UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action File No.1:08-CV-1425-ODE

-*vs*.-

MARK P. BECKER, in his official capacity as Georgia State University President, et al.,

Defendants.

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR EXPERT DEPOSITIONS AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT

Plaintiffs Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Inc., and Sage Publications, Inc. (collectively "Plaintiffs") and Defendants Mark P. Becker, Ron Henry, Nancy Seamans, J.L. Albert, Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., James A. Bishop, Hugh A. Carter, Jr., William H. Cleveland, Robert F. Hatcher, Felton Jenkins, W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., James R. Jolly, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., Elridge McMillan, William NeSmith, Jr., Doreen Stiles Poitevint, Willis J. Potts, Jr., Wanda Yancey Rodwell, Kessel Stelling, Jr., Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, Richard L. Tucker, and Allan Vigil (collectively "Defendants"), by and through their undersigned counsel, respectfully move the Court for an extension of the period for completion of expert depositions in this action up to and including

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January 27, 2009. In support of this motion, the Parties show the Court as follows:

1.

On September 14, 2009, the Court entered a Scheduling Order in this case providing for a period of expert discovery, in which the parties were given a period of 45 days to complete expert depositions commencing a week after the delivery of Defendants' rebuttal expert report. The period to complete depositions is currently set to expire on Thursday, December 24, 2009.

2.

Pursuant to notice and agreement of the parties, Defendants planned to take the deposition of Debra J. Mariniello, one of Plaintiffs' rebuttal expert witnesses, on December 21, 2009. Ms. Mariniello resides in the Boston area and was scheduled to travel to New York City for the deposition.

4.

Due to severe inclement weather on Saturday, December 19 and Sunday, December 20, Ms. Mariniello was unable to travel from Boston to New York City for the deposition. Counsel for the Defendants was likewise unable to travel from Atlanta to New York City for the deposition. Plaintiffs' counsel requested that Ms. Mariniello's December 21 deposition be rescheduled for January 2010. Defendants' counsel agreed. The parties are currently working to schedule Ms. Mariniello's deposition, and believe the deposition can be completed by January 27, 2010. The parties hereby request the Court to extend the period for completion of expert depositions up to and including January 27, 2010, so that Ms. Mariniello's deposition may be taken within the expert discovery period.

6.

In view thereof, the parties further request that all other deadlines, including the deadline for summary judgment briefs, be extended accordingly. The parties have also conferred regarding summary judgment briefs and believe that an additional 10 pages for the initial briefs will be justified and necessary in this case. Accordingly, the parties request that the deadlines and page limits set forth in this Court's previous scheduling orders be extended as follows: (i) summary judgment motions and briefs, not to exceed 60 pages, shall be filed by February 26, 2010; (ii) opposition briefs, not to exceed 50 pages, shall be filed by March 22, 2010; and (iii) reply briefs, if any, shall be filed by April 8, 2010, and shall not exceed 25 pages.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully move this Court for entry of an Order extending the period for completion of expert depositions up to and

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including January 27, 2010, and extending the deadlines and page limits for

summary judgment briefing as set forth in paragraph 6 above. A Proposed Order

is attached for the Court's convenience.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of December, 2009.

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I hereby certify that I have this day filed the foregoing **JOINT MOTION**

FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR EXPERT DEPOSITIONS with the Clerk

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This 23rd day of December, 2009.

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