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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
13 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
14 SAN JOSE DIVISION

15 ANGEL FRALEY; PAUL WANG; SUSAN
16 MAINZER; JAMES H. DUVAL, a minor, by
and through JAMES DUVAL, as Guardian ad
17 Litem; and W. T., a minor, by and through
RUSSELL TAIT, as Guardian ad Litem;
18 individually and on behalf of all others similarly
situated,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 FACEBOOK, INC., a corporation; and DOES 1-
22 100,

23 Defendants.
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Case No. CV 11-01726 LHK PSG

**DECLARATION OF RICHARD
DROGIN IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
CLASS CERTIFICATION**

Date: May 24, 2012
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Courtroom: 8
Judge: Hon. Lucy H. Koh
Trial Date: December 3, 2012

1 I, RICHARD DROGIN, declare and state as follows:

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3 1. I hold a Ph.D. in statistics from the University of California at Berkeley, earned in
4 1970. I am currently an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Statistics at California State
5 University, Hayward, where I have taught graduate and undergraduate courses in data analysis,
6 non-parametric methods, regression analysis, sample surveys, probability theory, queuing
7 theory, simulation methods and design of statistical software. I was employed at California
8 State University, Hayward, since 1973, and became an Emeritus Professor in 1996.

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10 2. I am a partner in the statistical consulting firm of Drogin, Kakigi & Associates. This
11 ~~firm provides consulting services and computerized database management. We have~~
12 ~~experience in designing and analyzing random sampling plans, organizing and managing large~~
13 ~~database systems, stochastic modeling, and performing advanced statistical analysis. Our firm~~
14 ~~has served as statistical consultants to both governmental agencies and the private sector for~~
15 ~~over twenty-five years. I have been retained as a statistical consultant in over 250 class action~~
16 ~~cases, primarily cases involving employment discrimination and wage and hour claims, and I~~
17 ~~have testified over 25 times as an expert witness (statistical analysis, computer processing) in~~
18 ~~numerous state and federal courts. I have never failed to qualify as an expert in statistics in any~~
19 ~~litigation. A copy of my current resume is attached hereto as Appendix 1.~~

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21 3. Plaintiff's counsel retained me in the *Fraley v. Facebook* case pending United States
22 District Court, Northern District of California, San Jose Division, to act as a statistical
23 consultant. In particular, counsel has asked to me to give my opinion regarding the feasibility
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1 of using data collected and maintained by Facebook to calculate, or estimate, various quantities
2 related to click through rates for advertisements.

3 4. In connection with my work in this case, I reviewed the following documents.

- 4 a. Plaintiff's Complaint
- 5 b. The Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Dismiss
- 6 c. Plaintiff's Statement of Facts
- 7 d. Exhibit 326, spreadsheet including selected fields for named plaintiffs
- 8 e. Transcript for deposition of Chris Plambeck (PMK explaining Exh 326)
- 9 f. Spreadsheet showing Exh 326 data field explanations

10 g. ~~Exhibit 693, User Level Tables (Bates 89753)~~

- 11 h. Exhibit 694, [REDACTED] description document (Bates 89754)
- 12 i. Exhibit 695, [REDACTED] description document (Bates 89755)
- 13 j. Exhibit 685, Ads Manager Exemplar
- 14 k. Exhibit 684, Guide to the new Facebook Ads Manager
- 15 l. User Level Tables, Bates 89753

16 5. It is my understanding that Facebook maintains [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]. The database has information about [REDACTED]

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21 [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED]

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3 [REDACTED]

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5 [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 6. The data described in the previous paragraph can be used to calculate the exact value of

8 the click through rate (CTR) for a particular ad campaign, group of ad campaigns, or for all ads.

9 The CTR is defined as the total number of times an ad is clicked upon divided by the total

10 number of impressions. A separate CTR can be computed for Sponsored Stories ads and for

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12 ~~Facebook Ads. I have read the declaration of Fernando Torres, and understand that Mr. Torres~~

13 will testify that the difference between these two CTRs is closely related to the increase in

14 revenue that is generated from a Sponsored Stories ad compared to a comparable Facebook Ad.

15 7. The formula provided by Mr. Torres gives a method for computing the additional

16 revenue for Sponsored Stories ads. Mr. Torres' formula uses the CTR as one of its

17 components. His formula for the additional revenue for Sponsored Stories ads can be used to

18 calculate the additional revenue per impression, or for an entire ad campaign.

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20 8. The random sampling techniques described below can be used to establish accurate

21 estimates of the CTRs for Sponsored Stories, Facebook ads, and other subsets of ads. Using

22 these estimates from a random sample in place of the exact values computed from all ads in Mr.

23 Torres' formulas, will establish an accurate estimate of the appropriate additional revenue per

24 ad campaign per Class Member across Facebook for Sponsored Stories ads; and that additional

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1 revenue can then be allocated to the Class Members based on the number of impressions in
2 which they have appeared.

3 9. [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED] By taking an appropriate random sample from this data, it is
6 possible to obtain accurate estimates of the CTRs for all ads, and for various subgroups of ads.

