc.*, No. 21-CV-03300-CRB (transferred to N.D. Cal on May 4, 2021), to this case, once refiled.

12 As noted, the District Court for the District of Columbia recently dismissed the related
13 lawsuits filed by the FTC and State Attorneys General, granting only the FTC leave to amend to
14 attempt to remedy the deficiencies identified by Judge Boasberg, in rulings that track Judge
15 Freeman’s decisions in *Reveal Chat*. See FTC Case, No. 1:20-cv-3590-JEB, Dkt. No. 73; State AG
16 Case, No. 1:20-cv-03589-JEB, Dkt. No. 137; *Reveal Chat Holdco LLC*, 2021 WL 1615349 (N.D.
17 Cal. Apr. 26, 2021); *Reveal Chat Holdco, LLC*, 471 F. Supp. 3d 981 (N.D. Cal. 2020).

18 In *Reveal Chat Holdco LLC v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 5:20-cv-00363-BLF, which raises
19 materially identical Section 2 claims (with the exception of Users’ “deceptive promotion” theory)
20 challenging the same conduct at issue here, Judge Freeman recently dismissed the entire case on
21 statute of limitations and laches grounds, following her previous dismissal with partial leave to
22 amend. See *Reveal Chat Holdco LLC*, 2021 WL 1615349 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 26, 2021); *Reveal Chat*
23 *Holdco, LLC*, 471 F. Supp. 3d 981 (N.D. Cal. 2020). Plaintiffs have filed a notice of appeal.

24 Finally, over twenty lawsuits have been filed against Google and Facebook (or Google
25 alone) in recent months alleging that one or both companies monopolized or suppressed competition
26 in advertising-technology related markets, including by entering into an agreement in September
27 2018 known as the Google Network Bidding Agreement (GNBA). The GNBA forms the basis of
28 the Advertiser Plaintiffs’ newly added claim under Section 1 of the Sherman Act. On April 30,

1 2021, Google filed a petition with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (JPML) to centralize
2 those lawsuits against Google and Facebook or just Google. *See In re Digital Advertising Antitrust*
3 *Litigation*, MDL No. 3010, Dkt. No. 1. On May 26, 2021, Facebook filed a response in support of
4 the petition. *See id.* Dkt. No. 75. The JPML will hold a hearing on the petition on July 29, 2021.
5 *See id.* Dkt. No. 91.

6 **9. Updates Regarding ADR**

7 The parties agreed, at the time they filed the March 31, 2021 Case Management Statement,
8 that ADR would not be constructive at that time. The parties continue to believe that ADR would
9 not be productive but may be willing to engage in ADR with a private mediator as these actions
10 progress.

11 **10. Professional Conduct**

12 All attorneys of record for the parties have reviewed the Guidelines for Professional Conduct
13 for the Northern District of California.

14 **Plaintiffs' Position:**

15 Plaintiffs' counsel have all complied with their "Professional Conduct" obligations pursuant
16 to cl. 20 of the Standing Order for All Judges of the Northern District of California. Facebook has
17 insisted on including in this section substantive argument in support of its motion to disqualify
18 Keller Lenkner LLC. Keller Lenkner of course disputes Facebook's arguments. However, because
19 the motion is fully briefed and submitted, Plaintiffs will not engage with Facebook's improper
20 attempt to litigate a pending motion in a case management statement.

21 **Facebook's Response:**

22 On May 7, 2021, Facebook filed a motion to disqualify Keller Lenkner LLC, *see* Dkt. No.
23 93, for which it has requested expedited treatment. Keller Lenkner hired and failed for months to
24 screen a lawyer who had—until just days before joining Keller Lenkner—represented Facebook in
25 substantially related government antitrust matters, billing over 800 hours, in a six-month period.
26 The lawyer was heavily involved in key aspects of the matters, including expert preparation. As
27 further explained in Facebook's motion, Keller Lenkner's actions violated the California Rules of
28 Professional Conduct and, especially when coupled with its misstatements to the court about the

1 topic, warrants disqualifying Keller Lenkner from continuing its representation of the named User
2 Plaintiffs and putative class.

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