Case 5:09-cv-05151-JLH -Document 216 - Filed 12/09/10 -Page 1 of 93 1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS 2 FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION 3 CURTIS NEELEY, JR., 4 Plaintiff, 5) Case No. 5:09CV05151-JLH vs. 6 NAMEMEDIA, INC., NETWORK) Fayetteville, Arkansas SOLUTIONS, INC.; and 7 GOOGLE, INC., 8 Defendants. 9 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE HONORABLE ERIN SETSER, 10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE DECEMBER 6, 2010 11 12 APPEARANCES 13 For the Plaintiff: Pro se 14 15 For the Defendants: MS. JENNIFER HALTOM DOAN Haltom & Doan 16 Crown Executive Plaza, Ste. 100 6500 Summer Hill Road 17 Texarkana, Arkansas 75503 18 MR. MICHAEL H. PAGE Durie Tangri 19 217 Leidesdorff Street San Francisco, California 94111 20 21 22 REPORTED BY: 2.3 RICK L. CONGDON, RMR, FCRR Federal Official Court Reporter 2.4 P. O. Box 8493 Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72902 25 PROCEEDINGS RECORDED STENOGRAPHICALLY; PRODUCED VIA C.A.T.

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THE PLAINTIFF: Thank you.

THE COURT: Okay. That's better. We have, for Google, Ms. Jennifer Doan.

MS. DOAN: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Good morning, Miss Doan.

MS. DOAN: And with me is Mr. Michael Page.

MR. PAGE: Morning, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Good morning. Are you an attorney of record in this matter or --

MR. PAGE: Yes, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Okay. 2 MS. DOAN: And he will be making the presentation 3 for Google as well. 4 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. All right. We set 5 this matter for hearing this morning on a Motion for 6 Preliminary Injunction filed on October 25th by Mr. Neeley. 7 Mr. Neeley, do you have exhibits to submit this morning? 8 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 9 THE COURT: Okay. And have you-all seen those 10 exhibits? 11 MR. PAGE: We have, Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: Okay. Do you stipulate to the 13 admission of those exhibits? 14 Is there any problem with any of them? MR. PAGE: 15 MR. PAGE: No, Your Honor. We would object to 16 the first one, which is labeled Ex. Child. I believe that 17 Mr. Neeley purports that it's part of a message sent to him 18 by one of his children, I'm not sure, but it's clearly not 19 subject to judicial notice. It's hearsay. It's best 20 evidence rules. 21 THE COURT: Okay. Well, when he goes to admit 22 that exhibit, I'll let you make your --2.3 MR. PAGE: Right. 24 THE COURT: -- objection. 25 The remainder appear to be exhibits MR. PAGE:

from an earlier pleading that appear to be prints of internet searches. We have no reason to believe they are not authentic. We have no objection.

THE COURT: Okay. Are those exhibits numbered, Mr. Neeley?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay. Is there a copy for the Court of the exhibits that are not in dispute? Do we have a third copy?

THE PLAINTIFF: No third copy.

THE COURT: Okay. What we will do then --

MR. PAGE: Your Honor, I don't, I don't need them, if you want them, I'll give you my set.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Page.

MR. PAGE: No problem.

exhibits you intend to introduce, the ones that are not in dispute, are pages of photographs. We might just call this a collective exhibit, Exhibit No. 1. If there's a certain page you intend to refer to, Mr. Neeley, these pages don't appear to be numbered other than on some of the pages you have labels, Exhibit Ask, Exhibit Bing, so try to identify -- if you refer to a certain page, try to identify it for me, okay?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

1 THE COURT: Just so I can follow along and 2 opposing counsel can, too. Now, the exhibit that is in 3 dispute, once you begin to present your proof, you may 4 proffer that exhibit to the Court, and I'll hear the 5 defense's objection at that time. Okay? 6 THE PLAINTIFF: Yeah. 7 THE COURT: Okay, Mr. Neeley, do you have any 8 witnesses? 9 THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am. THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Page, do you-all have any 10 11 witnesses this morning? 12 MR. PAGE: No, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Just so we are all on the same page here this morning, I want to make sure I'm 14 15 on the page I need to be on this morning. There have been 16 extensive filings in this case. The only issue before me 17 today is whether a preliminary injunction should be 18 granted. The only defendant you identified in that motion, as I understand it, Mr. Neeley, is Google, is that correct? 19 20 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 21 THE COURT: Okay. So NameMedia is not present 22 here today. 2.3 THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Now, you need to

understand, Mr. Neeley, that a preliminary injunction can

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only be issued in relation to a pending claim for relief. I've reviewed your pleadings and the Orders that have been entered in this case, and, and I want to make sure I understand what your claims, your remaining claims for relief are. And if I'm incorrect, you correct me or I'll ask defense counsel to do that. Okay. It looks like, as I can gather, it looks like you have two claims for relief remaining that have not been dismissed. One is a trademark violation claim. The other is an outrage claim. Hendren, in an Order dated May 20th, reconsidered dismissal of this claim, found that it was not barred by the statute of limitations, and as I understand it, the outrage claim is based on the defendant's allowing minors access to nude photos attributable to you and indicating that the photos are being displayed with your permission. I believe those allegations are contained in paragraph 24 of your Amended Complaint. I think that's document 53. Mr. Neeley, is this your understanding of what your remaining claims are?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. I believe that the remaining claims are the fact -- when I believe these allowed as this for -- as far as that they are showing pictures that I did and saying that I said it was okay, and they are nudes.

THE COURT: Okay. So that's the outrage claim, what we will call the outrage claim, just to have a label

for it. Okay?

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THE PLAINTIFF: All right.

THE COURT: And then I think you also have a claim about trademark, trademark infringement that's still pending.

THE PLAINTIFF: Those are unrelated, but, yes.

THE COURT: Pardon me?

THE PLAINTIFF: Unrelated, but, yes.

THE COURT: Okay. And I'll ask defense counsel, is this your understanding of the remaining claims in this matter?

MR. PAGE: That, that is correct, Your Honor.

Those are the only two remaining claims.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you. All right.

Now, so what I have to do is try to discern what claim your Motion for preliminary injunction is related to in this matter. It appears that it's related to your outrage claim. The injunctive relief that you seek in your motion now before the Court has to be based on the final injunctive relief you seek in your Complaint. You asked the Court to issue a preliminary injunction ordering Google not to allow nude photos to be returned when your name is searched unless the viewer is an adult or non-muslim, correct?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

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THE COURT: Okay. Now, in your Complaint, I don't see that you've asked for this type of injunctive What I'm referring to is document 53. your Amended Complaint, page eleven, your prayer for relief. You asked -- I'm trying to find what relief you have asked for that relates to the relief you seek in your Motion for preliminary injunction. From what I can gather, the only possible relief that's related is a prayer on page eleven. You state plaintiff prays NameMedia, Inc., be ordered to transfer Photonet to the Plaintiff where they originally violated the nude photographs with no warning to Then you seek damages. Then you refer to the minors. sleep spot domain which doesn't relate to the injunctive relief on the outrage claim. So what I need you to tell me, Mr. Neeley, you need to be able to tie the Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief to a pending claim in this It appears that it is linked to the outrage claim, but it does not appear in your Amended Complaint that you seek final injunctive relief in the form that you seek in your Motion for preliminary injunction. Can you tell me how the two are related?

THE PLAINTIFF: I have attempted, excuse me, I have attempted to amend the Complaint about nine ways to Sunday and have been unallowed because of denis [sic] factors.

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THE COURT: Okay. So you sought to amend your Complaint to seek the type of relief that you're seeking in the Motion for preliminary injunction.

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Is that correct?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: You were denied leave to amend?

THE PLAINTIFF: I was denied leave to amend because I have tried to amend too many times.

THE COURT: Well, I have to tell you, if you do not have in your Amended Complaint, and that's what you are bound by now, you've been denied leave to amend, so only the claims in that Amended Complaint that have not been dismissed are what will proceed any further in this action, and if your injunctive relief is based on relief you sought in an Amended Complaint that was not allowed to be filed, I don't know that the Court can grant that injunctive relief. It has to be based on claims you actually have pending based on the Amended Complaint that was allowed that was filed on January 22nd, so can you, can you tell me -- I'll give you another opportunity -- does this request for preliminary injunctive relief relate to the outrage claim stated in your January 22nd Amended Complaint and to the relief you seek in that Amended Complaint?

THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am, I do not believe that

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it does. I believe that it relates to that Complaint; however, since that time, NameMedia has stopped showing nudes with my name on it.

THE COURT: So NameMedia has basically granted you the injunctive relief you sought in your Amended Complaint? Is that what you're saying?

THE PLAINTIFF: They did, yes; however, Google still shows nude pictures with my name. That's why I am trying -- I have attempted to get them to stop and they have not.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, what -- we'll proceed today with proof on the factors for preliminary injunction, but I have to advise you, once, once Judge Hendren has made a ruling on a motion to amend, that is the ruling. I think you asked him to reconsider that; he's refused to do so, so it cannot be re-litigated over and over. Today's not your second bite at the apple to try to get this claim before the Court. Do you understand that?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay. But we'll proceed with proof on the factors for a preliminary injunction. Perhaps, going through that, you'll be able to relate it in some way to your outrage claim and the relief you seek based on that claim. Okay?

(No audible response.)

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THE COURT: Now, Mr. Neeley, I'm not sure if you are familiar with the factors that the Court has to consider in deciding whether to grant a Motion for a preliminary injunction. So I'll go through those with you and then ask you if you want to testify regarding proof on those factors or how you want to proceed. Okay? All In ruling on a Motion for preliminary injunction, right. the Court must consider the threat of irreparable harm to the moving party, which would be you, the weight of this harm as compared to any injury an injunction would inflict on other interested parties, the probability that the moving party will succeed on the merits, and the public interest. So those are the four factors the Court is to consider in deciding whether to grant your request for preliminary injunctive relief. You said you do not have any witnesses to call. Would you like to testify regarding --

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: -- these facts? Okay. What I'll allow you to do is remain where you are. I think that will be easier for you, but I need you to raise your right hand and be sworn.

(Plaintiff sworn.)

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Neeley. All right. Just to try to streamline this a little bit, I'll

ask you first if you want to testify regarding the threat of irreparable harm if your motion is not granted. And I'll let you go ahead, and I have your Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 here, if you want to refer to that, and there's also the exhibit in dispute, and when you want to proffer that, you just let me know and we will take up the objection at that time. Okay?

THE PLAINTIFF: Okay. On the exhibits that are labeled the Ask and Bing and Yahoo, these are the three other parties who were not allowed to this claim, and if you look at those pages, on the Ask page, you'll see on this page a nude, one nude; on the Bing page, you'll see several; and, if you look on the Yahoo page, you again see several, and then if you look on the, on the other exhibits, I'm sorry, they are also on the Ask page, the Bing page.

THE COURT: The first page? Okay.

THE PLAINTIFF: The ones that aren't -- don't have, they don't have the words on them.

THE COURT: Okay. Okay.

THE PLAINTIFF: And the Bing and the Yahoo page, they have all stopped showing nudes.

THE COURT: So these first three pages, the Ask, that's like an Ask-dot-com website?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

1 THE COURT: A Bing website and a Yahoo website? 2 THE PLAINTIFF: They all three stopped since this 3 had begun. THE COURT: At your request? 4 5 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 6 THE COURT: Okay. Okay. Go ahead. 7 THE PLAINTIFF: And on the other one here, it 8 says Google, it's a printout from a page. It's on a 9 moderately safe search, on the child safe search at my 10 daughter's school, my name, her father's name typed into 11 her search engine pops up a bunch of nude pictures that I 12 did and that I did not do. However, she is extremely upset 13 by the fact that her father's name brings up nude pictures. 14 THE COURT: Are you referring to the exhibit that 15 has Exhibit A at the top and it has Google in the left-hand 16 corner? 17 THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am. THE COURT: What page are you referring to? 18 19 THE PLAINTIFF: I'm looking at Google search 20 engine printout that has the first top left picture is a 21 nude. It's from Google. 22 THE COURT: Okay. It looks like it's page one, 2.3 two, three, page five of your packet. 24 THE PLAINTIFF: I have no idea. I'm sorry. 25 THE COURT: That's fine. I think I know what

1 you're referring to, and you said at your daughter's 2 school, if she types in your name, these pictures --3 THE PLAINTIFF: At anyone's school, at any school 4 in America, they will type it in and it will pop up with a 5 nude picture done by me. 6 THE COURT: If you type in your name, you're 7 saying that's what happens? 8 THE PLAINTIFF: Exactly. That's what it does. 9 At the very top of the page, you just have to put in my name, don't have to say my name and nude, just say my name 10 is all I got to say and pops up all the nude pictures. 11 12 THE COURT: Okay. How did these pictures get on 13 the internet? THE PLAINTIFF: On the Wikipedia, foundation of 14 15 Wikimedia, I have donated photographs to the foundation. THE COURT: You donated photographs to the 16 17 Wikipedia foundation? 18 THE PLAINTIFF: Wikimedia. 19 THE COURT: Wikimedia. 20 THE PLAINTIFF: It's kind of like Wikipedia, but 21 their media division. THE COURT: So did you put them on the 22 23 internet or did you provide like disks with these photos to Wiki --24 25 THE PLAINTIFF: I gave, I gave them to the

put my name with just the -- out of context with the

pictures. They bring up my name and the pictures which

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THE COURT: Is that the page that was objected to or is that --

MR. PAGE: No. The page he is testifying to is not in his exhibits. It's available on the internet. I mean, I have no problem if the Court wants to look at it.

THE COURT: The Wikimedia page?

MR. PAGE: That's correct.

THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. PAGE: But it's not part of his exhibits. 2 THE COURT: Okay. It appears that all of these 3 pages that you have submitted are Google pages. It has 4 Google in the corner. 5 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: Okay. So they are Google pages. 6 7 THE PLAINTIFF: They are Google pages, but Google 8 got the content from Wikimedia. And said, Hey, this guy's 9 name is Curtis Neeley, and this is a picture he did. And I am fairly adept at photography, but I don't want to be just 10 11 typing my name and coming up with nude pictures. 12 THE COURT: Well, tell me what you envisioned 13 when you uploaded these pictures to Wikimedia. Did you not envision that people would be looking on Wikimedia's 14 15 website and seeing these pictures? 16 THE PLAINTIFF: They would; however, on that page it disclaims of what I feel about the figure is appropriate 17 18 for being viewed. 19 THE COURT: What is the disclaimer on Wikimedia 20 page? 21 THE PLAINTIFF: I cannot remember it altogether, 22 but it basically says that I believe that the human form

THE PLAINTIFF: I cannot remember it altogether, but it basically says that I believe that the human form can be an object of art and not as a sexy person, just an object of art, not sexy.

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MR. PAGE: Your Honor, I need to object. Were

1	that page in evidence, that would misstate the evidence.
2	THE COURT: Okay. Is that page part of the
3	exhibits attached to any pleading in this matter?
4	MR. PAGE: Not that I am aware of, Your Honor.
5	THE COURT: Okay. Do you have a copy of that
6	THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am.
7	THE COURT: page? Well, your objection will
8	be noted. If you would like to obtain a copy of that page
9	and submit it after this hearing, that might clear the
10	matter up.
11	MR. PAGE: Okay, Your Honor.
12	THE COURT: So you say there's some sort of
13	disclaimer with a Wikimedia website. Now, can minors go on
14	to the Wikimedia website and access those photos?
15	THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.
16	THE COURT: Okay. So tell me how that's
17	different. And you uploaded them on to this website.
18	THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.
19	THE COURT: So I'm not following what your
20	objection is to minors accessing these photos.
21	THE PLAINTIFF: I'm objecting to them using my
22	name and only using my name and finding nude pictures.
23	THE COURT: Without the disclaimer? Is that what
24	the objection is?
25	THE PLAINTIFF: Well, period.

1 THE COURT: But, Mr. Neeley, are you not the one 2 that uploaded these on to Wikimedia where minors could 3 access these photos? THE PLAINTIFF: I did. However, it is a 4 5 different -- Wiki is like saying it's in the encyclopedia, in a different context. 6 7 THE COURT: Okay. Well, explain that to me. I'm not an internet guru, so explain to me how that's 8 9 different, you putting them on the Wikimedia. THE PLAINTIFF: Wikimedia is a user and visible 10 11 search that allows you to find, if you want to find, for 12 example, an art form, you type in the name of the art form, 13 it will come up, and it will tell you about it. Like in this one, this one, I believe, is the entry for figure art. 14 THE COURT: Well, can someone go into Wikimedia 15 16 and just type in your name and pull up your photos? 17 THE PLAINTIFF: I do not know, but more than 18 likely so. 19 THE COURT: So they probably can. 20 THE PLAINTIFF: They probably can. 21 THE COURT: So why is it you're upset with Google 22 who you say is allowing access to these photos when Wikimedia is also? 2.3 THE PLAINTIFF: Because Wikimedia is an 24 25

encyclopedia type of reference and no one goes and looks at

Wikimedia just to find naked pictures.

THE COURT: How do you know that, Mr. Neeley?

THE PLAINTIFF: Because it would be much easier to go to Google.

THE COURT: Well, is it not possible for children to type in Wikimedia and type in your name and pull up these photographs?

THE PLAINTIFF: I imagine it would be. I'm not sure.

THE COURT: So tell me again. I'm having a hard time understanding why you're upset with Google, who you say is allowing access to those photos when you acknowledge that Wikimedia, where you placed these photos, is doing the same thing other than you said it's more of an educational reference. You feel like the --

THE PLAINTIFF: Also, the Wikimedia, I mean, excuse me, the Google search engine is very popular and kids like to type in their parents' name and it is a common occurrence for them to "have you Googled your name?" I mean, the fact of the matter is if my daughter or my son type in their father's name or their friends, they see nudes.

THE COURT: On Google?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes.

THE COURT: Okay. And if they did that on

THE COURT: Yeah. Thank you. Okay. All right.

I'm going to number this packet so that we can refer to the

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1 THE PLAINTIFF: Anyway, the photograph, excuse 2 me, is -- that is there at the art nude P P R U is not -- I 3 have no control of that whatsoever. That is from a website that got my pictures at some point in the past. I have no 4 5 idea when, but they are not pictures I wanted to even have 6 posted at all and I've asked them to delete them and they 7 won't. 8 THE COURT: Okay. For the record, you are 9 referring to page nine of your Exhibit 1, the second row of 10 photographs, the second picture from the left? And you 11 said that is not a picture taken by you. 12 THE PLAINTIFF: It is taken by me. I'm sorry. 13 It is a picture taken by me, but it is not a picture that I 14 uploaded anywhere. Someone somewhere got it and have along 15 with lots of other pictures they have that are not pictures 16 I wish to have shown. 17 THE COURT: How did it, how did this picture get 18 on the internet? 19 THE PLAINTIFF: I have no idea. 20 THE COURT: You think Google was responsible for 21 it? 22 THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am. I have no --23 THE COURT: Do you have published books of

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

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photographs out there?

1 THE COURT: So it's possible that these were 2 uploaded from some of your published works? 3 THE PLAINTIFF: THE COURT: It's not possible? 4 5 THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am. THE COURT: Okay. How -- you said this is a 6 7 picture you took, so who could be responsible for it then? THE PLAINTIFF: It could have been there, and I 8 9 have a little bit of memory problem and so sometime in my past, probably in the late 1996, '97, '98, that area, I had 10 a -- I actually have no idea why I did it, but it was not 11 12 There was things I would have rather not done. pleasant. 13 THE COURT: Okay. THE PLAINTIFF: And the pictures are not -- this 14 one is very tasteful compared to what some of them are. 15 16 THE COURT: Okay. But you took this photograph? 17 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 18 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Now, tell me. You 19 said these pictures have been on the internet for two 20 years. What I have to determine when we look at 21 irreparable harm, what we try to do is determine, if I 22 don't grant injunctive relief for you right now, will you 2.3 be irreparably harmed before this case goes to trial? I'm 24 not sure of your trial date. I think it's months away

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MR. PAGE: Next July, Your Honor.

THE COURT: In July? So what I have to determine -- preliminary injunctive relief is just temporary relief, Mr. Neeley. Do you need a break? Are you doing okay?

THE PLAINTIFF: I'm okay.

THE COURT: Okay. You let me know if you need a break. Okay?

THE PLAINTIFF: Okay.