7 10. A random sample, or probability sample, is a subset of a population that is selected
8 according to a random mechanism. There are various methods for choosing a random sample
9 used by statisticians, and the particular method used for selection determines the appropriate
10 formulas for making calculations and projections from the sample data that is collected to the
11 population (i.e. class). ~~The simplest and most common method for selecting a random sample~~

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13 is known as a simple random sample. Some examples of other random sampling methods
14 include stratified random samples, cluster samples, systematic samples. The type of random
15 sample used in a given situation depends on how the sample is selected, and not the results of
16 the sample.

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18 11. A simple random sample of size n is selected when every subset of n items in the
19 population has the same probability of selection. For example, suppose it is desired to select a
20 simple random sample of 20 items from a population of 1000 items, which are numbered 1, 2,
21 3, ..., 1000. One could write the numbers 1, 2, 3, ..., 1000 on 1000 identical slips of paper,
22 mix them up, and then reach in blindfolded and pick out 20 slips. Equivalently, a computer
23 random number generator could be used to sort the 1000 numbers in random order, and then
24 just take the first 20 numbers from the randomized list as the sample.
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1 12. A basic principle in statistics is that when a random sample is drawn from a population,
2 then there is a measurable degree of reliability in making predictions from that sample to the
3 population as a whole. The formulas for computing reliability and margin of error depend on
4 the details of the how the random sample was drawn. Employing a random mechanism in
5 selection of the sample insures that the mathematical laws of probability will apply in reaching
6 conclusions about the population, based on the sample results. If the sample is not drawn
7 according to some specifiable random mechanism, then there is no mathematics to justify
8 projecting the results of the sample to the population. "In short, a good survey defines an
9 appropriate population, uses an unbiased method for selecting the sample, has a high response
10 rate, and gathers accurate information on the sample units. When these goals are met, the
11 sample tends to be representative of the population: the measurements within the sample
12 describe fairly the characteristics in the population."¹

13 13. Statisticians specify the accuracy of estimates in terms of a confidence interval. A
14 confidence interval consists of 3 components: a point estimate of some population quantity, a
15 margin of error or bound associated with the point estimate, and a degree of confidence. The
16 degree of confidence indicates how certain it is that the plus or minus margin of error attached
17 to the point estimate will include the true (unknown) population value being estimated. For
18 example, if the CTR for a set of ad campaigns is estimated, the the CTR measured from the
19 random sample would be the point estimate. Appropriate statistical formulas would be applied
20 to determine the margin of error, for a particular selected degree of confidence. For example, if
21 the CTR from the sample data is .02, and a 99% level of confidence is used, then a statement

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27 ¹ "Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence", 2nd Edition, page 102.

1 such as the following might be made: "There is 99% confidence that the CTR is within the
2 interval 0.0200 plus or minus 0.0001 (i.e. 0.0199 to 0.0201)."

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4 14. The size of the margin of error depends on the sample size and the variation in the data.
5 In situations where the random sample consists of selecting and examining paper documents or
6 interviewing individuals, it is often difficult and costly to take large samples of, say, thousands
7 of documents or people. However, in this case, given that the sample would be drawn from a
8 computer datafile, and the compilation of data would be carried out by an appropriate computer
9 program, it would be possible to take a very large sample (say, in the millions or tens or
10 millions), and obtain relatively very accurate estimates.
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12 15. There are various possible ways to draw a random sample in this case. The choice of
13 type (or types) of samples that could be implemented depends (at least in part) upon the size of
14 the datafiles, how they are organized, the level of aggregation of the raw data, and the subsets
15 for which separate estimates are desired. Two types of random samples that could be drawn
16 are the following: a) A random sample of ad impressions, and b) a random sample of ad
17 campaigns. The random sample of ad impressions could be designed as a stratified sample,
18 where appropriate subgroups would be defined and a simple random sample of ad impressions
19 selected from each subgroup, such as type of ad, or size of company purchasing the ad. Such a
20 sample would produce an accurate estimate of the CTR for each subgroup, and overall. The
21 random sample of ad campaigns would be a form of cluster sampling, where the clusters are the
22 ad campaigns. Then, either a complete enumeration of each cluster would be used, or a simple
23 random sample from each cluster could be drawn. This type of sample would produce accurate
24 estimates of the CTR for particular ad campaigns, for groups of ad campaigns, or overall. After
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1 more information is obtained through discovery, the details of the sample design(s) can be
2 specified.

3 16. Based on the information above, and the type and quantity of data retained by
4 Facebook with respect to their advertising campaigns, there are various appropriate methods for
5 calculating click through rates, which can be used in the formulas provided by Mr. Torres.
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7 I declare under the penalty of perjury and under the laws of the United States of America
8 that the forgoing is true and correct and based upon my personal knowledge and/or professional
9 opinions, and that if called upon to testify, I could verify the accuracy of the same. This
10 document was executed in the city of Berkeley, California on March 28, 2012.
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15 By: _____
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