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## 1 San Diego, California, Friday, August 26, 2016 2 AM Session 3 ---0000---THE COURT: Number 39 on the Court's calendar, 4 5 Storix v Johnson, Number 39. 6 We have a court reporter on this matter, 7 Your Honor. 8 MR. GAFFNEY: Good morning, Your Honor. 9 Sean Gaffney from Procopio, Cory for the plaintiff and 10 cross-defendant Storix, Incorporated. 11 MR. JOHNSON: Good afternoon, Your Honor. 12 Anthony Johnson, pro se defendant. 13 THE COURT: Thank you. 14 This is a demurrer to the plaintiff's First 15 Amended Complaint and motion to strike portions of the 16 First Amended Complaint. 17 The Court's tentative is to overrule the 18 demurrer and to grant in part/deny in part the motion to 19 strike portions of the Complaint. 20 The plaintiff asked for time. 21 MR. GAFFNEY: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you. 22 First, I would like to note that Mr. Tyrell

couldn't be here because he's at a mandatory settlement

conference in Orange County. No disrespect is intended

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by his absence.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. GAFFNEY: I just wanted to briefly focus on that portion of the tentative ruling with respect to the motion to strike; specifically, the Court granted the motion with respect to the request for punitive damages and injunctive relief without leave to amend.

If I could draw the Court's attention to the allegations in the First Amended Complaint that pertain to the request for injunctive relief, I think that the existing allegations are sufficient to support the request. Specifically, we look at Paragraph 13 which establishes that Mr. Johnson is a member of the board of directors and owes fiduciary obligations of loyalty.

At Paragraphs 14 and 15, we discuss his efforts to seek to form a company to compete with Storix.

At Paragraph 16 we detail how there's been evidence of Mr. Johnson openly acknowledging that his intent in competing with Storix is to ruin the livelihoods of his former colleagues.

And at Paragraphs 17 and 18 -- excuse me.

16 has more to do with the formation of Janstor. 17 and
18 pertain to Mr. Johnson's campaign of harassment and
intimidation with emails to customers and employees.

So based on those factual allegations, you

look at Paragraph 24 in the first cause of action for breach of fiduciary duty it says unless enjoined, such misconduct and unlawful competition will cause my client irreparable injury which lacks an adequate remedy at law.

And I think the case is law pretty that loss of goodwill and this type competition that can drive a company out of business is sufficient for injunctive relief both because it's hard to measure the damages and also the company might not even be around at the end of the day and be left with a hollow judgment.

There is a third factor that's not in the pleading that I think could be added if the Court is inclined to grant leave to amend and that is the defendant's likely insolvency as this drags on.

ruling that addresses the request for punitive damages, it's kind of similar logic. I think if you look at Paragraph 25, that's the recitation of the elements of Civil Code Section 3294, malice, fraud, and oppression, what we have here is intentional conduct, that there's been open admissions that it's malicious intent, that this is a disloyal director who is trying to take down the company through improper means, including unfair competition, in breach of his fiduciary obligations.

And so while I would respectfully submit that the existing allegations are sufficient, just turning to the last aspect of the tentative that I want to discuss, I think that we should be allowed an opportunity to amend, if the Court desires additional information.

There's certainly a reasonable probability that we can identify additional details, if the Court desires. And that is my understanding of the standard that governs requests for leave to amend, particularly with respect to this being the first round of the Court actually ruling on the matter. Thank you.

THE COURT: Okay.

Mr. Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

I would accept the tentative ruling as to striking the allegations regarding punitive damages and injunctive relief, but I can address some of these issues that have just been brought up.

However, I would like also to address the issue of general allegations and jurisdiction. To do so, I would like to first request judicial notice of the original Complaint, which is ROA Number 1 in this case, not to establish the truth of any allegations, but the date of filing and the allegations that were stated in that Complaint.

Secondly, the proof of service of that original Complaint, which is ROA Number 9.

And lastly, although I don't think our judicial notice is required, I would want to refer also to the plaintiff's opposition to the motion to strike, which is ROA Number 92.

Those -- having taken judicial notice of those which may be used as evidence at hearings, I believe that it undisputably establishes that I was not a resident of California at the time that the original Complaint was filed and certainly not when this Amended Complaint was filed. The original Complaint was filed on August 20th, 2015. And according to the proof of service of the original Complaint, it was served to me at my Florida address. The proof of service of the opposition, which was filed this month, was also served to my Florida address which establishes a continuous residence in Florida.

I would like also to -- and that, of course, was regarding the jurisdictional issues. Obviously, filing the Complaint itself was done after I moved to Florida. However, the events that have not already been stricken from the Complaint are only Paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Complaint, and both of those events clearly occurred after I moved to Florida. The first of which

they specified a date of September or October of 2015, the second of which they specified no dates at all.