THE COURT: What I have to determine is if I don't grant this temporary relief, are you going to be irreparably harmed before your trial comes around in July? Now, these pictures have been out there for almost two years, so it appears that whatever harm has been done has occurred during that two-year period. Can you tell me why you would need injunctive relief at this point and could not wait until this matter is resolved at trial?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. All the other three corporations have stopped, and the other ones that are not are now appearing to thumb their nose at me and the Court by saying that why -- we can't do that; that's such a big deal. But the fact of the matter I asked, I E C has stopped, Yahoo has stopped, and Microsoft has stopped.

THE COURT: So if you go on to Yahoo and type in your name --

1	THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.
2	THE COURT: your contention is that these
3	photographs do not pull up?
4	THE PLAINTIFF: I am not sure they do not they
5	are not coming up.
6	THE COURT: Did you say you are sure that they
7	are not?
8	THE PLAINTIFF: They will not come up. No nudes
9	will come up with my name ever.
10	THE COURT: How did they stop that? Do you know?
11	THE PLAINTIFF: I have no idea exactly. It would
12	not be terribly difficult, I don't believe; however, I have
13	no idea specifically how they do it.
14	THE COURT: Okay. Well, you said these other
15	corporations have stopped.
16	THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.
17	THE COURT: But tell me that doesn't really
18	tell me how you'll be irreparably harmed if Google does not
19	stop. The fact that the other corporations have stopped
20	THE PLAINTIFF: Because Google is the most
21	popular for kids to use.
22	THE COURT: Okay. Is there anything else you
23	would like to testify about or present regarding the
24	irreparable harm factor, Mr. Neeley?
25	THE PLAINTIFF: On the exhibit I have an example

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THE COURT: It says oops?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes.

THE COURT: All right. Let me get to that page.

Okay. Does it say Exhibit G O U G U L hyphen oops!?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes. This is a scan or is actually a printout from a book that Google apparently scanned in New York during this trial or when litigation or lawsuit or whatever. I don't know what it is.

THE COURT: Okay. Say that again. You said this is a scan from --

THE PLAINTIFF: This is, this is a book that at one time Google scanned and put online with a no preview available during this very lawsuit.

that you are referring to page four of Plaintiff's Exhibit

1, the top of it has "The Renascent - Volume 3 Photography by Tara McDermott, Lorenzo Domnguez [sic] book
overview. This volume of The Renascent showcases
photography of many different styles and genres. The
technicians and artists who contributed have captured
subject matter that ranges a vast array of ideas, locales,
and impact. What resulted from the conglomeration of these
images is a striking look at the world from the perspective
of thoughtful observers. This is the third in a series of

1 cultural collections." Then it has "no preview available." 2 Has your name, "User review." And it has your name. 3 this book scanned by Google already? My nude photography 4 is in this book and I already sued Google for violating my 5 copyrights and common law TMs. They say that if it is 6 already copyrighted they will pay \$60 for violating the 7 copyrights? I want sixty billion instead." This is the 8 page you're referring to, what I've just read? 9 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: Okay. And you say that Google 10 11 scanned this page from a book? 12 THE PLAINTIFF: They scanned the book; however, 13 at the time that this happened -- that this -- I put this into evidence, this was not -- they had not put the book 14 15 online. They had no preview available. 16 THE COURT: You are talking about -- you're not 17 actually talking about this page being put online by 18 Google, are you? You are talking about the book? 19 THE PLAINTIFF: No. The book is put online. 20 This is a page that reviewed that book. Originally when 21 they put it online --22 THE COURT: Are you saying Google put the book 2.3 online?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes; yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: And are you saying that the book

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THE COURT: Pardon me?

THE PLAINTIFF: Two of these pictures have never been uploaded anywhere ever.

THE COURT: What evidence do you have that Google is the entity that uploaded these?

THE PLAINTIFF: It's on their website,

1	Googlebooks- dot-com or books-dot-org.
2	THE COURT: And you think that means that they
3	are the entity that uploaded these because it was available
4	on their website?
5	THE PLAINTIFF: Yes. And they have also admitted
6	that they did in court in New York.
7	THE COURT: They admitted in court in New York?
8	THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.
9	THE COURT: What proceeding are you referring to?
10	THE PLAINTIFF: The Authors Guild, et al, or
11	School.
12	THE COURT: These are, these are photographs
13	taken by you, is that correct?
14	THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.
15	THE COURT: And in some court action in the State
16	of New York, these pictures were in dispute? Is that what
17	you're telling me?
18	THE PLAINTIFF: No. The fact that Google scanned
19	six million books in New York.
20	THE COURT: And was it proved in that action that
21	they scanned this book?
22	THE PLAINTIFF: They have admitted they have.
23	They have offered to settle there, but it has not been
24	ruled as fair yet.
25	THE COURT: They admitted this particular book

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1	THE COURT: Do you think, Mr. Neeley, they, that
2	they might have to have the publisher's permission to do
3	that or that perhaps it was the publisher itself that would
4	have offered this book online?
5	THE PLAINTIFF: I do not believe so.
6	THE COURT: And why do you not
7	THE COURT REPORTER: Could you repeat? I
8	couldn't hear.
9	THE PLAINTIFF: I do not believe so.
10	THE COURT: Why do you not?
11	THE PLAINTIFF: Because the publisher did not ask
12	me for permission to do the same thing.
13	THE COURT: Is it possible, though? Do you have
14	any proof one way or another as to who did this?
15	THE PLAINTIFF: No, I do not.
16	THE COURT: Okay. Anything else you would like
17	to present on the irreparable harm factor?
18	THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am. I believe that's it.
19	THE COURT: Okay. Are you doing okay? Do you
20	need a break?
21	THE PLAINTIFF: I'm doing okay.
22	THE COURT: Okay.
23	THE PLAINTIFF: I'm confused.
24	THE COURT: Pardon me?
25	THE PLAINTIFF: I'm confused, but I believe

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THE COURT: Well, I think you are doing fine. We'll try to just go through each factor and have you testify about that factor. And if you would want to offer any exhibits, okay, I have your packet of exhibits, and if you want to at some point offer the one exhibit that has not already been admitted, I'll allow you to do that after hearing from defense counsel. All right. Let's go then, Mr. Neeley, we will take these factors a little out of turn. The probability that you will succeed on the merits of this claim. What that means is you have to show that it's probable that if this case proceeds to trial, you'll actually win and get this final form of injunctive relief. Now, I've already told you I don't think that's likely because I don't see where you've actually pled this type of final injunctive relief in the Amended Complaint. But I'll let you address that factor, nonetheless. You tell me why you feel you'll succeed on this claim if you proceed to trial.

THE PLAINTIFF: I believe I will succeed on the claim because I will move to amend the claim, and if he again says the factors, the denis factors are what he uses, I will have the Eighth Circuit overthrow it, because they are not constitutional, in my opinion and the opinion of anybody else. In other words --

THE COURT: Okay. Let me stop you right there,
Mr. Neeley.

THE PLAINTIFF: Okay.

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THE COURT: How many times have you moved to amend your Complaint already or asked for reconsideration of that motion?

THE PLAINTIFF: I have no idea.

THE COURT: Well, I think it's been more than one time and I think that issue has been ruled on. Now, I know you are a pro se litigant, you are not an attorney, but you are bound by the rules, and you don't get to keep asking for that type of relief. Judge Hendren has ruled on it. Is that not an issue you actually took to the Eighth Circuit already?

THE PLAINTIFF: Well, no. The thing is I went to the Eighth Circuit Court and they could not rule on any of the rules because everything I took there was still pending for one thing, and oh, man, if I'd waited another week or another two weeks, I could have had a chance, and we would have been done with this by now; however, I did not realize that I could not appeal a pending ruling.

THE COURT: I'm looking at the Eighth Circuit

opinion right now. Give me a second here. I don't see

where the Eighth Circuit has ruled on -- I don't -- I don't

believe that was an issue you took to the Eighth Circuit,

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and what you're telling me is you intend -- before this action even goes to trial, are you saying you intend to file another appeal with the Eighth Circuit?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Well, I think what is likely to happen, Mr. Neeley, is again they will say they have no jurisdiction to rule over that. I can't guarantee that, but that, again, is a type of non-final action by the District Court that is not appealable, so what you need to focus on here is not telling me you're likely to succeed on the merits because you're likely to win on appeal. That's not the standard. The standard is you are likely to prevail at trial. So tell me why on your existing Complaint is there any likelihood that you will succeed on this claim at trial?

THE PLAINTIFF: Not apparently so.

THE COURT: And one issue I'd like to hear from you on, Mr. Neeley, Google has contended that they're immune under the -- I believe the statute is called the Communications Decency Act, is that correct?

MR. PAGE: That's correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Because they are only an internet service provider and not a content provider. Can you tell me -- I believe you contend in one of your Responses that they are a content provider. Tell me the basis for that

contention.

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THE PLAINTIFF: My basis for that contention is that an internet service provider provides connectivity.

That is not what Google does.

THE COURT: And, I'm sorry. Is what?

THE PLAINTIFF: A ISP provides connectivity. In other words, Cox or ATT or Verizon, those type of companies are ones who provide connectivity and they are a service provider. Google does not provide that.

THE COURT: Do you have any law in support of that position? Tell me what -- how -- what do you base that position on? Have you done some research or, you know, what leads you to believe --

THE PLAINTIFF: If you look at the title of the CADA or what they are calling their profession, what the title says is Good Samaritan conduct -- protection for Good Samaritan conduct, for protecting against indecent material, so, in other words, what they are saying allows them to transmit indecent material like I can -- I make -- indecent -- they are saying their protection is that the Good Samaritan are allowed to prevent, prevent, so how does it make sense that they can say, well, we have a Good Samaritan protection. We can -- so we are going to let everyone play it.

THE COURT: So they are what?

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THE COURT: G-static-dot-com. That's Google's computer?

THE PLAINTIFF: They own the computer, yes, or they control it.

THE COURT: And, and how do you contend that the content came from their computer?

THE PLAINTIFF: Because if you examine the page for the URLs the computer generates the page from, they are

1 all from Google G-static. 2 THE COURT: What pages are you talking about? 3 THE PLAINTIFF: Any Google page, and specifically 4 every exhibit has Google on here. 5 THE COURT: Okay. So are you contending that 6 Google puts the content on there? 7 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, they did. 8 THE COURT: And what evidence do you have of that 9 other than the fact that you said the page will reflect that it's from a G-static-dot-com computer? 10 11 THE PLAINTIFF: (The Plaintiff moves head up and 12 down.) 13 THE COURT: Okay. Does that mean that every page 14 that reflects that contains content that Google uploaded on 15 to the internet? Is that your position? 16 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 17 THE COURT: And what evidence do you have of 18 that? 19 THE PLAINTIFF: They own G-static computer. THE COURT: Okay. So, for instance, if you type 20 21 in my name, I have friends that have put things on the 22 internet, you know, that include me, and would it, would it 2.3 say G-static-dot- com? 24 THE PLAINTIFF: It would have a picture under 25 your name, so yes.

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THE COURT: Okay. So even though my friends were the ones that uploaded the picture, and not Google, it would still say G-static-dot-com?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay. So what that tells me is that Google is not responsible for everything that comes up as G-static-dot-com. Would you agree with me that just because it says G-static-dot-com, that doesn't necessarily mean they have uploaded the information?

everything there because the people who wrote the programs called spiders went in and got the content from somewhere on the web and came back and put it on the server, not a person, but a spider or a roboter, whatever you call it, the word, whatever the fantasy word is for basically a computer brain that operates continually and goes and gets pictures.

THE COURT: So you're saying Google, once information is put on to the internet by whoever, that Google, through some spider program, then gets it and puts it into their database? Is that what you're saying?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay. Okay. Any other evidence that they are a content provider?

THE PLAINTIFF: If you look on Exhibit A, it has

1	a little red splash mark.
2	THE COURT: Okay. Give me a second. Okay.
3	THE PLAINTIFF: That picture was a particular
4	picture.
5	THE COURT: Okay. Now, I want to make sure I'm
6	identifying the correct picture. It looks like you're
7	referring to page five of Exhibit 1, the second row, the
8	picture on the far right that has a mark around it.
9	THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.
10	THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.
11	THE PLAINTIFF: This picture is a picture that
12	Google presents as a result of my name search again,
13	although I did not take the picture, it is a picture it
14	comes up under my name.
15	THE COURT: And how would that happen? How would
16	this picture be associated with your name? Do you have any
17	idea?
18	THE PLAINTIFF: I have a good idea, yes.
19	THE COURT: Okay. I need you to explain that to
20	me then.
21	THE PLAINTIFF: This picture is a picture done by
22	Michael Peven.
23	THE COURT: He took the picture?
24	THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.
25	THE COURT: Is this him in the picture?
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this photograph being linked to your name?

THE PLAINTIFF: They have the mechanistic system

to go through and look at the whole page and finds my name

and finds his name and finds this picture and puts it on my

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2 THE COURT: So you're saying --

THE PLAINTIFF: -- the whole page --

THE COURT: -- their system links it to you?

THE PLAINTIFF: Their system does; yes.

THE COURT: Okay.

THE PLAINTIFF: However, I say on the page, if you read the whole page, I detest Michael Peven's photography period, not just this one, but all of it, but besides this, this one in particular, and yet me saying that, makes this picture come up under my name? It don't seem very fair. It seems as though I am being told I cannot speak in a certain way. I am being prevented from speech.

THE COURT: Well, Mr. Neeley, do you, do you understand that when you post something on the internet, you're making a public posting? You understand that? When you go on there and blog about a photograph, it's likely that it's going to be -- your comment and your name are going to be linked to that photograph, so I'm having a hard time understanding why you fault Google for that. Would you not have a problem if just your posting was on there and it wasn't linked to the photograph, is that what you're telling me?

THE PLAINTIFF: As long as it does not come back

1	up and show my name, yes, I will be able to do that. It
2	will disappear in about a day or two, but
3	THE COURT: It would I'm sorry?
4	THE PLAINTIFF: It will disappear by tomorrow.
5	THE COURT: What would disappear by tomorrow?
6	THE PLAINTIFF: The picture.
7	THE COURT: That Mr. Peven's picture?
8	THE PLAINTIFF: Yes.
9	THE COURT: You're saying it's going to be off
10	the internet by tomorrow?
11	THE PLAINTIFF: No. It will no longer return for
12	my name.
13	THE COURT: How is that happening?
14	THE PLAINTIFF: Because I have edited my blog
15	entry. I have said so it no longer links to this
16	picture.
17	THE COURT: So you were able to do that yourself?
18	THE PLAINTIFF: In theory I believe I have. In
19	other words, it has not happened yet, but it should happen
20	today.
21	THE COURT: So why are you suing Google then
22	asking them to break the link to this if you, in fact, can
23	do it yourself?
24	THE PLAINTIFF: I believe they should respect my
25	wishes and not tell me that since you said you don't like

1 that picture, it's coming up under your name. 2 THE COURT: Okay. But you think within a day or 3 two that picture will no longer link to your name, is that 4 correct? 5 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 6 THE COURT: Can you do that same thing for the 7 other photographs that are coming up when your name is 8 typed in? 9 THE PLAINTIFF: Not without a lot of legal I have to get Wikimedia to install a robot 10 11 protocol that says do not search our pictures. That may be 12 possible, but that's a whole 'nother ballgame. 13 THE COURT: You say you would have to get Wikimedia to install a robot protocol? 14 15 THE PLAINTIFF: A robot exclusion protocol. 16 is the voluntary automated way Google has established to 17 not search your domain name. 18 THE COURT: So could you ask -- it would be 19 Wikimedia that would set this up? 20 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes. 21 THE COURT: Could you ask them to do that? 22 THE PLAINTIFF: I will. 2.3 THE COURT: Pardon me? 24 THE PLAINTIFF: I can. I suppose I can.

THE COURT: Okay. Would that take care of the

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website does not have -- is not in the right language. It's in Russian or something. However, I have attempted --

THE COURT: So how is it that Google is responsible for that photograph, if it's a different website, a Russian website?

1 THE PLAINTIFF: They have chosen to show it with 2 my name. 3 THE COURT: So this comes up on Google? THE PLAINTIFF: Yes. 4 5 THE COURT: Okay. And you're saying even if 6 Wikimedia installed this protocol, that this one photograph 7 would still come up? THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 8 9 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else you would like to offer, any testimony or evidence regarding your 10 11 probability of success on the merits, Mr. Neeley? THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am. 12 13 THE COURT: Okay. All right. The other two factors for the Court to consider, the weight of the harm 14 15 as compared to any injury an injunction would inflict on 16 other interested parties and also the public interest, do 17 you have any evidence you would like or testimony you would 18 like to offer regarding those two factors? 19 THE PLAINTIFF: That was the one that I believe the opposing counsel objected to, to being hearsay. 20 21 THE COURT: Okay. Let me, let me see that 22 exhibit. Do you have a copy there? I can't rule on it 2.3 without taking a look at it first. Do you have a copy, 24 Mr. Neeley? Okay.

MR. PAGE: You can have the one I have, Your

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THE COURT: Thank you. I'll take Mr. Page's copy so you can hang on to yours. Okay? All right. The proffered exhibit has "E X period child, guess what, I will never apologize or forgive you. I'm tired of people -- redacted in brackets -- coming up to me saying Curtis Neeley -- in brackets -- has nude photos on his page."

Tell me what this exhibit is, Mr. Neeley.

THE PLAINTIFF: This exhibit is an e-mail that I received from my daughter -- my daughter, like I say, on December 26, 2008.

THE COURT: So this is the content of an e-mail you received from your daughter?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay. Okay. Mr. Page, your objection?

MR. PAGE: Hearsay and best evidence rule, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I will overrule the objection. I think for the purposes of a preliminary injunction the Rules of Evidence are a little relaxed and I will, therefore, allow you to admit this exhibit, Mr. Neeley. This will be Plaintiff's Exhibit 2.

THE PLAINTIFF: This is already in docket -- this is in docket, our exhibit. I can [unintelligible] --

THE COURT: Pardon me? 1 2 THE PLAINTIFF: This is an exhibit in the docket 3 already. 4 THE COURT: Okay. Well, for the purposes of our 5 hearing, we will have separate exhibits identified. Okay? 6 THE PLAINTIFF: Okay. 7 (Off the record briefly.) 8 THE COURT: Okay. And what does this go to, 9 Mr. Neeley? What's the relevance of this? 10 THE PLAINTIFF: This is an example of what --11 this is an example of what happens when my daughter types 12 in my name in an image search engine at school or her 13 friends do. I have never had a nude photograph on my 14 website, well, since nineteen -- well, forever, nineteen --15 2000, 2002, 2003, there's my Curtis-Neeley-dot-com website 16 has not had any on it. However, she has the impression 17 that it was somewhere. 18 THE COURT: You said you haven't had a nude 19 photograph on your website, Curtis-Neeley-dot-com, since 20 2002/2003? 21 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 22 THE COURT: Okay. You did have nude photographs 2.3 prior to that? 24 THE PLAINTIFF: I have no idea. 25 THE COURT: You don't know what was on your own

1 website? 2 THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am. I was involved in car 3 wreck by then --4 THE COURT: So you can't remember? 5 THE PLAINTIFF: Right. I lost three-quarters of 6 my memory. 7 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else you would like 8 to present, Mr. Neeley, any other testimony you would like to offer? 9 10 THE PLAINTIFF: I suppose I would just say trying 11 to compare what can be -- what's going to harm them, I 12 don't understand what is harming them at all to not show 13 nudes that are in my name. 14 THE COURT: Okay. THE PLAINTIFF: Especially with the fact that 15 16 their three competitors have all done what I've asked them 17 to do already. 18 THE COURT: Okay. But you don't know how they 19 did that, how they were able to do that? 20 THE PLAINTIFF: I don't know. 21 THE COURT: All right. Anything else? Would you 22 like to testify to anything else? You think you've covered 2.3 everything? 24 THE PLAINTIFF: I think I'm totally lost. 25 THE COURT: You are doing just fine, Mr. Neeley.

You are making sense and you are addressing the factors, so you're doing just fine. All right. If you have no further testimony, it will now be the defense's opportunity to cross examine you, which means they get to ask you questions. I'll, again, allow you to stay seated there, and after they have asked you questions, if there's anything else you would like to offer pertaining to your case in chief, I'll allow you the opportunity to do that.

Okay? All right. Go right ahead, Mr. Page.

CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. PAGE:

- Q Hello, Mr. Neeley. I'll try to be brief. You testified earlier that you made blog posts that made reference to Mr. Peven'S photographs, is that correct?
- A Yes, sir.
 - Q And the blog post is the one that's captured September 14th as the date of infamy?
- A Yes, sir.
 - Q Have you made any edits to that blog post in the last couple of weeks?
- A Yes.
 - Q As of a couple of weeks ago, Google's image search was no longer returning Mr. Peven's photograph in response to searches for your name, isn't that correct?
 - A That is correct.

