

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

REMBRANDT DATA STORAGE, LP,

Plaintiff,

v.

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY LLC,

Defendant.

ORDER

10-cv-693-bbc

REMBRANDT DATA STORAGE, LP,

Plaintiff,

v.

WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION,

Defendant.

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Plaintiff Rembrandt Data Storage, LP, has moved to consolidate the claims construction briefing and hearings in these cases. Defendants Seagate Technology LLC and Western Digital Corporation oppose the motions. The motion will be denied.

Although plaintiff is asserting the same patents against both defendants, each

defendant makes different products that, if they do infringe, will likely infringe in different ways. More important, defendants are competitors in the hard disk drive industry. They do not want to cooperate in discovery or claims construction because each has its own interests to protect and presumably, its own litigation strategy. I see no reason to put defendants in a position in which they might be forced to disclose sensitive information to each other, even if doing so would save some time for the court.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Rembrandt Data Storage, LP's motion for consolidation of these cases for the purpose of claim construction is DENIED.

Entered this 2d day of March, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge