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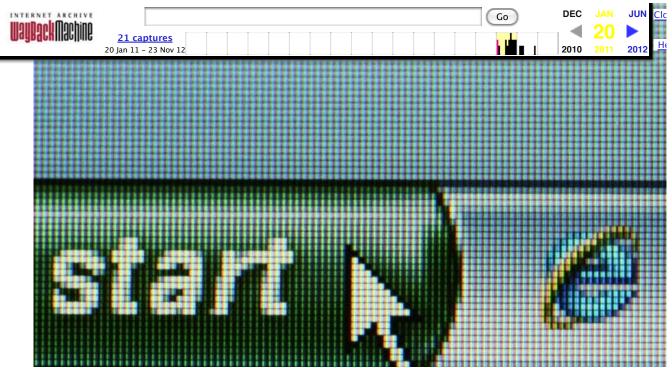
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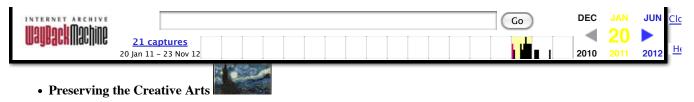
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We view our mission as a small part of the overall effort to preserve the creative arts for future generations. In our view, the ease with which digital content is pirated represents an existential threat to the future of professional content producers. Our clients understand all too well the problems posed by the unauthorized redistribution of their copyrighted works, particularly given the capital investment associated with producing and marketing professional works.

# Services

The legal services offered by Steele | Hansmeier PLLC reflect the lifecycle of a creative work. Such services include:

- Due diligence efforts to determine whether a proposed creative work lacks originality or infringes on another creative work;
- Developing a plan for protecting and enforcing U.S. and international copyrights;
- Securing U.S. copyrights and coordinating with third parties to secure international copyrights in both Berne and non-Berne Convention countries; and
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Many of our services involve coordinating with third party attorneys (e.g. international copyright work) and third party technology providers (e.g. copyright enforcement). Our consistent focus is to provide our clients with strong returns on the capital they invest in our time and that of our third party service providers.

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## **Due Diligence**

Before investing substantial capital into the production and/or distribution of a creative work, a creative artist may wish to conduct a basic level of due diligence into determining the degree to which their work resembles other copyrighted creative works. The methods for conducting this sort of due diligence vary based on the medium, through most forms of creative work lend themselves to digital due diligence. For example, an audio file can be digitally fingerprinted based on a variety of characteristics (e.g. rhythm, length, melody, etc.). This fingerprint can be compared to those of other audio files. Similar results would then be reviewed to determine whether a copyright issue exists. If such an issue exists, then the creative artist can attempt to obtain a license from the copyright holder of the original work. A creative artist's bargaining power is much stronger before they invest millions of dollar into marketing and distributing a creative work.

In 2008, Joe Satriani filed a copyright infringement lawsuit against the Grammy Award-winning band, Coldplay. Satriani's suit alleged that Coldplay's hit song, *Vida la Vida*, contained substantial portions of Satriani's, *If I Could Fly*. The parties eventually reached an out-of-court monetary settlement for an undisclosed financial sum.

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# **Securing Copyrights**

Once a creative work has been produced and/or published, it is generally important to register a copyright in every country where the copyright holder may wish to assert their rights. We offer to assist creative artists by coordinating the registration of their copyrights around the world, as required.

In the United States it is particularly important to register one's copyrights. As a general rule, copyright registration is a prerequisite to filing a copyright infringement lawsuit in U.S. federal court and a timely filing will preserve remedies that may be lost indefinitely if one does not timely register his or her copyright.

# **Enforcing Copyrights**

Copyright enforcement is a rapidly evolving field. Recent advances in communications technology have dramatically lowered the cost and increased the profitability of mass-piracy. As piracy evolves, so too must copyright enforcement strategies. Steele | Hansmeier PLLC offers services on the cutting edge of copyright enforcement, including: 1) DMCA enforcement services; 2) pirate pursuit services; and 3) advising on comprehensive paradigm shifts in copyright enforcement.