1 Q And then you went into --2 THE COURT: Wait, wait a minute. You said, you 3 acknowledged that as of the last couple of weeks, a search 4 is not returning the Pevens photo? 5 THE PLAINTIFF: Correct. 6 THE COURT: Now, I thought you told me that that 7 would happen in the next couple of days. 8 THE PLAINTIFF: It was gone, has reappeared, and 9 it will disappear again in a day or two. 10 THE COURT: So your testimony is it's reappeared? 11 Go ahead. Okay. 12 BY MR. PAGE: 13 And it reappeared because you edited your blog posts to 14 recreate the live links to it? 15 Α Yes. 16 THE COURT: Okay. Say that -- I'm having a hard 17 time. 18 MR. PAGE: I'll repeat the question. 19 THE COURT: Okay. 20 Q The photograph to which you object reappeared in Google searches because you edited your blog post to recreate the 21 live links to that photograph, correct? 22 23 Correct. Α

And you did that for the purpose of establishing harm

that you could present to this Court in this hearing,

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correct?

A No.

Q Why did you reactivate the links to the photograph that had disappeared from Google's image search?

A Because Jennifer Haltom Doan, Esquire, told me that it did not --

THE COURT: Mr. Neeley, I think you need, if you can, to turn back around or hold that closer to you. Thank you.

A Jennifer Haltom Doan, Esquire, told me in a post or told me that the actual link was no longer imported as a text. I did not think she was correct and so, I, therefore, I put it back there and, poof, it came back, and, poof, it came off.

Q So, poof, you deliberately placed a link to that photograph on your blog site for the purpose of establishing that that would cause the photograph to appear in a Google image search, correct?

A Yes.

Q And you then, you then removed it again within the last couple of days, correct?

A Yes.

Q And your expectation is that because that it will again disappear from Google's image search results?

A Yes.

- Q In other words, you have complete control over whether the Michael Peven photograph appears in connection with your name in Google image searches and have the ability to turn it on and off at will, correct?

 A Not exactly; no.

 Q Why is that incorrect?
 - A It's incorrect because it is saying that I have control. It depends upon whether or not they have the text link or if it is not text linked.
 - Q And your actions, by changing it from a live link to text, cause it to appear and disappear from Google image searches, correct?
 - A I believe so; yes.
 - Q And you could do that over and over again, if you were so inclined?
 - A I suppose so.
 - Q So you have completely -- you have the ability, which you've already exercised once, and you've testified that you just exercised again, to remove the offending photograph from Google's image search results, correct?
 - A Yes.

- Q You testified earlier as to your Wikipedia posts of your photographs, correct?
- A Yes.
- Q You placed those photographs in Wikipedia, correct?

1 Yes, I did. Α 2 THE COURT: Now, are we talking Wikipedia or 3 Wikimedia? 4 MR. PAGE: Wikimedia is a -- is in the middle of 5 a section of Wikipedia. It's the same. 6 THE COURT: Okay. 7 MR. PAGE: If you go to Wikimedia and search, 8 you'll get these. 9 (By Mr. Page) You chose the title for the photograph Q 10 such as figurenude by Curtis Neeley, correct? 11 Yes, I did. Α 12 And you posted those photographs to Wikimedia pursuant Q 13 to a what's known as Creative Comments License, correct? 14 Yes. Α 15 And that Creative Comments License grants as to the Q 16 buyer world the right to reproduce your photographs provided only that they attribute them to you, correct? 17 18 Α No. 19 Why is that incorrect? Q 20 Because it also reserves the moral rights of the Α 21 creator. 22 And what do you think moral rights are? Q 23 In America? Those would be U.S. Title 17, Section Α

And that provides that for certain rare works of art,

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one must correctly attribute them to the author, correct?

A That's part of what -- [inaudible]

THE COURT REPORTER: That's part of what, sir? I couldn't hear.

THE COURT: Mr. Neeley, you need speak directly into the microphone. You probably need to turn back around and face the microphone, if that's not uncomfortable for you.

A The moral rights of a creator are in Title 17, Section 106(a), which are integrity and attribution, and attribution, I believe, is what he just described, which means, yes, for certain rare works you have to claim that they are yours, however, and also integrity of the art, which means that you cannot show it in a way that causes the artist shame.

Q And in the case of your Wikimedia posts, the rights of attribution that you provide on your page there are, and I quote, "you must attribute the work in the manner specified by the author or licensor," end quote. And under attribution you write, "Curtis Neeley at E N dot Wikipedia," correct?

A Again?

Q Your posting to Wikipedia provides that you require under the Creative Comments License that anyone reproducing this photograph must attribute it to you by name, correct?

1 They must, but they must not do it in a way that Α 2 disparages me. 3 Okay. And reproducing your work without alteration and 4 attributing it to your name disparages you how? 5 Because I do not believe that -- I do not believe that Α 6 a minor child or a practicing Muslim should be exposed to 7 my art. 8 Okay. Are you free to remove your postings from Q 9 Wikipedia? 10 Yes. Α 11 Q Why have you not done so? 12 Why would I? Α 13 To prevent Muslims and children from being able to see Q 14 them. 15 That's easily done by asking Google not to show them. Α 16 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Again, you need to speak 17 directly into the microphone. 18 Α I believe that it's just as easy to ask Google not to 19 show my pictures to the children and Muslims. 20 And if Google shut down entirely tomorrow, your Q pictures would still be available to children and Muslims 21 22 on the Wikipedia site where you put them, correct? 2.3 They would be. Α 24 I have nothing further, Your Honor. MR. PAGE: 25 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Neeley, anything further

you would like to offer?

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THE PLAINTIFF: I would like to say, I would like to say that I believe that the most interesting thing there that he brought up, there is a moral right even in America for artists' standards to control, control their work on Title 17, Section 106(a), and those are some of the rights that I believe are being violated by searches that show my work to children.

THE COURT: Okay. But you did agree with him that to upload your photos to Wikimedia, you had to enter into some Creative Comments License to grant permission that your photos could be reproduced but that they would have to be attributable to you?

THE PLAINTIFF: They would need to be done in a way that does not bring me shame.

THE COURT: Is that what that license said?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay. And do we have a copy of that?

MR. PAGE: It's not in evidence, Your Honor. We can certainly get it to you.

THE COURT: Okay. I'd like to get that.

MR. PAGE: Okay.

THE PLAINTIFF: Creative Comments 3.8, 3.8 SA.

THE COURT: I'm sorry. Creative Comments.

THE PLAINTIFF: Creative Comments, SA 3.0.

1 THE COURT: SA? 2 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 3 THE COURT: Like the initials, SA? 4 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes. 5 THE COURT: Create Comments by SA. 6 THE PLAINTIFF: Attribution 3. 7 THE COURT: 3? So if the defense produces that 8 to me, you think it's going to say that it -- they have the 9 authority to reproduce these photos as long as they are attributable to you and not in a way that disparages you? 10 11 THE PLAINTIFF: Correct. 12 THE COURT: It will specifically say that? 13 THE PLAINTIFF: It will not, it will not say 14 I'm not sure what -- how it says disparages. It 15 probably says in a way that the artist would not be 16 offended. 17 THE COURT: In a way that? 18 THE PLAINTIFF: The artist would not find 19 offensive. 20 MR. PAGE: Your Honor, if it will help, I can 21 read it into the record. 22 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead. 2.3 MR. PAGE: The provision on the page is you're 24 free to share, to copy, distribute, and transmit the work, 25 to remix, to adapt the work under the following conditions:

1 Attribution: You must attribute the work in the manner 2 specified by the author or licensor, open paren, but not in 3 any way that suggests that they endorse you or your use of 4 the work, close paren, period. And under attribution it 5 reads Curtis Neeley at E N dot Wikipedia as the attribution 6 artist to specify. 7 THE COURT: Okay. I would like to have a copy of 8 that as an exhibit. 9 MR. PAGE: We'll get that to you right now. 10 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Mr. Neeley, 11 how is it that you think that license has been violated by 12 Google? 13 THE PLAINTIFF: They -- I believe that Google is 14 aware of the fact that an artist would not want their 15 daughter, who is a minor, to see nude art done by them, by 16 their --17 THE COURT: We went over this, Mr. Neeley. daughter could access Wikimedia and access these photos, 18 19 correct? 20 THE PLAINTIFF: True. 21 THE COURT: Okay. So how is it that Google's has 22 done anything that Wikimedia has not? 2.3 THE PLAINTIFF: They have made it such that my name results in a search for it. 24

THE COURT: Does your name not result in a search

Case 5:09-cv-05151-JLH Document 216 Filed 12/09/10 Page 60 of 93 1 for them on Wikimedia? 2 THE PLAINTIFF: I don't believe so, not the way 3 they do it on Google. THE COURT: How is it different then? 4 5 THE PLAINTIFF: On Google it links to a picture, 6 brings up my pictures, and Wikimedia brings up a bunch of 7 articles. 8 THE COURT: Does it also bring up your 9 photographs? 10 THE PLAINTIFF: No. Links to them, not the 11 photographs. 12 THE COURT: Links to them. So all you would have 13 to do is click on a link and then your picture would be 14 seen? 15 THE PLAINTIFF: I believe so. 16 THE COURT: Okay. So, again, other than the 17 difference that there might be a -- you have to make an 18 extra click on a link, how is it that Google is doing 19 anything that Wikimedia is not? 20 THE PLAINTIFF: I don't know.

> THE COURT: Okay. And you acknowledge that you could go in there and remove the pictures from Wikimedia and then the only picture that might still be out there is the one that's on a website in Russia, is that correct?

> > THE PLAINTIFF: Yes.

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THE COURT: Okay. Anything further you would like to offer, Mr. Neeley?

THE PLAINTIFF: I believe that's all. I believe that's all.

THE COURT: Okay. For the defense, is there anything you-all would like to offer?

MR. PAGE: No evidence to present, Your Honor.

If you want closing arguments, we will be happy to.