But clearly because that allegation did not appear on the original Complaint and was added as a new allegation in the Amended Complaint of March of this year, it is reasonable to believe that that event could not have occurred while I was living in California.

Those being the only two remaining allegations of the Complaint, I would request on that basis that the Complaint be stricken or demurred as they state no further cause of action.

THE COURT: Counsel.

MR. GAFFNEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

I don't see the jurisdictional issues being raised in the motions that we're here to talk about today, but I would note that --

THE COURT: I don't either.

MR. GAFFNEY: -- notwithstanding that, an out-of-state defendant can direct conduct towards

California, which is what happened here. I don't think the location of Mr. Johnson's residence is dispositive of any issue.

MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, the issue of my living in Florida at the time this Complaint was raised in a demurrer.

THE COURT: Well, I don't see it.

It was raised outside of the pleadings, and on

a demurrer the Court is restricted to the pleadings.

MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, I --

THE COURT: Hold on. The argument is over.

I'm going to confirm the tentative. The Court is confirming the tentative as the order of the Court. However, leave to amend is granted as to the punitive damages.

MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, I didn't get a chance to address the issues that were just raised at this hearing and the determination to amend this Complaint again.

I'm sorry. I need to -- well, first of all, he said that the issues of injunctive relief were raised in Item Numbers 13 through 16. These items have to do with the fact that I ordered a domain name and I formed a company and registered ports, which I doubt if anyone knows what that is. But they have drawn no nexus whatsoever between those acts requiring injunctive relief and any cause of action of harm to the company or even a potential cause of harm. Without that nexus, they can't establish that there was a breach of fiduciary duty.

In fact, I would raise the issue also of the

fact that in order to have an issue of -- I'm sorry -to raise a cause of action for breach of fiduciary duty
in the remaining allegations, which were Paragraphs 17
and 18, they would have to establish that I in fact owed
the company a fiduciary duty at the time that those
events occurred, and they have not established that
either. Because in Paragraph 18 -- at Paragraph 18 they
established no date on which the event occurred
whatsoever. So how would the Court know that I even
owed a fiduciary duty to the company.

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They did establish that I am a current director of the corporation, but this lawsuit has been going on for a year now. And although he says he has reason to believe that they have evidence of leave to amend, they have performed no discovery in an entire year, zero. They have made no attempt whatsoever to find anything.

They amended a Complaint with two things that happened after the Complaint was filed, and there are simply two emails. They didn't provide those emails. I attempted to provide those emails to show the contradiction, but they cannot be submitted as evidence in the reply.

Giving leave to amend this Complaint which has dragged out endlessly is just insane because there's

simply no allegations of misconduct here that have any merit whatsoever. And they can't establish that I lived in California at the time any of this occurred or that I even owed a fiduciary duty during the time all of these events occurred or allegedly occurred.

Most importantly, there's just no nexus between the breach of fiduciary duty of the allegations and any actual harm that may have occurred or might incur in the future.

And, again, a year of this and there has been no actual statement of any harm whatsoever. And so I would beg the Court to consider striking the additional allegations, which the Court does have jurisdiction to do; I realize they should have, or the discretion to do so, although I understand they might have been raised earlier. But I, more importantly, would ask that the Court please not grant them leave to amend the Complaint because they have already done so. They did so one day before a hearing to relieve my former counsel. Thirdly, putting me in a very difficult position and automatically extending this another five months.

Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Well, there was nothing nefarious about that. It's actually encouraged that if

the plaintiffs agree that the pleadings are defective or could be better pled, then they of course do that rather than do it at a hearing. That's why they're allowed to do it up until the time of the hearing.

MR. JOHNSON: Certainly, Your Honor. But they didn't amend the Complaint with any new allegations that occurred before I moved out of state. They didn't -- there simply aren't any new allegations.

THE COURT: Do you have anything to add?

MR. GAFFNEY: Just very briefly.

I think that Mr. Johnson's comment regarding the lack of a date reference in Paragraph 19, I'd be happy to supply that in the context of a new amended complaint, if that's important to the Court.

I think we have adequately alleged a chain of events resulting in proximate causation and as a result damages resulting from breach of fiduciary duty.

reconsider giving me leave to amend to try to clarify and strengthen the request for injunctive relief. That might be our best and most appropriate remedy if, at the end of the day, we're left with the situation with no resources and a hollow judgment plus the difficulty in trying to calculate the damage.

As far as the comments regarding a lack of

discovery, there's an anti-SLAPP motion pending in this case that has stayed discovery.