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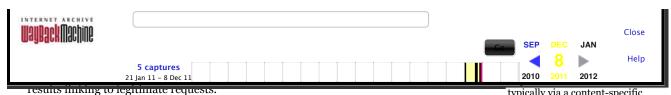
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## Digital Piracy 101

Digital piracy occurs through several channels. Each of these channels offers trade-offs between likelihood of detection, convenience and content availability.

Direct File Sharing This most basic form of piracy involves friends simply transferring files directly to one another via an instant messaging program (e.g. AIM), e-mail or other similar means. Direct file sharing is difficult to detect, but content availability is limited to the files held within the peer group.



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Peer-to-peer piracy This form of piracy occurs when individuals use a peer-to-peer protocol (e.g. BitTorrent) to transfer files. The typical steps in this process involve using a search function to locate the desired content, and then running a software program that implements a given protocol to download the desired content. P2P piracy suffers from easy detection, but is extremely convenient and the content availability is breathtaking. Virtually any form of content published in the past 20 years is available via P2P networks.



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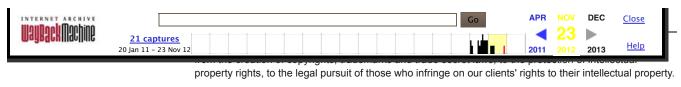
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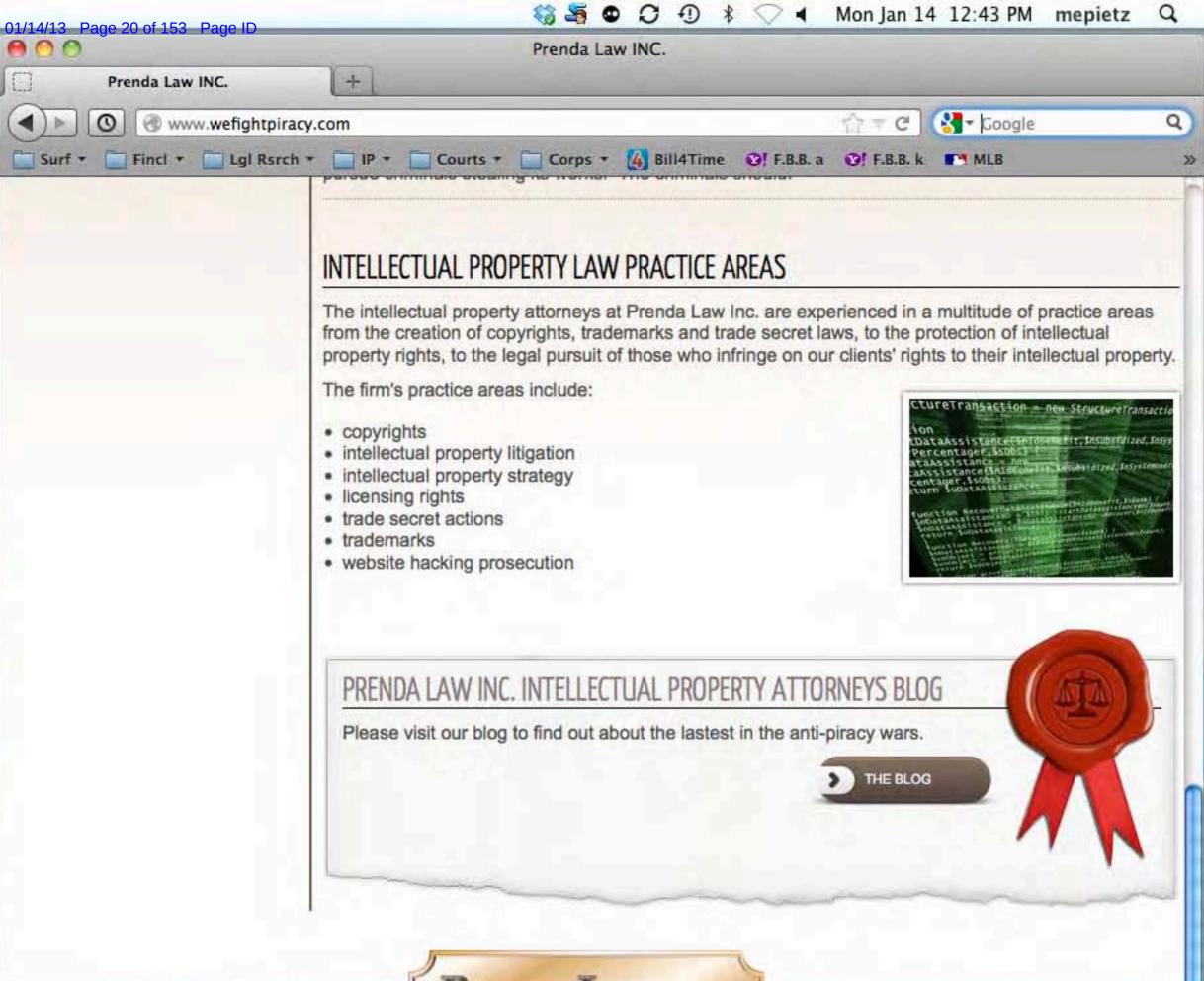
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# Recent Cases Against Identified Individuals