THE COURT: Before we get to that stage, I would like to address Mr. Neeley. In your pleadings to the Court, you have made comments that could result in you being held in contempt of court. You have made comments regarding Judge Hendren and it hasn't just been pertaining to his rulings. You've made comments referring to him as senile, as logically challenged. Those comments can result in you being held in contempt of court. I'm not saying I'm going to do that right now, but I think that may be an issue Judge Hendren takes up with you. You've also made comments about opposing counsel that really have nothing to do with the merits of this action. They are more in the line of personal attacks. Now, I know Judge Hendren has entered one Order in this case. Do you recall that? He entered an Order stating that if you did not refrain from such comments, you could be sanctioned. Do you recall that, Mr. Neeley?

1 THE PLAINTIFF: I believe so. 2 THE COURT: Would you like me to read from that 3 You think that's necessary, or do you recall what 4 Judge Hendren instructed you? 5 THE PLAINTIFF: I think I do. THE COURT: All right. Well, tell me then, why 6 7 have you not complied with his Order? Why have you 8 continued to make personal attacks on opposing counsel and 9 on Judge Hendren himself? THE PLAINTIFF: I do not believe "senile" is a 10 11 word that should be that offensive. 12 THE COURT: You don't believe "senile" should be 13 a word that's offensive. 14 THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am. 15 THE COURT: Do you have any -- tell me what your 16 cause is for believing that Judge Hendren is senile. Because he ruled against you, is that what it is? 17 18 THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am. 19 THE COURT: What is it then? 20 THE PLAINTIFF: I believe that in his past, his 21 vision --22 THE COURT: In his what? 2.3 THE PLAINTIFF: When he ruled that the Harry 24 Potter books should be able to be seen on library shelves 25 just like a book where might not [Plaintiff brushes against

1 microphone] special care, that was extremely, I thought, 2 thoughtful and extremely keen, and I believe he is no 3 longer able or no longer does that type keen ruling. THE COURT: And what is your basis for that 4 5 belief? 6 THE PLAINTIFF: He has repeatedly done that 7 already in this case. THE COURT: He has what? 8 9 THE PLAINTIFF: He has done that already in this case several times. 10 11 THE COURT: What has he done specifically? 12 THE PLAINTIFF: He did not, consistently did not 13 allow me to amend --THE COURT: So he ruled against you, so you 14 15 believe he's senile because he ruled against you? I want concrete facts, Mr. Neeley, not that you disagree with a 16 17 ruling of his. I want to know the basis because, if you have no basis for making that type of comment, you could be 18 19 held in contempt of court. 20 THE PLAINTIFF: Okay. I believe the fact that he 21 believes that stating disparaging speech by association on 22 one case in '93 was a bad thing. 23 THE COURT: Wait. I'm not following you. He made a ruling in 1993, is that what you're saying? 24 25 THE PLAINTIFF: In 2003, I'm sorry.

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THE COURT: He made a ruling in 2003?

THE PLAINTIFF: That stated that disparaging against speech, there's -- putting a book in a certain place made -- disparages the book, by putting it on the shelf saying special parent permission, that was disparaging that book. To me he is saying that using my name in a library in a search is an example thing to disparage me by, hey, you use his name for taking a bunch of naked pictures.

THE COURT: Has he ruled that, Mr. Neeley? Has he made that ruling? What I'm getting at, Mr. Neeley, is you will be much better served if you refrain from personal attacks in this case, because let me tell you what can happen. I could strike the pleadings you filed in relation to this Motion for Preliminary Injunction. You filed pleadings calling Judge Hendren logically challenged and senile. You made personal attacks. I think you accused opposing counsel of committing fraud, and there's no evidence that they have committed fraud in this case. that means is I could just strike your pleadings, motions denied, wouldn't even have to have this hearing today. You could also be sanctioned for the comments that you have It could be monetary sanctions. You could be made. required to pay a sum of money. It could be more severe It could result in your case just being sanctions.

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dismissed, Mr. Neeley. And there's no reason for those comments. You did fine here today presenting yourself. You were very respectful to the Court. You were very respectful to opposing counsel. So what I'm getting at is those comments are not necessary. And they will only hinder your pursuit of this litigation. I will also stress that when Judge Hendren or myself have made a ruling in this matter -- now, I will issue a Report and Recommendation. You will have an opportunity, if I don't rule in your favor, to file objections to that, but any final Order, that is a final Order. You don't get to keep renewing your requests for relief. You have to accept the 13 answer from the Court. When the case is finally decided, then you appeal it to the Eighth Circuit and you can take 15 the issue up with them, but you need to refrain from making any comments about senility, someone being logically 17 challenged. Those are harassing comments. They are -there's no doubt they are contemptuous. And Judge Hendren 19 would have the absolute right to hold you in contempt of court for making those comments. Unless you've got a basis for those comments, and I do not believe there's any basis for those comments, other than that you disagree with his 23 They're contemptuous. And it will be up to him rulings. to decide whether to hold you in contempt of court. And 25 you need to refrain from making such comments about

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opposing counsel. I do not want any further e-mails to my settlement account. You were directed to send one e-mail regarding the settlement value of your case. I've been flooded with e-mails. I will no longer accept those e-mails. Miss McGruder, do I have a settlement statement from Mr. Neeley?

MS. MCGRUDER: You recently asked him to file one. It has not been filed yet, and you did not give a deadline for that.

THE COURT: Okay. I want -- I think I will limit it to a five-page settlement statement that specifically addresses which is my Order. That's it. Once I get that, I want no further e-mails from you. That e-mail account is for settlement purposes only, it is not for ex parte communications with myself or my law clerk. Do you understand that, Mr. Neeley?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

e-mails, I will consider taking action in this matter. And I believe that Judge Hendren will caution you in the same way that I have today, and what I really want to stress to you today is it's not necessary to go into personal attacks. It's not necessary to file motions asking for reconsideration over and over. You're bogging your case down. If you want your case to proceed, you accept a

ruling, you move on, and you'll get a final resolution of your case. Now, it may not be the resolution that you want, but then you'll have your opportunity to appeal.

Okay? You did a good job here today. You were very respectful, so I know you have the ability to do that, and I think you'll -- you represented yourself fine. You are articulate. You are intelligent. And if you'll use those skills in your pleadings, your case will progress just fine. If you do not and you continue to make the types of comments you have and file the types of motions that you have, you risk being sanctioned, your pleadings being stricken. You can be held in contempt of court and possibly your case even being dismissed, Mr. Neeley. Do you understand that?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay. Is there anything you would like to state in response?

THE PLAINTIFF: I apologize for having offended everyone and I do not mean to offend Miss Doan, and I mean to -- did not mean to offend you. I mean, I did -- when I did say what I did, I meant to offend you, but I shouldn't have. I'm sorry.

THE COURT: Okay. And I appreciate that,

Mr. Neeley. I hope that you can have a clean slate from
here on as you proceed with your litigation. It showed

good faith, the statement that you just made, and I hope that you will continue along those lines. Okay? Now, Mr. Neeley, is there any closing argument you would like to make before we conclude these proceedings? And you certainly do not have to. That's up to you.

I'm only -- I do not think it is very American to tell a person what they can or cannot say, that I cannot donate artwork to Wikimedia or cannot say things on a blog entry or say things that are against a person who teaches photography at the university, teaches photography who shouldn't be teaching photography and that end up condemning you, which I believe this has actually ended up doing. I have no idea what I was going to say, so, anyway, I would just like them not to show my pictures to anybody with my name. I mean, if they use the word Curt Neeley nude, well, then, sure, show them all, but not just Curt Neeley.

THE COURT: Okay. Anything further, Mr. Neeley?
Okay. For Google?

MR. PAGE: Your Honor, I'll be brief. I think the Court has hit most of the issues here. The first, obviously, is that the claim -- most of the claims for relief that Mr. Neeley purports are the basis for the injunction motion are, as the Court noted, not in his

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Complaint, so the analysis could end there. More to the point, although Mr. Neeley says he would love to not be associated with the things he put on the internet, the bottom line is that he put them there. All Google does is index material that other people place on the internet. Google doesn't place it there. Google servers, of course, have the results of Google's image searches and regular searches on them. That's the G-static servers that Mr. Neeley referred to. They are, I believe, the largest single storer of data in the universe, certainly the largest one that's not owned by a government. It contains the current server results of everything on the internet. That's Google's mission in life to make it so that you can find anything that's out there. Google is not in the position to make decisions as to who should look at what, who should post what, who you should copy what. We index it all. We, of course, then make our own broad cuts on things that we don't permit, like child pornography and things like that. But Mr. Neeley's decision to place his photographs in the public domain was Mr. Neeley's decision He has complete control over the ability to remove them from the public domain, should he used to want to remove them, except in situations where he has, in fact, licensed them to others with full permission to use them, such as the publisher of the book in which his pictures

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Googlebook search indexes millions of books around the world. The publishers with rights to those books have the absolute right to tell Google not to index them and we If Mr. Neeley's publisher has not asked Google not to index that book, that's between Mr. Neeley and his publisher. As to Mr. Peven's photograph, which seems to be Mr. Neeley's bête noire, we've seen clearly here today that that is entirely under Mr. Neeley's control, and, in fact, he has in the weeks leading up to this hearing deliberately re-introduced the harm he complains of for the purpose of supporting his motion. When he removed the link to that work from his own blog, it, therefore, fell out of Google's image search. When he put it back, it came back. He is deliberately creating exactly the harm he seeks this Court to enjoin. On that ground alone, the Court should deny his motion. Unless the Court has any particular technical or factual questions --

THE COURT: I do have a couple of questions.

Mr. Neeley stated that other companies, I believe he said

Yahoo and, and the Ask-dot-com have instituted some

protocol where the nude photos are not coming up when you

type in Mr. Neeley's name. Is that, is that correct? Do

you know?

MR. PAGE: I have absolutely no idea what other companies have done internally. I know that fewer results

show up when I personally go do a Yahoo search; however, I do find some nudes attributed to Mr. Neeley. But what Yahoo or Microsoft choose to show or not show in their name search is no concern of mine or the Court's. Google's search -- Google is quite justifiably proud of the fact that it indexes the web better than anyone else, and we consistently find more things than anyone else. We believe that's why we are the leading search engine in the world.

THE COURT: Well, just out of curiosity, is it possible for Google to prevent these pictures from coming up when you type in his name?

MR. PAGE: No. Well, not, not without an insane amount of effort. For one thing, search is completely automated. It goes out, it crawls the web, it sees what's there, and it reports it back. The machine has no way of knowing whether a picture is nude, whether the person searching for it is Muslim. All it knows is that there are some bits out there that say Curtis Neeley and there are other bits on the same page and there are pictures.

THE COURT: But it would be possible to just stop any photographs from it?

MR. PAGE: Yes. But if you go and do a Google search for Curtis Neeley, you'll find that there are a lot of Curtis Neeleys in the world, and a lot of them have posted a lot of their photographs, and you can see the

birthday parties of innumerable Curtis Neeleys out there. There is no way for us to selectively go in and block the people who happen to be searching for this Curtis Neeley. Similarly, there is no way for us to selectively search the photographs that this person really on any given day finds offensive, even though he put them there himself. As a practical matter, moreover, if we were to take down a link to a particular posting, the next time someone else put the photographs somewhere else and our crawler found it, it would come right back. We report on the current state of the internet. We can individually, of course, block results, but we are -- but Google has very strong institutional reasons not to start playing censor to the internet based on everyone's request. There is no end to that whole --

THE COURT: You said you can choose to block child pornography. How do you do that?

MR. PAGE: By, by hiring a lot of people to look, by searching keywords that indicate child pornography, by responding to notifications from all sorts of art organizations that provide us notice about child pornography. It's a very large, you know, our indecency folks are a very large organization that work very hard, and it is never, of course, never perfect. It is a game of Whack a Mole, but we devote significant resources to that.

It is not a simple matter.

THE COURT: Okay. Now, if Mr. Neeley contacted Wikimedia and told them to remove the pictures, would they still be available on Google?

MR. PAGE: Only very briefly. One of the things you'll notice when you do a Google search and then click on a link, is you almost never get to a page where you get an error that says this page is no longer available, because we don't want users chasing dead links. The next time Google's spiders crawl that Wikipedia, they won't find that page, and it will get deleted from the index. The time delay on that varies, depending on how frequently a site is visited. For instance, if you deleted something from ESPN-dot-com, Google search would stop linking to it in a matter of minutes because thousands of people hit every day.

THE COURT: So you think within a couple of days --

MR. PAGE: A couple of days, a couple weeks at most. I would suspect on Wikipedia it would be a couple of days, but Mr. Neeley has already done that experiment for us. He keeps taking the link on and off of his blog, which is not a major site. It is not one that gets crawled particularly quickly, and each time he turns that switch on or off, the photograph from Mr. Peven appears in Google

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image search and then disappears. Mr. Neeley has demonstrated to this Court his ability to make these pictures go away anytime he wants to.

THE COURT: Do you know how difficult a process it would be -- I know you can't speak for Wikimedia, but if you have any knowledge, how difficult a process it would be if Mr. Neeley contacted them and told them he wanted those pictures removed from the internet? Can he do that? Do you know?

MR. PAGE: I believe it's his page at Wikipedia. He can take it down immediately.

THE COURT: It's his actual page?

MR. PAGE: I believe. It's like a blog post.

It's his own. He can take it away anytime he wants. And even if it was some sort of arrangement where he had entered into a contract with Wikimedia that says they get to leave it up, well, that's one -- that would be a contract he entered into. And I'm sure -- I have no idea how long it would take to talk Wikimedia into taking it down, if you asked them to. One of his problems, unfortunately, is the obvious way that most people take it down, works of theirs that are on the internet that they don't want there is they send a DMCA notice, a Digital Media Copyright App notice saying that's my work. It's not up with my authority. Please take it down. And internet

service providers respond by taking it down. I assume he could send one of those to Wikimedia. Wikimedia may turn around and go, I'm sorry; it's there by license because you told us we could. And the other problem is that Mr. Neeley refuses to register any copyrights, so he actually doesn't have any copyright claims, but I assume that there -- it would be a fairly simple matter for him to unring the bell he rung with Wikimedia. And, again, that's his bailiwick.

THE COURT: Okay. One last question. The book that Mr. Neeley alleges Google made available on the internet, "The Renascent Volume 3 Photography," can you address that?

MR. PAGE: Only anecdotally. I mean, it's not in the case. I don't have any -- I mean, there's no testimony on it. I can tell you that what Googlebook search does. Googlebook search is a project between Google and a number of academic libraries around the world, about thirty at Harvard and Cal and Stanford and it's hopefully expanding out further, where Google has undertaken to scan the content of every book in their collection and make them searchable. There has been extensive class action litigation between both publishers and Google over what happens if the publisher doesn't grant permission or you can't find the publishers or if it's an orphan work. It's a very complex settlement that's being set up, but the

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rules basically on Googlebook is Google will search searches and indexes, works, and you can search by the text of any work and you can see sample pages. If the publisher of the work asks Google to remove the work from Google search, Google removes it. So the idea is to provide basically the Library of Congress but searchable entirely subject to the rights of publishers, and if publishers want to say I don't want my book in there, we take it down. Presumably whoever publishes the book that Mr. Neeley's photograph is in, owns the rights, and can tell Google to remove it or not. I have no idea. It's not in this case. It's not an issue in this case. I have no idea who the publisher is, whether they have communicated with Google, whether Mr. Neeley's communicated with them. It's not an issue in this case. His copyright claims have been dismissed.

THE COURT: Well, I think what this might go to is whether Google's a content provider and would they be a content provider -- well, first of all, do they, do they scan these books in, does Google?

MR. PAGE: A contractor does.

THE COURT: For Google?

MR. PAGE: It's a joint project with the universities and there's some contractor that actually does the physical scanning, but it's essentially --

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THE COURT: But they are books available in public libraries?

MR. PAGE: Exactly. It's a mechanical version of Google search. All right? It's searching books that are on shelves rather than elsewhere on the internet, but under the Communications Decency Act, there is no dispute but that Google is a provider of online services. engines are the paradigmatic provider of online services. There's dozens and dozens of rules. Section 230 cases have found that providers like Google are, in fact, online service providers and are absolutely immune from state law claims of outrage or defamation or anything else. We've cited to the Court a couple of cases in which Google itself was a provider who was found immune under Section 230. There is no basis for the claim that they are not subject to 230, got immunity. The Good Samaritan section to which Mr. Neeley referred is a different section of the Communications Decency Act. What it provides is that people who sell tools to filter content like the kind of tool you buy to put on your home computer to keep your child from seeing things, if you don't want your child to see them, that they cannot be held liable as a result of having provided these services. It's a remedial actions kind of provision. You won't get -- you won't get exposed to liability by trying to write tools to filter. You can't

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turn around and then sue them and then say your filter left this picture, but it is a completely different section of the CDA.

THE COURT: Okay. So a contractor scans books, puts them on Google's --

MR. PAGE: The text is scanned. It's OCR'd.

It's indexed. Google has a massive database that has images of all the pages and full text search.

THE COURT: Okay. And you don't have to receive permission from the publishers to do that, is that correct?

MR. PAGE: That's actual -- that is what the whole class action is about.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. PAGE: Google's position, which I believe is correct, is that that is a fair use; that it's -- that indexing that content does not require the copyright holder's permission any more than indexing the rest of the web needs permission from the people, provided if Google were to turn around and sell copies of those books, of course, that would be an issue. But we believe that providing thumbnails of the books just like thumbnails of images is fair use. Publishers have objected to it. The settlement has an incredibly baroque set of provisions whereby certain publishers can object in certain ways and royalties are paid in certain ways for works, and, et

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THE COURT: -- regarding the settlement?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay. Okay. Anything further?

THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am.

THE COURT: For the defense?

MR. PAGE: Nothing.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Neeley, one last thing I'll say 2 to you is you have acknowledged that you could contact 3 Wikimedia and ask them to remove these pictures. that may not be your chosen way of handling this matter, it 4 5 certainly would prevent -- it sounds like it certainly 6 would prevent viewing of your pictures by children or 7 anyone else that you don't want to see them. So, you know, 8 that -- you might need to think about pursuing that avenue 9 of relief. You have spent a lot of time and effort on this litigation. You have put the defense to a considerable 10 11 burden in this case, and it appears that you yourself could 12 take some action and alleviate the problem, if not 13 entirely, pretty close to entirely, so I think you need to consider doing that, and if you continue with this 14 15 litigation, first of all, I've cautioned you, Judge 16 Hendren's already cautioned you, no more personal attacks. 17 Your pleadings could be stricken if you do so. There could 18 be other sanctions that I've already explained, but if you 19 continue with this litigation, Google is spending a 20 significant amount of time and money defending this action, 21 and if it turns out that your claims are baseless and that 22 you could, in fact, take care of this problem that you are 23 complaining about, you could face some sort of sanctions 24 for that, Mr. Neeley, that -- they are spending a lot of 25 time and money in this action, and you've acknowledged to

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me here today that you could take care of the problem yourself or you could at least make some efforts to do so, so I would caution you that you need to strongly consider doing that. You need to really look at the heart of this matter and what it is that you are upset with, and if it truly is, as you say, that minors and Muslims are viewing your pictures and that is so offensive to you, then take If you can take steps -- I know I certainly would, steps. if I had something going on that was offensive to me and I personally could take some steps to take care of it. That's called personal responsibility, Mr. Neeley. And you need to do that. There could be consequences if you do You cannot just sue someone and drag them through litigation for years when there's something you could do to prevent the problem you are complaining of. Do you understand that, Mr. Neeley?

THE PLAINTIFF: I do understand that.

THE COURT: You got any response to that?

THE PLAINTIFF: I believe I have done everything I can do other than going back and undoing everything I've done.

THE COURT: Can you not go contact Wikimedia?

THE PLAINTIFF: I will go contact them, of course.

THE COURT: You are going to contact them, is

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THE PLAINTIFF: Yes. I will go online and ask them if they will put a robotic exclusion protocol on that page so it not become searched by Google.

THE COURT: Okay. You are making that representation to the Court, Mr. Neeley, so I will hold you to that representation.

THE PLAINTIFF: I will do that today.

THE COURT: Okay.

THE PLAINTIFF: Well, whenever I get home. I will ask them --

THE COURT: Tell me, if you do that, and if they remove the pictures, what's left of your claim here? What other grievance do you have against Google?

THE PLAINTIFF: That they have restricted me from having free speech.

THE COURT: You don't have that claim. That is not a claim in your Complaint, Mr. Neeley, so if they remove the pictures, the two claims you have, I guess you've got a trademark infringement claim, but your outrage claim, which is based on access to these pictures, if you are able to contact Wikimedia and they remove those pictures, does not resolve your outrage claim?

THE PLAINTIFF: Mostly, yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: Okay.

