EXHIBIT 144

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

RICHARD KADREY, et al.,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	No. 3:23-cv-03417-VC
	)	
META PLATFORMS, INC.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

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Video-recorded Deposition of MICHAEL SINKINSON, PH.D., taken at Cooley LLP, 110 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, before Donna M. Kazaitis, IL-CSR, commencing at 9:37 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

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A. Just to be clear, I didn't choose just an eight-week window. I chose a one-week, a two-week, a three-week, a four-week. These are all cumulative.

Q. But do you go beyond eight weeks?

A. Not in this table, no.

Q. So why did you choose not to go beyond eight weeks in this table?

A. It seems like the point was made.

Q. Could you elaborate on that? What do you mean by the point was made?

A. Sure. What I'm trying to say there is that the coefficient estimate is stable from five weeks to six weeks to seven weeks to eight weeks. There doesn't seem to be any trend.

Q. Do you think that any impact that Llama 3 might have had on book sales would have been fully observable within just those eight weeks?

A. It's possible there was an effect later. But, again, per my earlier comments, if anything, this is showing that the books in Books3

slightly improved in rank. So this seemed sufficient.

Q. Sufficient how, Professor?

A. I felt very convinced from this.

Q. From just the eight weeks?

A. Again, given the coefficient is stable, yes.

Q. What do you mean by "the coefficient was stable"?

A. So what we're doing here is starting at a very narrow window after the Llama 3 launch, and we're adding more data in each column and looking for an impact on those books on their sales ranks. As we add another week of data, notice that the point estimate and the confidence intervals are not moving, indicating that the story is not changing as we add more data.

Q. And where in this study do I see data about adoption or use of Llama 3?

A. I don't have access to that data.

Q. Did you ask for access to that data?

A. I may have. I don't recall. But I

BY MR. STEIN:

Q. Did either of your reports look at the impact of piracy on book sales?

MR. MORTON: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: No.

BY MR. STEIN:

Q. Did either of your reports look at the impact of the distribution aspect of torrenting on book sales?

MR. MORTON: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: No.

BY MR. STEIN:

Q. Just to turn to your Curriculum Vitae for a second, please, Professor.

A. Sure.

MR. MORTON: Could she come back in now if you're asking about his CV?

MR. STEIN: Yes.

MR. MORTON: Thank you.

MR. STEIN: Thank you. Sorry, I can't keep track of that issue. I'm glad you are.

A. Yes.

Q. And you understand him to take a different view on whether a market exists or does not exist; is that right?

A. Can you repeat the first part of that?

Q. You understand him to take a different view than you do about the existence of a market here?

A. Correct.

Q. Now, is this something about which reasonable minds or reasonable economists can disagree?

MR. MORTON: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Is this something that reasonable minds could disagree about?

BY MR. STEIN:

Q. Uh-huh.

A. I mean I've laid out my arguments for why I have the opinion that I have.

Are you asking me to kind of contrast with Professor Spulber? I don't understand the question.

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COUNTY OF C O O K)

I, Donna M. Kazaitis, IL-CSR No. 084-003145, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing deposition of MICHAEL SINKINSON, PH.D., was taken before me at the time and place therein set forth, at which time the witness was put under oath by me;

That the testimony of the witness and all objections made at the time of the examination were recorded stenographically by me, were thereafter transcribed under my direction and supervision and that the foregoing is a true record of same.

I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor related to any party to said action, nor in any way interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name this 6th day of March, 2025.

Donna M Kazaitis

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