

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Nicholas A. Ventura v. IQVIA Inc., et al.

Ventura · No. 25-cv-09163-RS · Decided January 12, 2026

OPINION

Ventura

PER CURIAM.

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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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NICHOLAS A. VENTURA,

10 Case No. 25-cv-09163-RS Plaintiff, 11

v. ORDER DENYING MOTION TO

12 COMPEL DISCOVERY RESPONSES

IQVIA INC., et al., 13 Defendants. 14 15 On December 13, 2025, pro se Plaintiff filed a Motion
to Compel Responses to Special 16 Interrogatories. He also seeks attorneys' fees as sanctions.
Plaintiff states that he served a first set 17 of special interrogatories on Defendants "effectuated
via electronic service through the Court's 18 CM/ECF system" on November 2 and 3, 2025. Dkt.
54 at 4; Dkt. 55, Declaration of Nicholas A. 19 Ventura, ¶ 3. However, there is no such filing on
this court's docket, and all four Defendants assert 20 they were not properly served. Dkt. 67 at 3-
4; Dkt. 69 at 6. Rather, Exhibit A to Plaintiff's Motion 21 to Compel shows the discovery requests
were served via the electronic case management system 22 for the San Francisco Superior Court
more than a week after the case was removed to federal 23 court. Dkt. 54, Ex. A. Since the
interrogatories were not properly served, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b), 24 33, Defendants are not
obligated to respond. Moreover, under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25 26(d)(1), parties may
not seek discovery before holding a Rule 26(f) conference. See Rovio 26 Entertainment Ltd. v.
Royal Plush Toys, Inc., 907 F.Supp.2d 1086, 1099 (N.D. Cal. 2012). 27 Defendants represent that
the conference the parties had on November 25, 2025 did not meet the 1 3. Accordingly, Plaintiff's
motion to compel and request for sanctions are denied.! 2 3 || ITISSO ORDERED. 4 5 Dated:
January 12, 2026 # 6

RICHARD SEEBORG

7 Chief United States District Judge 8 9 10 11 12 15 16 it 4 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 Pursuant to
Civil Local Rule 7-1(b), the motion is suitable for disposition without oral argument, 27 and the
hearing set for January 29, 2026 is vacated.

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