Prior to actually naming and serving individuals accused of various civil and criminal acts against our clients, Prenda Law attempts to reach out and resolve the issue with the infringer/hacker and/or account holder directly. While we are able to resolve the matter in some cases, some individuals alleged infringers wish to go to trial over the matter.

Sandipan Chowdhury - 1:12-CV-12105 (MA) Matthew Burnell - 1:12-CV-01256 (MI) Cristian Morinico - 2:12-CV-01969-MCE-CKD (CA) Christopher Sanchez - 1:12-CV-03862-RLV (GA) Rajesh Patel - 2:12-CV-00262-WCO (GA) Joseph Skoda - 2:12-CV-01663-JAM-JFM (CA) June Quantong - 4:12-CV-02411-PJH (CA) Steven Pecadeso - 3:12-CV-02404-SC (CA) Joe Navasca - 3:12-CV-02396-EMC (CA) Chris Rogers - 3:12-CV-01519-BTM-BLM (CA) Carlos Martinez - 1:12-CV-03567 (IL) Jason Hawk - 1:12-CV-04236 (IL) Perry Miloglou - 1:12-CV-05077 (IL) Ryan Jacobs - 1:12-CV-04240 (IL) Eleazar Santana - 1:12-CV-04239 (IL) Julio Baez - 1:12-CV-06405 (IL) Robert Olson - 1:12-CV-00685-ML-LDA (RI) John Foster - 3:12-CV-30164-KPN (MA) Joshua Demelo - 1:12-CV-11851-MBB (MA) Alec Chrzanowski - 1:12-CV-11842 (MA) Maxime St. Louis - 4:12-CV-11797-TSH (MA) Hajime Okuda - 1:12-CV-11850-MLW (MA) John Grenier - 1:12-CV-11843 (MA) Jason Martinez - 1:12-CV-11848-PBS (MA) Mayank Patel - 2:12-CV-06210 (NJ) Evans Papantouros - 3:12-CV-06013-MAS-TJB (NJ)

