

**U.S. District Court
Eastern District of Louisiana (New Orleans)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:13-cv-06221-SM-DEK**

Devassy et al v. Signal International, LLC et al
Assigned to: Judge Susie Morgan
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Daniel E. Knowles, III
Lead case: [2:13-cv-06218-SM-DEK](#)
Member case: ([View Member Case](#))
Case in other court: Mississippi Southern, 1:13-cv-00327
Cause: 28:1331 Fed. Question: Breach of Contract

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/14/2013	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT, with jury demand, against Malvern C. Burnett, Sachin Dewan, Dewan Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Global Resources, Inc., Gulf Coast Immigration Law Center, LLC, Indo-Amerisoft LLC, Law Offices of Malvern C. Burnett, A.P.C., Michael Pol, Kurella Sada Siva Rao, Signal International, Inc., Signal International, LLC (Filing fee \$400.00, receipt number 14643004838), filed by Sivan Raghavan, Saju Christy Vallarian, Ampattu Varughese Mathew, Mandeep Singh, Varghese Kurisinkal Devassy, Isaac Wilson Vazhikudilil, Vijayanair Sankarapillai, Benny Yohannan, George Chacko Edavazhickal, Anthony Sajan Oottuparambil Michael, Anil Scaria, John Malakaran Thomas, Prasad Kunju Kunju (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet) (RLW) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 08/14/2013)
08/14/2013	<u>2</u>	Summons Issued as to Malvern C. Burnett, Sachin Dewan, Dewan Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Global Resources, Inc., Gulf Coast Immigration Law Center, LLC, Indo-Amerisoft LLC, Law Offices of Malvern C. Burnett, A.P.C., Michael Pol, Kurella Sada Siva Rao, Signal International, Inc., Signal International, LLC (RLW) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 08/14/2013)
08/29/2013	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Sivan Raghavan, Saju Christy Vallarian, Ampattu Varughese Mathew, Mandeep Singh, Varghese Kurisinkal Devassy, Isaac Wilson Vazhikudilil, Vijayanair Sankarapillai, Benny Yohannan, George Chacko Edavazhickal, Anthony Sajan Oottuparambil Michael, Anil Scaria, John Malakaran Thomas, Prasad Kunju Kunju Signal International, LLC served on 8/26/2013, answer due 9/16/2013. (McDuff, Robert) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 08/29/2013)
09/13/2013	<u>4</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint., by Signal International, Inc., Signal International, LLC (Ungar, Hal) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/13/2013)
09/13/2013		TEXT ONLY ORDER granting <u>4</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Signal International, Inc. answer due 10/7/2013; Signal International, LLC answer due 10/7/2013. NO FURTHER WRITTEN ORDER WILL ISSUE. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robert H. Walker on September 13, 2013. (Joffe, Scherry) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/13/2013)
09/18/2013	<u>5</u>	MOTION for Michael Bhargava to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Varghese Kurisinkal Devassy, George Chacko Edavazhickal, Prasad Kunju Kunju, Ampattu Varughese Mathew, Anthony Sajan Oottuparambil Michael, Sivan Raghavan, Vijayanair Sankarapillai, Anil Scaria, Mandeep Singh, John Malakaran Thomas, Saju Christy Vallarian, Isaac Wilson Vazhikudilil, Benny Yohannan (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex-1 Certificate of Good Standing- District of Columbia Court of Appeals)(McDuff, Robert) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/18/2013)
09/18/2013		Pro Hac Vice fee paid for Micheal Bhargava receipt number 0538-2514481 \$ 100 (McDuff, Robert) [Transferred from mssd on

