

# State of Colorado, et al., v. Google LLC

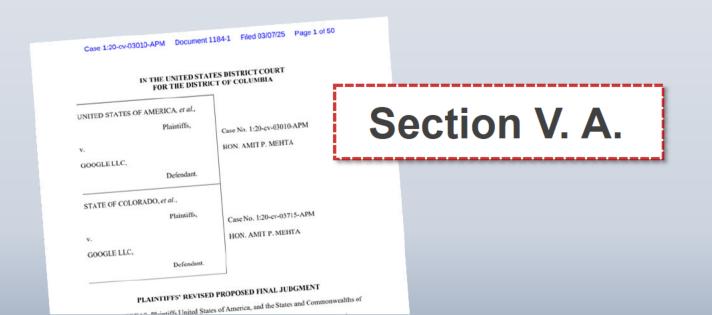
Plaintiff Colorado States' Remedies Opening Statement

## Roadmap

#### 1. Specific Remedies

- a. Chrome Divestiture: Getting It Done
- b. Public Education: Force Multiplier
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- 2. New Entry & The Competitive Process

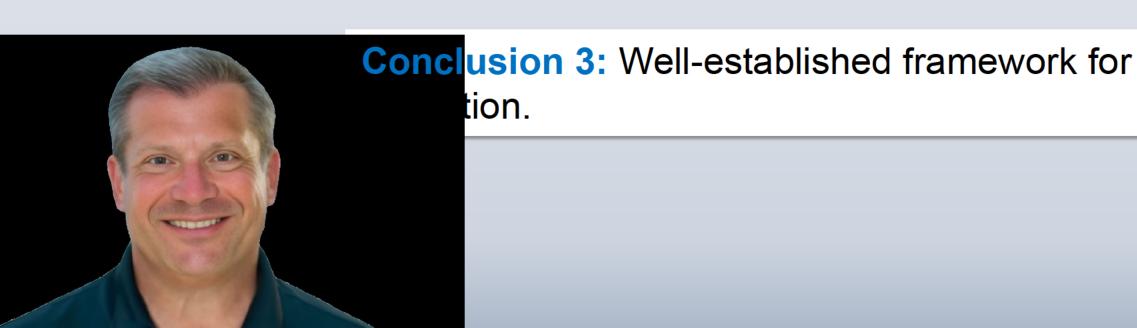
## Chrome Divestiture: Getting It Done



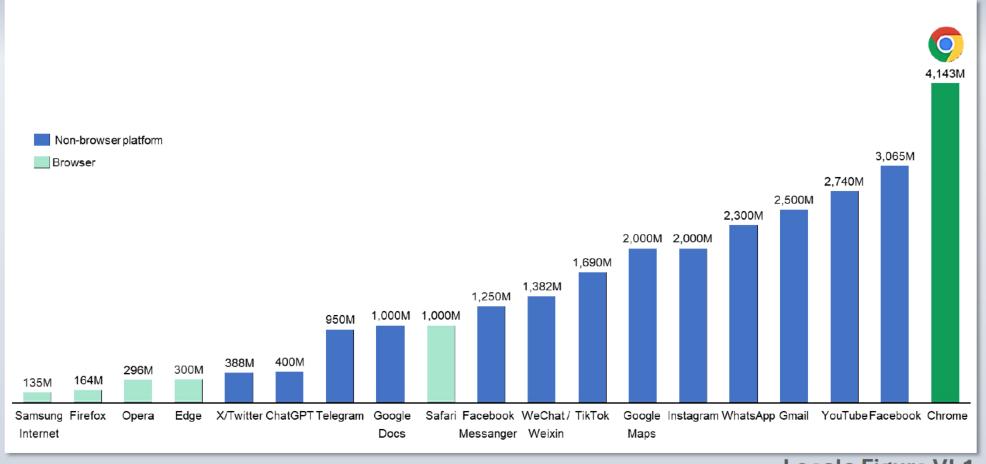
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Conclusion 1: Chrome represents an attractive acquisition opportunity.

Conclusion 2: An independent Chrome would be financially viable.



#### **Chrome is an Attractive Asset**



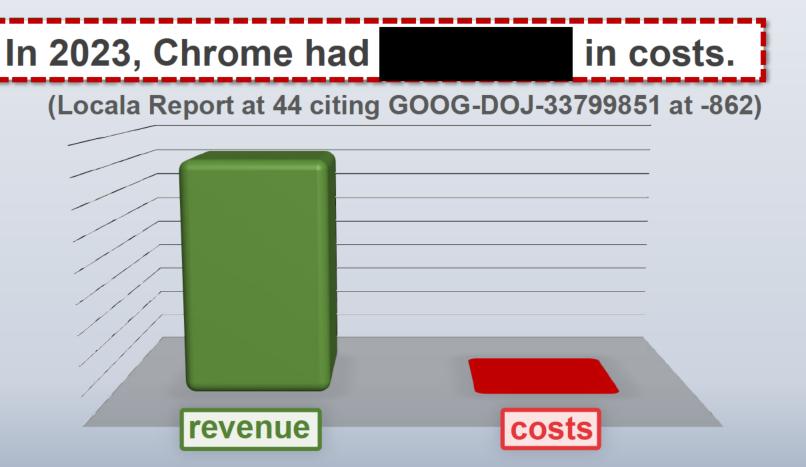
Locala Figure VI.1

- Over 4 billion Monthly Active Users
- Biggest browser globally
- Well-known product

#### Potential Revenue Streams

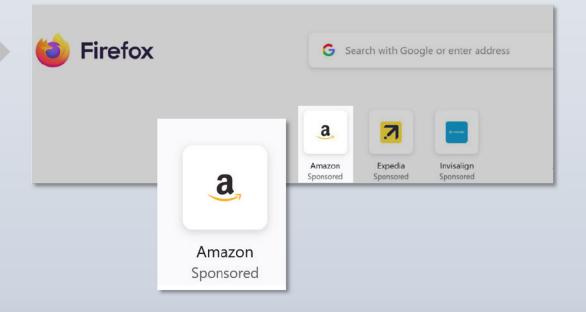
In 2023, Google generated of Search and Display Ads revenue from monetizing Chrome's 4.1 billion users.

(Locala Report at 40 (citing GOOG-DOJ-33799851 at -901))

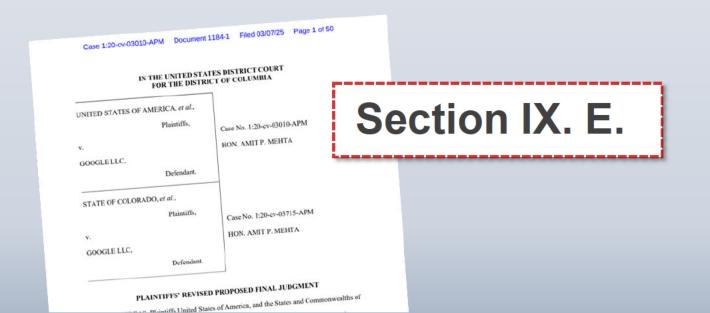


## Major Potential Chrome Revenue Streams

- 1 Search agreements
  - Revenue sharing options within the US and outside the US (over % of Chrome)
- 2 Display advertising
- 3 Distributing Gen Al
  - Potential sources for future development



## Public Education: Force Multiplier



## General Search is an Experience Good

#### **Brand Barrier, Habit and Now: Change**

#### **Public Education furthers choice**

- 1. Well-designed information programs increase users' ability to choose
- 2. Payments incentivize user experimentation



#### Incentive Payments: The Importance of Experience

## Reviewing literature, case studies & recent academic work

Payments to users under different scenarios led to significant increases in Bing's share

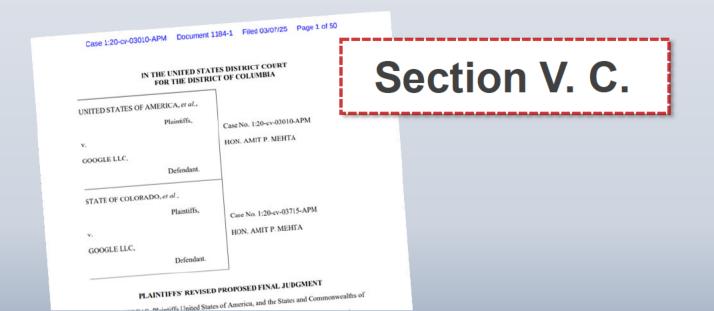
Users exposed to Bing had improved perceptions of its quality

By contrast, lack of experience with Bing drove Google market share

Source: Luca Report p. 22-24, Fig. VII-1



## Contingent Structural Relief: Deterrence Now



#### **Future, Contingent Divestiture**

#### Five or more years from now...

"In the event the remedies in this Final Judgment prove insufficient to serve their intended purposes of restoring competition or if Google attempts to or is successful in circumventing these remedies, then the Court may impose additional structural relief."

#### Why now?

Deter Google from failing to fully execute the remedies by aligning Google's economic incentives with full execution of the remedies package.

## Incentive: The Importance of Android/Play Store

Google's "argument [that that the MADA's device-by-device optionality allows an OEM to choose either to preload Google's products on some or all of their devices] overlooks the market reality that the Google Play Store is viewed by OEMs as essential to the Android customer experience. As Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella put it, without the Play Store, the 'phone is a brick.'"

Mem. Op. p. 211

Android itself is an important source of revenue for Google Search -- which gives Google incentive to use Android in the future to protect monopoly profits – and thus an incentive to keep Android

## **New Entry & The Competitive Process**

"Redressing [anticompetitive] harm by restoring conditions in which the competitive process is revived and any number of competitors may flourish (or not) based upon the merits of their offerings."

Massachusetts v. Microsoft, 373 F.3d 1199, 1231 (D.C. Cir. 2004)

## **Court's Thought Experiment**

What would it take for a new market entrant to convince Mozilla—a small distribution channel—to walk away from Google as the default? The following would have to happen.

- 1 Surmount entry barriers
  - Cost of Capital
- Brand
- Distribution
- Scale
- 2 Build an ads platform on par with Google
- 3 Offset any revenue shortfall needed to outbid Google

A new entrant would need billions of dollars to meet these three conditions.

"And notably, it would have to accomplish this trifecta either by acquiring enough user data... or by developing a technology that would make the need for user data far less important (which is unlikely to happen anytime soon)."

Mem Op. 233

#### **Antitrust Antifreeze**

When the court asked why Google pays billions in revenue share when it already has the best search engine, he answered that...they "effectively make the ecosystem exceptionally resist[ant] to change"; and their "net effect . . . [is to] basically freeze the ecosystem in place[.]"



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Mem Op. at 201-02