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Frederick C. Highfield - 1:12-CV-06033-JEI-AMD (NJ) Richard Lovejoy - CV-12-196 (ME) Thomas Lemay - CV-12-197 (ME) Gary Millican - 2:12-CV-00259 (GA) Ben Sanders - 2:12-CV-00258-WCO (GA) Benjamin Curtis - 1:12-CV-03773-CAP (GA) Robert Unger - 1:12-CV-03665-RLV (GA) Paul Stapleton - 1:12-CV-00166-WLS (GA) Perry Jackson - 5:12-CV-00429-MTT (GA) Reginald Patterson - 3:12-CV-00144-CAR (GA) Justin Miller - 3:12-CV-00143-CAR (GA) Nick Klimek - 1:12-CV-03838-TCB (GA) Tin Lam - 1:12-CV-03771-ODE (GA) Michael Davidson - 1:12-CV-03772-RWS (GA) Shainal Nagar - 1:12-CV-03578-TWT (GA) David Green, Jr. - 1:12-CV-03557-JOF (GA) Howard Robinson - 1:12-CV-03542-ODE (GA) Lorenzo Belmontes, Jr - 2:12-CV-01067-KJM-CKD (CA) Taurence Lopez - 4:12-CV-0741-DCB (AZ) James Forth - 4:12-CV-00740-CKJ (AZ) Charlie Burrell - 4:12-CV-00739-FRZ (AZ) Michael Tekala - 2:12-CV-02157-GMS (AZ) Zeke Lundstrum - 2:12-CV-02142-SRB (AZ) Eric Lemnitzer - 2:12-CV-02141-FJM (AZ) Carl Strickland - 2:12-CV-02140-ROS (AZ) Andres Chen - 2:12-CV-02151-MEA (AZ) Jerry Aurilia - 2:12-CV-02139-SPL (AZ) Kevin Antrosiglio - 2:12-CV-02138-GMS (AZ) Adam Nichols - 2:12-CV-02156-MHB (AZ) Ngoc Nguyen - 2:12-CV-02154-FJM (AZ) Purnell Phillips - 2:12-CV-02137-MEA (AZ) Jeff Montgomery - 2:12-CV-02153-ROS (AZ) Brian Trottier - 2:12-CV-02136-GMS (AZ) Erick Guevara - 2:12-CV-02152-JAT (AZ) Matthew Michuta - 2:12-CV-02143-DGC (AZ) Robert Richardson - 2:12-CV-02148-PGR (AZ) Andrew Simoneschi - 2:12-CV-02147-PGR (AZ) Taylor Velasco - 2:12-CV-02146-FJM (AZ) Douglas Buchanan - 2:12-CV-02145-DKD (AZ) David Harris - 2:12-CV-02144-MHB (AZ) Walter Szarek - 2:12-CV-2134-SPL (AZ) John Song - 2:12-CV-02132-GMS (AZ) Steven Laizure - 2:12-CV-02131-DGC (AZ) Christopher Heggum - 2:12-CV-02130-LOA (AZ) Rick Friend - 2:12-CV-02125-NVM (AZ) AJ Chubbuck - 2:12-CV-02124-DGC (AZ) Andrew Gutierrez - 2:12-CV-02127-SPL (AZ) Rim Boltong - 1:12-CV-03482-MHS (GA)

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Matthew Taylor - 3:12-CV-00160-TCB (GA) Danny Chambless - 1:12-CV-03839-AT (GA) Max Hilmo - 2:12-00263-WCO (GA) Christopher Eachus - 1:12-CV-06032-JBS-AMD (NJ) Lazaro Ana Contreras - 1:12-CV-06031-RMB-AMD (NJ) Steve Sullivan - 1:12-CV-01100 (MI) Andrew Standley - 2:12-CV-14746-GAD-DRG (MI) Nicholas Bossard - 1:12-CV-01101 (MI) Michael Pacheco - 1:12-CV-01102 (MI) James Davis - 1:12-CV-22149-JEM (FL) Javier Ubieta - 1:12-CV-22155-CMA (FL) Erik Diep - 4:12-CV-14459-DPH-RSW (MI) Nigel Sookdeo - 1:12-CV-22146-CMA (FL) Vaden Cook - 5:12-CV-14455-SFC-DRG (MI) James Szewczyk - 2:12-CV-14453-MAG-LJM (MI) Allen Keehn - 2:12-CV-JAC-MKM (MI) Joseph Jenkins - 2:12-CV-14450-DML-RSW (MI) David Olivo - 3:12-CV-01403 (CT) Elliott Olivas - 3:12-CV-01401-JBA (CT) Kevin Nevins - 3:12-CV-01404-SRU (CT) Craig Fenn - 3:12-CV-01402-VLB (CT) Jonathan J. Abarca - 3:12-CV-01400-SRU (CT) Udish Sundarrajan - 2:12-CV-01078-GEB-GGH (CA) Matthew Ciccone - 2:12-CV-14442-GAD-LJM (MI) Shehzad Lakdawala - 2:12-CV-14444-GCS-MKM (MI) Jason Hinds - 2:12-CV-14445-AJT-MJH (MI) Michael Murray - 2:12-CV-14443-GAD-LJM (MI) Matthew Baldwin - 1:12-CV-11841 (MA) Michael Nissensohn - 1:12-CV-00687-M-DLM (RI) Timothy Trafford - 1:12-CV-00686-S-DLM (RI) Norbert Weitendorf - 1:12-CV-07826 (IL) Dewey Wilson - CV-2012-900893 (AL) Adam Sekora - CV-2012-053194 (AZ) World Timbers - CV-2012-053230 (AZ) Reza Shemira - 37-2012-00100384 (CA) Jesse Nason - CV-2012-0057950 (CA) Samuel Teitelbaum - CV-2011-05628-JCS (CA) Joe Vasquez - CV-2011-03080-MCE-KJN (CA) Jeff Goldberg - CV-2011-03074-KJM-CKD (CA) Jason Angle - CV-2011-03077-JAM-KJN (CA) Sebastian Lopez - CV-2012-03114 (FL) Zachary Boudreaux - CV-2012CA-01679 (FL) Jacob McCullough - CV-2012-21100-JAL (FL) Tuan Nguyen - CV-2012-01685-MSS-MAP (FL) Paul Oppold - CV-2012-01686-MSS-AEP (FL) Lucas Shashek - CV-12-L-927 (IL) Ronald Trivisonno - CV-2012-L-000531 (IL) Tom Berry - CV-12-L-95 (IL)