		10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/18/2013)
09/18/2013	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Robert Fabrikant to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Varghese Kurisinkal Devassy, George Chacko Edavazhickal, Prasad Kunju Kunju, Ampattu Varughese Mathew, Anthony Sajan Oottuparambil Michael, Sivan Raghavan, Vijayanair Sankarapillai, Anil Scaria, Mandeep Singh, John Malakaran Thomas, Saju Christy Vallarian, Isaac Wilson Vazhikudilil, Benny Yohannan (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex-1 Certificate of Good Standing- District of Columbia Court of Appeals)(McDuff, Robert) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/18/2013)
09/18/2013		Pro Hac Vice fee paid for Robert Fabrikant receipt number 0538-2514506 \$ 100 (McDuff, Robert) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/18/2013)
09/18/2013	<u>7</u>	MOTION for Steven T. Raptis to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Varghese Kurisinkal Devassy, George Chacko Edavazhickal, Prasad Kunju Kunju, Ampattu Varughese Mathew, Anthony Sajan Oottuparambil Michael, Sivan Raghavan, Vijayanair Sankarapillai, Anil Scaria, Mandeep Singh, John Malakaran Thomas, Saju Christy Vallarian, Isaac Wilson Vazhikudilil, Benny Yohannan (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex-1 Certificate of Good Standing- District of Columbia Court of Appeals)(McDuff, Robert) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/18/2013)
09/18/2013		Pro Hac Vice fee paid for Steven T. Raptis receipt number 0538-2514531 \$ 100 (McDuff, Robert) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/18/2013)
09/19/2013	<u>8</u>	ORDER granting <u>5</u> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice; granting <u>6</u> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice; granting <u>7</u> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robert H. Walker on September 19, 2013 (King, Steve) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/19/2013)
09/27/2013	<u>9</u>	MOTION for Timothy W. Cerniglia to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Malvern C. Burnett (Carlisle, Arthur) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/27/2013)
09/30/2013		DOCKET ANNOTATION as to # 9. The Motion for Pro Hac and exhibits are filed as one main document. Exhibits should be scanned separately and docketed as properly identified attachments to the main document within the same docket entry. Attorney is directed to follow this procedure in future filings. L.U.Civ.R. 7.(b)(2). (JCH) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/30/2013)
09/30/2013	<u>10</u>	ORDER granting <u>9</u> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robert H. Walker on September 30, 2013 (King, Steve) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 09/30/2013)
10/02/2013	<u>11</u>	MOTION to Dismiss by Malvern C. Burnett (Carlisle, Arthur) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/02/2013)
10/02/2013	<u>12</u>	MEMORANDUM in Support re <u>11</u> MOTION to Dismiss filed by Malvern C. Burnett (Carlisle, Arthur) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/02/2013)
10/03/2013		Docket Annotation as to Doc. #11 & 12. Main documents are not dated, only the certificates of service are dated. Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 84, appendix form 2 states that date, signature, address, e-mail address and telephone number are used at the conclusion of pleadings and other papers that require a signature. Documents are undated, but the date will be construed as the date of electronic filing. Attorney is advised to follow this rule in future filings by also dating the main document.(wld) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/03/2013)

10/03/2013		Pro Hac Vice fee paid by Timothy W. Cerniglia \$ 100, receipt number 14643005000 (wld) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/03/2013)
10/07/2013	<u>13</u>	MOTION to Stay Proceedings Pursuant to First-Filed Rule, for Transfer and to Dismiss Partially for Failure to State a Claim upon which Relief can be Granted by Signal International, Inc., Signal International, LLC (Ungar, Hal). Added MOTION to Dismiss, MOTION to Transfer on 10/8/2013 (wld). [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/07/2013)
10/07/2013	<u>14</u>	MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT re <u>13</u> MOTION to Stay Proceedings Pursuant to First-Filed Rule, for Transfer and to Dismiss Partially for Failure to State a Claim upon which Relief can be Granted filed by Signal International, Inc., Signal International, LLC (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 – Media Article, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2 – Devassy Consent to Sue)(Ungar, Hal) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/07/2013)
10/07/2013	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Jeremy R. Lacks to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Varghese Kurisinkal Devassy, George Chacko Edavazhickal, Prasad Kunju Kunju, Ampattu Varughese Mathew, Anthony Sajan Oottuparambil Michael, Sivan Raghavan, Vijayanair Sankarapillai, Anil Scaria, Mandeep Singh, John Malakaran Thomas, Saju Christy Vallarian, Isaac Wilson Vazhikudilil, Benny Yohannan (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex-1 Certificate of Good Standing-Appellate Court)(McDuff, Robert) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/07/2013)
10/07/2013		Pro Hac Vice fee paid for Jeremy Lacks receipt number 0538-2528834 \$ 100 (McDuff, Robert) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/07/2013)
10/08/2013		Docket Annotation as to Doc. #13. This document requests several motion reliefs. Every motion relief should be selected from the list of motion titles or each relief docketed separately. The same PDF document may be used for all motion filing entries. It is not necessary to refile as court staff has made the necessary correction. Attorney is advised to follow this procedure in future filings by selecting all reliefs requested.(wld) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/08/2013)
10/08/2013	<u>16</u>	ORDER granting <u>15</u> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robert H. Walker on October 8, 2013 (King, Steve) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/08/2013)
10/08/2013		NOTICE of Hearing: Telephone Conference set for 10/15/2013 09:00 AM before Magistrate Judge Robert H. Walker. Plaintiff will place the telephone call to Judge Walker's chambers with all necessary counsel on the line. (SR) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/08/2013)
10/09/2013	<u>17</u>	MOTION to Appoint Counsel / Enroll as Counsel, Alan D. Weinberger, by Signal International, Inc., Signal International, LLC (Ungar, Hal) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/09/2013)
10/09/2013		DOCKET ANNOTATION as to #17: Pursuant to Fed.R.Cr.P. Rule 49(d) and Fed.R.Civ.P. Rule 84, appendix form 2 states that date, signature, address, e-mail address and telephone number are used at the conclusion of pleadings and other papers that require a signature. Document is undated, but the date will be construed as the date of electronic filing. Attorney is advised to follow this rule in future filings. (PKS) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/09/2013)
10/15/2013		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Robert H. Walker: Telephone Conference held on 10/15/2013 with attorneys Robert B. McDuff, Andrew Case, Stephen T. Raptis, Hal D. Ugar and Erin Casey Hangartner to discuss consolidating this case with 1:13-222 Achari v. Signal LG-JMR for the purpose of the same judge deciding

		the transfer issue. All attorneys agree that the case should be consolidated, with the above related lower numbered case being the lead case in order for the same judge to decide the transfer issue. Plaintiff's counsel further advised that although they agree to the consolidation for the stated purpose, they advise there are factual differences between the two cases that may impact the issue of transfer. The Court will therefore enter a sua sponte order of consolidation of this case with 1:13-222 Achari v. Signal LG-JMR. (SR) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/15/2013)
10/16/2013	<u>18</u>	MOTION to Strike <u>11</u> MOTION to Dismiss by Varghese Kurisinkal Devassy, George Chacko Edavazhickal, Prasad Kunju Kunju, Ampattu Varughese Mathew, Anthony Sajan Oottuparambil Michael, Sivan Raghavan, Vijayanair Sankarapillai, Anil Scaria, Mandeep Singh, John Malakaran Thomas, Saju Christy Vallarian, Isaac Wilson Vazhikudilil, Benny Yohannan (Raptis – PHV, Stephen) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/16/2013)
10/16/2013	<u>19</u>	MEMORANDUM in Support re <u>18</u> MOTION to Strike <u>11</u> MOTION to Dismiss filed by Varghese Kurisinkal Devassy, George Chacko Edavazhickal, Prasad Kunju Kunju, Ampattu Varughese Mathew, Anthony Sajan Oottuparambil Michael, Sivan Raghavan, Vijayanair Sankarapillai, Anil Scaria, Mandeep Singh, John Malakaran Thomas, Saju Christy Vallarian, Isaac Wilson Vazhikudilil, Benny Yohannan (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – Proof of Service dated 9.11.13)(Raptis – PHV, Stephen) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/16/2013)
10/17/2013	<u>20</u>	ORDER Consolidating Cases. Signed by Magistrate Judge Robert H. Walker on October 17, 2013 (King, Steve) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/17/2013)
10/17/2013	<u>21</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>11</u> Motion to Dismiss (Raptis – PHV, Stephen) Modified text on 10/17/2013 to correct linkage(wld). [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/17/2013)
10/17/2013		DOCKET ANNOTATION as to #21. Modified to this docket entry to reflect correct linkage to motion #11. Deleted incorrect linkage to motion #13. (wld) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/17/2013)
10/17/2013		Case Reassigned to Chief District Judge Louis Guirola, Jr. and Magistrate Judge John M. Roper. District Judge Halil S. Ozerden, Magistrate Judge Robert H. Walker no longer assigned to the case. (wld) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/18/2013)
10/22/2013	<u>22</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>18</u> MOTION to Strike <u>11</u> MOTION to Dismiss filed by Malvern C. Burnett (Carlisle, Arthur) [Transferred from mssd on 10/23/2013.] (Entered: 10/22/2013)
10/23/2013	<u>23</u>	Case transferred in from District of Mississippi Southern; Case Number 1:13-cv-00327. Electronic file certified copy of transfer order and docket sheet received (jtd) (Entered: 10/23/2013)
10/24/2013	<u>24</u>	ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE. Case transferred to Judge Susie Morgan and Magistrate Judge Daniel E. Knowles, III for all further proceedings. Judge Lance M Africk, Magistrate Judge Alma L. Chasez no longer assigned to case. Signed by Judge Lance M Africk on 10/24/2013.(blg) (Entered: 10/25/2013)
06/02/2017	<u>25</u>	ORDER: ORDERED that the Clerk of Court mark the above actions closed for statistical purposes. Signed by Judge Susie Morgan on 5/26/2017.(clc) (Entered: 06/02/2017)