## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1684CV00969A

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF COURT INTERPRETERS, INC., MOUSSA ABBOUD, SOLEDADE GOMES DEBARROS, ANAHIT FLANAGAN, NORMA V. ROSEN-MANN, and MICHAEL R. LENZ, individually, and on behalf of other persons similarly situated.

VS.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE TRIAL COURT

## ORDER ON PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

At a hearing on March 30, 2021, the court instructed both parties in this case to attempt to resolve the discovery dispute at issue. Following the hearing, the parties conferred and identified the documents to be produced as limited to the year 2014 and the months of April, May, June and September, October and November of both 2015 and 2016. The parties then submitted supplemental filings on the issues of procedure and cost. That dispute is now before the court again on April 21, 2021. On this date, the court considered the supplemental papers, the arguments of counsel, and makes the following rule herein.

"In general, discovery matters are committed to the sound discretion of the trial judge." *Buster* v. *George W. Moore, Inc.*, 438 Mass. 635, 653 (2003). The court in exercise of that discretion makes the following ruling: the Defendant will complete an initial production of the above-referenced documents, and will incur expenses not to exceed \$15,000 as necessary to complete the agreed-upon production. The court further rules that the cost of any document production thereafter shall be shared by the parties (Plaintiffs and Defendant) on a 50/50 basis.

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## It is **SO ORDERED**.

Anthony M. Campo Justice of the Superior Court

Dated: April <u>2/</u>, 2021