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MR. PAGE: Your Honor, could I clarify one thing? What Mr. Neeley just proposed doing was trying to create a situation in which Wikimedia -- he would leave his photographs in place on Wikipedia/Wikimedia, but ask them to try to block Google's indexing from seeing them. The solution is much simpler. If he doesn't want people seeing his photographs, take them off the internet. He is not proposing to remove his photographs from Wikimedia. He's proposing to have to be able to leave them up there for anyone to see there, but keep Google from indexing them.

THE COURT: Well, is there a problem with him doing that?

MR. PAGE: Not to me, but if it, if in fact it
doesn't --

THE COURT: Are you saying Wikimedia might not be amenable to that?

MR. PAGE: It may be a problem with Wikipedia.

It certainly would be a problem to the Muslims and children that Mr. Neeley is trying the protect, if that is, in fact, what he's doing. If that is his concern, he should simply take the photographs down. And if he fails, I don't want the Court to have the impression that he's done everything he could to keep these from showing up in Google searches. Everything he could is simply remove the photographs.

THE COURT: Mr. Neeley, what is your intention?

And I'm not trying to force you into doing something you don't want to do, but I am saying that if you sue someone alleging they are doing something to cause you harm when you, in fact, may be the cause of that harm, there could be repercussions for that. They have had a lot of attorney's fees expended in this case, and if it turns out that that claim was meritless and you could have prevented this harm, you might be responsible for some attorney's fees. There are repercussions to suing somebody when there's no basis for the claim. So what I'm saying is if it is possible for you to alleviate the harm you are complaining of, what's your intentions on how — do you have any intention to try to do that, and if so, what is that intention?

THE PLAINTIFF: I will, I will, first of all, attempt to ask Wikimedia/pedia to do a robotic exclusion protocol. However, if that is not possible, it's not like a blog posting. It is actually an article that I submitted information to them, and so they have rights to use it. It's kind of like me saying, okay, I give it to you forever, but, oh, I just was kidding. That's kind of hard to say. How can you give something away free and then, say, okay, no, not forever, just for two weeks or three weeks or a year? I can try. I don't know what the rules are.

THE COURT: So you're not sure if they will, they

1 will grant your request, is that what you're saying? 2 THE PLAINTIFF: I'm not sure if they will 3 grant --4 THE COURT: Okay. What would you request them to 5 do, to remove all of your photographs or block Google from 6 indexing them? 7 THE PLAINTIFF: Right. First, I will ask them to 8 block Google from indexing with their robotic exclusion 9 protocol; in other words, do not show thumbnails from these pages, and then if that is not acceptable to them, I guess 10 I will try and see about getting the photographs deleted. 11 12 And if that's something I can and do, then I can do that, I 13 will do that immediately, but if there is something inside of my profile that I believe have been picked up, I can get 14 rid of those, and if I can, I will. 15 16 THE COURT: Do you agree, Mr. Neeley, that that 17 might help alleviate some of the problem you're complaining 18 about? 19 THE PLAINTIFF: It would. 20 THE COURT: Okay. And do you have any objection 21 to taking that action you just stated you intend to take? 22 THE PLAINTIFF: I do not. 23 THE COURT: Okay, Mr. Neeley, what I'll do 24 then is if you have no objection to this, I will take this 25 motion under advisement. It's hard for me to say that

it's -- there's any, you know, any reason to grant injunctive relief until I see whether you've been able to remove the pictures and get the relief that you're seeking, so I think my ruling would be a little bit premature. So what I would like to do is take this under advisement, leave the record open. I have asked for a couple of exhibits from defense counsel. I think the disclaimer, is that correct, on Wikimedia --

MR. PAGE: Yeah, the Wikimedia posting pages we will forward to you.

THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. PAGE: Your Honor, we would, we would urge the Court simply to deny the motion before Mr. Neeley plays around with Wikipedia. There are endless grounds to deny this regardless of whether it's possible to take down his media pages. If we were to posit that it was physically impossible to do anything with them, it should be denied on so many other grounds, but it should not be left hanging, but that, obviously, if you wish to wait to see what he does --

THE COURT: Well, I would like to leave the record open and take the matter under advisement to see if Mr. Neeley is taking some -- he's represented to the Court that he is going to take some action to alleviate the real problem in this case. That might, you know, resolve in

large part his outrage claim, and I think it does pertain to whether injunctive relief is warranted. I think it's doubtful, very doubtful in this case that injunctive relief is warranted, but I would like to see what steps you can take, Mr. Neeley, to get rid of these offensive photos.

Can you give me a time frame? I want some sort of documentation from you, Mr. Neeley, that you've done this.

THE PLAINTIFF: I can, I can --

THE COURT: Can you give me a time frame where you could provide that to the Court?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. I can provide you by Wednesday afternoon with my five-page, my five -- one five-page e-mail --

THE COURT: The settlement statement? Okay.

That's separate now. I need that separately. Okay?

Five-page settlement statement --

THE PLAINTIFF: I'll send you one e-mail that says that and another one that says same e-mail address --

THE COURT: What I would like you to do is actually file something with the Court. You know how you file pleadings?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes.

THE COURT: What I would like you to do or let's -- you could file it as a supplemental exhibit in support of your motion, so it would actually be docketed

1 with the Court. Are you on the ECF system? 2 THE PLAINTIFF: No, ma'am. 3 THE COURT: You're not? Well, then you can mail 4 it then. 5 THE PLAINTIFF: I am coming Wednesday to be 6 dressed down, I'm sure, by Judge Hendren. 7 THE COURT: Well, I don't know that's --8 THE PLAINTIFF: But, I mean, I understand. 9 have offended him apparently and --10 THE COURT: I don't know that you've offended 11 him, Mr. Neeley. He doesn't take offense very lightly, but 12 you have raised serious matters that he has to address, and 13 he's not bringing you to court to dress you down. He is bringing you to court to address those matters. Okay? 14 15 So --16 THE PLAINTIFF: Okay. 17 THE COURT: -- back to the point, if Wednesday -by Wednesday you think you will have had time to find out 18 19 whether these photographs can be removed? 20 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 21 THE COURT: Okay. What I'll do is, by Wednesday 22 if you will file whatever documentation you have to show 2.3 that you've made efforts and what the results of your 24 efforts have been, if you can file that with the Court on 25 Wednesday -- if you need additional time, because it may

take you some time to be in contact with Wikimedia and to 1 2 find out what steps they can take, then you just -- you can 3 contact my chambers. I believe you have our phone number, 4 our chambers --5 THE PLAINTIFF: I may have. I'm not sure. 6 THE COURT: -- phone number? Or you can file a 7 motion. Let's do this. If by Wednesday you don't have the 8 documentation you need, then instead of filing the 9 documentation, you file a Motion for Extension of Time with the Court and let me know how long you need to get that 10 11 documentation, because I want thorough documentation of the 12 efforts you've made to remove these pictures and the 13 response from Wikimedia, whether they are able to do that. 14 Okay? 15 THE PLAINTIFF: Yes, ma'am. 16 THE COURT: So either file the documentation 17 Wednesday or file a Motion for Extension of Time. 18 MR. PAGE: And, Your Honor, just to clarify, the 19 hearing in front of Judge Hendren is on Thursday at 1:30. 20 THE PLAINTIFF: Thursday. MR. PAGE: 21 I just want to make sure that 22 everybody knows. 2.3 THE COURT: Okay. Well, that's fine, then, 24 Mr. Neeley. You can, you can do that on Thursday. Okay?

THE PLAINTIFF: That's because I am coming here

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Thursday, so, yes.

THE COURT: Okay. And like I said, if you are not able to get all of the documentation by then, file a Motion for Extension of Time. Now, again, Mr. Neeley, I'll say you did a good job here today. You're articulate. You're intelligent. I understand you're upset about the photos that are out there. I think that's the real meat of this lawsuit that's bothered you and, as I said, I think it might go a long way if you can take steps personally to remove those photographs. And you need to refrain from personal attacks on the Court, on opposing counsel, and just focus on your litigation, on what claims are pending before the Court and try to get those resolved. Okay? Anything further, Mr. Neeley?

THE PLAINTIFF: Yes. What is your opinion on interlocutory appeal?

on that, Mr. Neeley. Some things are appealable, most things are not. The Court of Appeals' jurisdiction is pretty limited when it comes to an interlocutory appeal. There are only certain things that they will take up, and most things you have to wait until your case is decided, and then seek appeal of the entire matter. Otherwise, a case can be going on for years if you are going back and forth.

1 THE PLAINTIFF: Thank you. 2 THE COURT: Okay? Anything further from the 3 defense? 4 MS. DOAN: Your Honor, only the practical matter, 5 for the exhibits that you've requested, we'll file those 6 today by the CMF post. Is that okay? 7 THE COURT: That's fine, and we'll just call --8 will there be two exhibits or one exhibit? 9 MS. DOAN: I think it is all the same exhibit. MR. PAGE: It's a single page. We may also dig 10 11 down to the underlying licenses if you want to see those. 12 THE COURT: Whatever you think. We'll just call 13 it Defense Exhibit 1 and I'll ask that Mr. Neeley be 14 provided a copy --15 MS. DOAN: Absolutely. 16 THE COURT: -- of that as well. All right. Is 17 there anything further we need to take up? 18 THE PLAINTIFF: If he puts them online, I will 19 get it by PACER. 20 THE COURT: Anything further, Mr. Neeley? THE PLAINTIFF: I would like to let the opposing 21 parties know that I do not need anything, that's going to 22 23 go through PACER. I will get it, pay my eight cents or 24 whatever, and get it, and there's no need for them to print

out all of this and mail it to me.

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THE COURT: So you don't want them to mail things to you?

THE PLAINTIFF: No, they do not need to mail things to me, because PACER and eight cents get that.

THE COURT: Well, I think that they might prefer to mail things, just to make --

MS. DOAN: We are required to, I believe, since he is not a CMF user.

THE COURT: I think under the rules, to actually serve you with pleadings, they are required to do that.

THE PLAINTIFF: Okay.

THE COURT: And it might save you a little bit of money, anyway, so that's why they are doing that; they are required to under the rules. Okay?

THE PLAINTIFF: Okay.

THE COURT: All right. Is there anything further we need to take up at this time? All right. We will take this matter under advisement, await the additional exhibit from defense counsel and the documentation from Mr. Neeley. Court will be adjourned.

(End of proceedings.)

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