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

VERISIGN, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v.

INTERNET CORP. FOR
ASSIGNED NAMES AND
NUMBERS,
Defendant.

CASE NO. CV 04-1292 AHM (CTx)

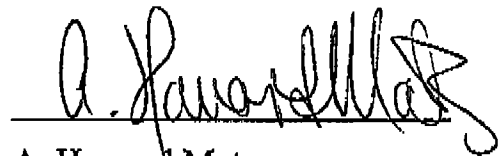
DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL
ENGAGEMENT

The Court is writing this disclosure at 2:44 p.m., Friday, May 14, 2004. Just a few minutes ago the Court began to review the materials on the Defendant's motions to dismiss and strike, on calendar for Tuesday, May 18, 2004. The Court therefore just discovered the need to disclose that almost two weeks ago the Court made plans to have dinner on Sunday evening, May 16, 2004, with Irvin Nathan, Esq., a partner in the Washington office of Arnold & Porter. Our respective wives will join us. The Nathans are long time friends. They are visiting California on a family matter. So far as the Court is aware, Mr. Nathan is a criminal defense attorney. He has not appeared on this case and the Court is unaware whether he even knows about this case. There will be no mention of this case at the dinner.

1 The Court has friends and acquaintances at both of the firms in this case,
2 but because it is unusual to have such a social engagement so shortly before a
3 hearing, the Court feels compelled to notify the parties. The Court intends to
4 ascertain whether in light of this engagement either side (or both sides) would
5 prefer the Court to recuse itself. In order to avoid any embarrassment, the Court
6 encourages the lawyers to confer about their respective positions; if either side or
7 both sides intended to seek recusal, then *both* sides should so inform the Court,
8 by filing a joint stipulation by not later than 4:00 p.m. on May 17, 2004. The
9 stipulation should not identify which side (if there was only one side) intended to
10 seek that result.

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United States District Judge



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