Back when this was initially filed the focus of the parties was on the infringement action pending in Federal Court, and we're trying to be diligent in prosecuting the separate, but related matters. So that's why -- that's the explanation for the status of discovery in this case. But given the opportunity, Storix would appreciate the chance to provide the additional detail showing why injunctive relief is a vital remedy in this particular case.

MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, the anti-SLAPP

motion was filed just two months ago, already ten months

into this. And it was filed by the cross-defendants'

counsel against the cross-complaint, not against

the plaintiff's complaint against me. Nevertheless, it

would cause a delay or a stay in discovery in the

cross-complaint, but not necessarily this one.

Nevertheless, they had ten months to do discovery and

they didn't. So, again, there is simply no cause for

this.

This is not a small matter. This is a seven-person company that has now cost me and my company, my former company, \$3 million. And they want to keep -- they want to keep dragging it out.

As they said, they worry about my becoming 1 insolvent. The company is already insolvent. They have 3 been for some time. And they have been funded by their attorneys to keep this up. There's just no point in 4 5 this. It's not helping anyone. Thank you. THE COURT: I understand your concerns, but 6 7 they do have a right to prosecute this lawsuit. 8 I'm going to confirm my tentative. And I'm changing it in terms of allowing one, hopefully last, 9 10 amendment as it relates to punitive damages and 11 injunctive relief. 12 MR. GAFFNEY: Thank you, Your Honor. 13 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, I would like to 14 request an as early as possible hearing for that. 15 THE COURT: I will. 16 Can we do it on the 16th, the same time -whose hearing is on the 16th? 17 18 MR. JOHNSON: That would be the hearing for --19 I'm sorry, the --20 MR. GAFFNEY: It's Mr. Johnson's motion for 21 writ of mandate. 22 MR. JOHNSON: Writ of mandate, yes. 23 MR. GAFFNEY: I'm sorry, Your Honor. Were you 24 setting another matter for hearing on September 16th? 25 THE COURT: I was going to set the hearing on

the demurrer. 1 MR. GAFFNEY: Okay. 3 THE COURT: I'm just checking to make sure we can do that. 4 MR. JOHNSON: You did say hearing on demurrer. 5 Does that include a hearing on the motion to strike? 6 7 THE COURT: Yes. 8 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. 9 MR. GAFFNEY: Your Honor, the anti-SLAPP 10 motion is set for hearing on October 28th. Perhaps the 11 solution would be we could file the amended pleading on 12 shortened time and give Mr. Johnson plenty of time to 13 digest and then he could serve a demurrer and motion to 14 strike per code and be heard at the same time as the 15 anti-SLAPP motion. 16 MR. JOHNSON: Your Honor, I have been 17 digesting for long enough. I don't need anymore time. 18 Thank you. 19 THE COURT: How is September 23rd? 20 MR. JOHNSON: Very good, Your Honor. 21 THE COURT: At 11:00 a.m. 22 MR. GAFFNEY: Thank you, Your Honor. 23 May the plaintiff have ten days to serve and

THE COURT: Will that give -- is that within

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file the Amended Complaint?

the statutory time frame? 1 MR. GAFFNEY: That might be tight. 3 How about a week? If I get it by next Friday, I think --4 THE COURT: I think you will be okay by next 5 6 Friday. 7 MR. GAFFNEY: Thank you, Your Honor. 8 THE COURT: That's right, you have a 9 meet-and-confer requirement. 10 MR. JOHNSON: I would waive that requirement. 11 THE COURT: I don't think that you can. MR. JOHNSON: I would waive the meet and 12 13 confer. Okay. I believe all of the allegations have 14 been made. They simply said that they had new evidence 15 to produce. Or do they wish to add more allegations 16 even though I'm clearly not in California? 17 MR. GAFFNEY: Your Honor, if I can file by 18 next Friday, I think that would build in enough lead 19 time for the meet-and-confer requirement in time for any 20 further attack on the pleading to be heard by the 28th 21 concurrent with the anti-SLAPP motion. 22 THE COURT: It doesn't work for 23 September 23rd? 24 THE CLERK: No. 25 THE COURT: October 14th.

1	MR. GAFFNEY: Is that at 11:00, Your Honor?
2	THE COURT: Yes.
3	MR. GAFFNEY: Thank you.
4	THE COURT: Do you waive notice of that date?
5	MR. GAFFNEY: Notice is waived.
6	MR. JOHNSON: Yes, Your Honor.
7	THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.
8	MR. GAFFNEY: Thank you, Your Honor.
9	THE COURT: Do you know when you are filing
10	the Amended Complaint?
11	MR. GAFFNEY: I can do it within ten days.
12	THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.
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