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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

INGENUITY 13 LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
JOHN DOE,
Defendant.

Case Nos. 2:12-cv-8333-ODW(JCx)
ORDER

The Court has received the Ex Parte Application filed on behalf of John Steele, Paul Hansmeier, Paul Duffy, and Angela Van Den Hemel, requesting the Court to withdraw its March 5, 2013 Order requiring their attendance on March 11, 2013.

Based on the papers filed and the evidence presented during the March 11, 2013 hearing, the Court concludes there is at least specific jurisdiction over these persons because of their pecuniary interest and active, albeit clandestine participation in these cases. Not only does the Ex Parte Application lack merit, its eleventh-hour filing exemplifies gamesmanship. Accordingly, the Ex Parte Application is **DENIED**.

The March 11, 2013 hearing raised questions concerning acts performed by other persons related to Prenda Law, Inc., Steele Hansmeier PLLC, Livewire Holdings LLC, AF Holdings LLC, Ingenuity 13 LLC, and 6881 Forensics, LLC. The evidence presented suggests these persons may be culpable for the sanctionable conduct explained in the Court's February 7, 2013 Order to Show Cause, which the Court previously attributed to Brett Gibbs only. Further, it appears that these persons, and

1 their related entities, may have defrauded the Court through their acts and
2 representations in these cases.

3 Thus, the Court amends its February 7, 2013 Order to Show Cause (ECF
4 No. 48) to include sanctions against the persons and entities in subparagraphs a–m
5 below:

- 6 a) John Steele, of Steele Hansmeier PLLC, Prenda Law, Inc., and/or
7 Livewire Holdings LLC;
- 8 b) Paul Hansmeier, of Steele Hansmeier PLLC and/or Livewire Holdings
9 LLC;
- 10 c) Paul Duffy, of Prenda Law, Inc.;
- 11 d) Angela Van Den Hemel, of Prenda Law, Inc.;
- 12 e) Mark Lutz, of Prenda Law, Inc., AF Holdings LLC and/or Ingenuity
13 13 LLC;
- 14 f) Alan Cooper, of AF Holdings LLC;
- 15 g) Peter Hansmeier, of 6881 Forensics, LLC;
- 16 h) Prenda Law, Inc.;
- 17 i) Livewire Holdings LLC;
- 18 j) Steele Hansmeier PLLC;
- 19 k) AF Holdings LLC;
- 20 l) Ingenuity 13 LLC; and
- 21 m) 6881 Forensics, LLC.

22 These persons and entities are **ORDERED** to appear on March 29, 2013, at
23 10:30 a.m., **TO SHOW CAUSE** for the following:

- 24 1) Why they should not be sanctioned for their participation, direction,
25 and execution of the acts described in the Court’s February 7, 2013
26 Order to Show Cause;
- 27 2) Why they should not be sanctioned for failing to notify the Court of
28 all parties that have a financial interest in the outcome of litigation;

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- 3) Why they should not be sanctioned for defrauding the Court by misrepresenting the nature and relationship of the individuals and entities in subparagraphs a–m above;
- 4) Why John Steele and Paul Hansmeier should not be sanctioned for failing to make a *pro hac vice* appearance before the Court, given their involvement as “senior attorneys” in the cases; and
- 5) Why the individuals in subparagraphs a–g above should not be sanctioned for contravening the Court’s March 5, 2013 Order (ECF No. 66) and failing to appear on March 11, 2013.

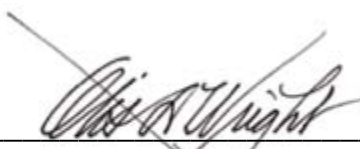
Gibbs is **ORDERED** to serve a copy of this order on the persons and entities in subparagraphs a–m above by March 15, 2013, and must file proofs of service with the Court by March 18, 2013. Gibbs is further **ORDERED** to appear on March 29, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

No other parties are required to appear on March 29, 2013. If so desired, Morgan E. Pietz and Nicholas R. Ranallo may appear on behalf of Defendant Doe.

Should the persons and entities in subparagraphs a–m above not appear on March 29, 2013, the Court is prepared to draw reasonable inferences concerning their conduct in the cases before the Court, including any inferences derived from their failure to appear. Failure to comply with this order will result in the imposition of sanctions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 14, 2013



OTIS D. WRIGHT, II
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE