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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON PORTLAND DIVISION

JORDEN HOLLINGSWORTH,

Petitioner,

v.

SANOFI-AVENTIS US; CHATTEM INC.; QUTEN RESEARCH INSTITUTE LLC; AMJ SERVICES LLC; DRVM LLC; DEEPAK CHOPRA; MAGED BOUTROS; ASHRAF BOUTROS; MARIE-LAURIE AMIARD-BOUTROS,

Respondents.

Case No. 3:25-cv-01342-AB

RESPONDENT DRVM LLC'S RESPONSE TO PETITIONER'S PETITION TO COMPEL ARBITRATOR APPOINTMENT

This Court should deny Petitioner's request for specific requested relief contained in his Petition to Compel Arbitrator Appointment filed on July 31, 2025 (ECF No. 2). Petitioner's filing is a textbook example of bad-faith litigation. His scattershot inclusion of unrelated parties

and legally baseless claims is an abuse of both the arbitration process and this Court's

jurisdiction.

Respondent DRVM LLC supports the Court's appointment of a qualified arbitrator but

does not agree that Petitioner's inability to obtain representation or his misunderstanding of his

own claims should entitle him to unilaterally select an arbitrator—especially one lacking

relevant subject matter expertise—at Respondent DRVM LLC's expense.

The only cognizable dispute between these parties is a narrow wage and hour claim

under Oregon law. Petitioner's ongoing attempts to expand this case into a sprawling, multi-

billion-dollar crusade involving unrelated entities, speculative damages, and social media

theatrics have no legal or factual basis. The Court should safeguard the integrity of the

arbitration process by appointing a neutral with substantial Oregon wage and hour law

experience, not Petitioner's preferred candidate, whose expertise lies in areas wholly unrelated

to the dispute.

I. SUMMARY OF FACTS AND DISPUTE TIMELINE

A. The Legal Dispute Between Petitioner and Respondent DRVM LLC is

Limited to a Question of Oregon Wage Law.

Petitioner worked for Respondent DRVM LLC as a Sales Promoter inside an

unaffiliated warehouse store for 22 shifts. He was paid \$25.00 per hour plus \$3.00 per unit sold,

with both base pay and commissions clearly itemized on each of his bi-weekly wage statements.

Upon hire, Petitioner executed a valid Arbitration Agreement covering all disputes that arose

from his employment with Respondent DRVM LLC.

On December 10, 2024, the warehouse store manager requested Petitioner's removal

from the premises for inattentiveness, poor sales performance, and bringing in unauthorized

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visitors. In response to the complaint, Respondent DRVM LLC terminated Petitioner on December 12, 2024.

2024, however, his final paycheck did not include wages for December 11–12, 2024. In compliance with ORS 652.150(2)(a), Petitioner submitted written notice of nonpayment on

Petitioner was paid on December 13, 2025 for work performed through December 8,

December 16, 2024, and DRVM LLC paid the \$637.15 in unpaid wages and commissions on

December 27, 2024, within the statutory notice period of 12 days. Because Oregon law caps

penalty wages at 100 percent of the amount of unpaid wages when payment is made within the

12-day notice period, DRVM LLC's penalty was limited to \$637.15.

Despite this, on January 4, 2025, Petitioner made a demand of \$10,050—asserting entitlement to the full 30-day penalty—an assertion DRVM LLC disputed. On January 8, 2025,

DRVM LLC paid the capped penalty of \$637.15. The next day, January 9, 2025, Petitioner

demanded \$8,000, then \$6,500, to resolve the matter. DRVM LLC, believing nothing further

was owed, declined to engage further.¹

B. Escalating Arbitration Demands and Bad Faith Amendments

1. February 18, 2025: Demand of Arbitration

On February 18, 2025, Petitioner initiated arbitration through JAMS against not only his former employer, Respondent DRVM LLC, but also an array of other corporate entities and individual respondents none of whom had anything to do with Petitioner's employment or the

cessation thereof. Petitioner's initial Demand for Arbitration alleged damages of \$10,050

¹ Note, while Respondent DRVM LLC denies that Petitioner was entitled to any additional penalty wages over the 100 percent statutory cap, on July 1, 2025, Respondent DRVM LLC made a \$7,795.50 payment to Petitioner, which is more than he can recover on his one cognizable claim. This payment renders his complaint moot.

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arising from his belief that Respondent DRVM LLC owed him additional unpaid wage penalties beyond the 100 percent capped penalty of \$637.50.

2. February 26, 2025: Amended Demand for Arbitration

On February 26, 2025, Petitioner amended his Arbitration Demand to increase his monetary demand by a staggering \$300,000 for unsupported punitive damages and emotional distress.

3. March 31, 2025: Second Amended Demand for Arbitration

On March 31, 2025, Petitioner amended his Arbitration Demand once again, this time increasing his alleged damages from \$310,500 to \$6 billion dollars. Petitioner stated that the increase was due to "expanded scope of financial, reputational, and regulatory exposure," "increased damages revealed through newly uncovered exhibits," the "systemic nature of concealment and benefit derived across interconnected entities," and the "Respondents' procedural retreat and refusal to participate in prior fillings, signaling potential bad faith and avoidance of liability."

4. April 7, 2025: Third Amended Demand for Arbitration

On April 7, 2025, Petitioner amended his Arbitration Demand to increase his alleged damages to \$10 billion dollars. Petitioner alleged that his increased demand was warranted due to the escalation of public harm, reputational damage, and economic instability related to the "Hands Off!" protests, and JAMS decision to remove several entities Petitioner named in his arbitration demands.

5. April 8, 2025: Fourth Amended Demand for Arbitration

A day later, on April 8, 2025, Petitioner amended his Arbitration Demand to increase his alleged damages to \$15 billion dollars citing "ongoing reputational, financial, and

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systematic fallout triggered by this matter and now compounding by public, legal, and

regulatory exposure." Petitioner did not link his demand to any actual damages suffered by him

in relation to his employment with Respondent DRVM LLC.

Petitioner's Refusal to Follow JAMS Rules 6.

Over the past few months, Petitioner has completely ignored the JAMS procedures by

imposing artificial deadlines, making outrageous monetary demands, putting forward vague

conspiracy-style claims that are wholly unrelated to his employment with Respondent DRVM

LLC.

On June 16, 2025, Petitioner demanded that JAMS appoint Ryan Abbott ("Abbott") as

arbitrator, but concluded stating he would "welcome the appointment of any arbitrator" JAMS

believes "is most qualified to fairly oversee this matter." Because Abbott has no relationship

with Oregon and the legal claims at issue do not touch on AI or emerging technology, on June

27, 2025, Respondent DRVM LLC objected to Abbott's appointment, but agreed to participate

in JAMS rank and strike process.

On July 27, 2025, Petitioner objected to the full rank and strike list, claiming that none

of the experienced, retired judges were qualified to hear this matter. JAMS Rule 15(c) provides

that parties may have seven days to rank and strike arbitrators from the panel. Instead of

participating in the process, Petitioner unilaterally gave a 48-hour window requiring that either

(1) JAMS fully replace the panel or (2) Respondent DRVM LLC accept his choice of two

arbitrators both of whom are AI experts but neither of whom has practiced or adjudicated

matters in Oregon—or else he would file for a court-appointed arbitrator. He did so on July 31,

2025.

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7. Bad Faith Engagement

II. ARGUMENT

A. Respondent DRVM LLC Agrees to Have the Court appoint a Qualified Arbitrator with Oregon Wage and Hour Experience.

Respondent DRVM LLC does not oppose the Court's authority to appoint an arbitrator under 9 U.S.C. § 5 where the parties have failed to agree. However, because the underlying

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dispute is a wage and hour claim arising under Oregon law, and the parties' arbitration

agreement contemplates resolution of employment-related disputes, the arbitrator must have

substantial experience in Oregon wage and hour law to ensure a fair and competent

adjudication.

Petitioner's insistence on appointing an arbitrator with "demonstrated experience in

artificial intelligence and emerging technologies" has no basis in the claims at issue. Petitioner

is under the false belief that there is only one arbitrator that is fit to hear his claims: Ryan

Abbott. Petitioner seems fixated on Abbott due to Abbott's published work involving artificial

intelligence ("AI"). While Abbott is very accomplished, Petitioner's claims arise under Oregon

statutory law and have no relationship with artificial intelligence. Petitioner asserts that because

he is self-represented and is using AI tools to assist him with his research and legal arguments,

that it is necessary for the arbitrator to have cutting edge knowledge of AI. This is simply not

true. Petitioner's attempt to recast this as a technology or whistleblower matter is a transparent

effort to avoid the selection of a qualified Oregon employment arbitrator and to inject irrelevant

issues into the process in an effort to drive up attention on his social media platforms. This

matter needs a knowledgeable arbitrator that is experienced in Oregon wage and hour law,

which is the only legally cognizant claim that Petitioner has presented.

Respondent DRVM LLC has consistently agreed to proceed with a list of arbitrators

who possess both AI/emerging technology and Oregon wage and hour experience, but only as

relevant to the actual claims at issue. Petitioner's refusal to accept any arbitrator with

demonstrated Oregon wage and hour expertise instead declaring that this matter needs an AI

expert is unreasonable and contrary to the parties' agreement and the interests of justice.

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III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent DRVM LLC respectfully requests that the Court:

- 1. Deny Petitioner's Petition to Compel an AI-expert such as Ryan Abbott or Daniel Garrie as Arbitrator; and
- 2. Award Respondent DRVM LLC reasonable attorney fees incurred for having to defend the filing of Petitioner's motion; and either
 - 3. Compel Petitioner to comply with JAMS rank and strike process; or
- 4. Appoint a qualified Oregon or Washington-based arbitrator experienced in Oregon wage and hour claims.

DATED this 14th day of August 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date written below, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system.

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