



**In the name of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani,
Emir of the State of Qatar**

**IN THE QATAR FINANCIAL CENTRE
CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL COURT
FIRST INSTANCE CIRCUIT**

Date: 13 January 2026

CASE NO: CTFIC0017/2025

TESLA LLC

Claimant

v

YOUTUBE LLC

Defendant

ORDER



Before:

Justice Mohammed Al-Ansari KC

UPON reviewing the documentation filed and served by the parties,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Trial

The trial of the matter will take place in-person at the QICDRC premises on **25 December 2027** with a time-estimate of 1 day, with a start time of **10.00 Doha time**.

2. Disclosure

- a. If either party wishes to make further disclosure requests pursuant to article 27.2.2 of the Rules and Procedures before the Civil and Commercial Court of the Qatar Financial Centre (the ‘Rules’), these must be done no later than **16.00 on 25 November 2025**.
- b. If either party wishes to object to a request made pursuant to article 27.2.2 of the Rules, such objection must be communicated to the other party no later than **16.00 on 1 December 2025**.
- c. To the extent to which the parties cannot agree on disclosure under article 27.2.2 of the Rules in light of such objections, the Court must be provided with a list of outstanding objections no later than **16.00 on 7 December 2025**. The Court will rule on the objections as soon as possible.

3. Witness statements

Witness statements must be filed and served no later than **16.00 on 21 December 2025**. Unless ordered otherwise, witness statements shall stand as the evidence-in-chief of the witness at trial. Each witness statement must:

- a. Give the full name and address of the witness.
- b. Be in the witness’s own words, if practicable, and drafted in the witness’s own language and in the first person (an English translation must be provided if this language is not English).
- c. Explain the relationship – if any – of the witness to the Claimant or Defendant.
- d. Set out the witness’s direct knowledge of matters relevant to the issues in the case.
- e. Refer to all relevant documents, although the text of the relevant document should not be included unless this is appropriate.

- f. Include the following statement of truth: *“I confirm that the contents of this statement are true.”*
- g. Be dated with the date upon which the witness signed the statement.

Any witness who wishes to give evidence at trial including the Claimant and any representative from the Defendant must provide a witness statement. In the absence of a witness statement, that witness will likely not be permitted to give evidence.

4. Arrangements for the hearing

- a. By no later than **16.00 on 28 December 2025**, the parties are to provide the Court with an agreed chronology and a list of key individuals and their roles/positions (dramatis personae).
- b. Both parties are to liaise with one another – with the assistance of the Registrar – to produce finalised e-Bundles, no later than **16.00 on 4 January 2026**.

5. Written submissions

The parties are to file and serve skeleton arguments – limited to 5 pages (A4, Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 sized-spaces between each line) – no later than **16.00 on 11 January 2026**. The skeleton arguments must:

- i. Make it clear what is sought.
- ii. Identify concisely:
 - a. The nature of the case generally and the background facts only insofar as they are relevant to the particular matter before the Court.
 - b. The propositions of law relied upon with references only to the necessary and relevant authorities.
 - c. The submissions of fact to be made with references to the evidence.

6. Further directions

Either party may apply to the Court at any time for an order which it considers necessary for the fair determination of the issues. The Court will normally deal with such applications by reference to the documents provided and without a hearing.

7. Procedure

Parties **must** familiarize themselves with the procedures of the Court, and particularly those contained within Chapters 12 (Directions), 13 (Disclosure), 14 (Witness Evidence), 15 (Trials), and 19 (Virtual Hearings) of the Maroon Book.

By the Court,



Justice Mohammed Al-Ansari KC