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Michael Allison - CV-2012-L-000530 (IL) Klint Christensen - CV-2011-08338 (IL) Edward Neese - CV-2011-08340 (IL) Hyung Kim - CV-2011-08343 (IL) Robert Reynolds - CV-2012-01104 (IL) Jeremy Lozano - CV-2012-00812 (MI) Adam Grote - CI-12-2625 (NE) Austin Cunningham - C-133,846 (TX) Josh Hatfield - CV-2012-02049 (CA) Bobby Rammos - CV-2012-04232 (CA) Felix Naylor - CV-2012-03566 (CA) Thang Ngo - CV-2012-02416-WHA (CA) David Trinh - CV-2012-02393-CRB (CA) Jason Hawk - CV-2012-04236 (IL) Kenneth Payne - CV-2012-04234 (IL) Daniel Frankfort - CV-2012-03571 (IL) Ali Yang - CV-2012-01079 (CA) Cory Phan - CV-2012-01076 (CA) Darryl Lessere - CV-22156-UU (CA)

Unfortunately, due to space limitations, we are unable to list and provide the link to every individual we are currently suing on behalf of our clients. Also, it is our firm's policy to remove any cases from our site after we obtain a judgment or settlement. However, this list will be updated on a regular basis, so if you don't see a particular law suit listed above, feel free to call us at 1-800-380-0840 for more information.

# Recent Cases Against Soon-to-be-Identified Individuals

Prenda Law also files lawsuits on behalf of the firm's clients against anonymous hackers and infringers. The traditional process in these cases is to file a John Doe lawsuit (examples of which are listed below), request discovery from the court, obtain the wrongdoer's identity and either settle with or sue the individual. If you have received a notice from your Internet Service Provider, then your identifying information is about to be released to our firm. At this stage the firm will attempt to contact you to see if settlement is a possibility. If it is not, our client will have no option but to put the matter to a jury of your peers.

1:12-CV-02512-DDD, John Doe, 65.60.170.220 2:12-CV-02158-SRB, John Doe, 70.162.31.215 5:12-CV-00398-HL, John Doe, 72.210.67.50 2:12-CV-06664-GAF-AGR, John Doe 75.142.115.172 2:12-AT-01337, John Doe, 71.92.65.184 2:12-CV-14722-LPZ-RSW, John Doe, 75.114.172.113 2:12-CV-14724-JCO-MAR, John Doe, 71.197.29.106 2:12-CV-00995-EJF, John Doe, 98.202.218.205 2:12-CV-00994-BCW, John Doe, 71.219.136.154 2:12-CV-00993-DAK, John Doe, 65.130.163.107 2:12-CV-00597-RBS-TEM, John Doe, 72.84.95.167 1:12-CV-03568, John Doe, 68.51.101.217 1:12-CV-03569, John Doe, 68.51.101.71 1:12-CV-03570, John Doe, 98.193.34.158 1:12-CV-08030, John Doe, 98.206.40.200 1:12-CV-01398-JES-JAG, John Doe, 99.46.242.157 8:12-CV-01688-JSM-AEP, John Doe, 97.97.62.62 8:12-CV-01689-VCM-TBM, John Doe, 72.91.172.134

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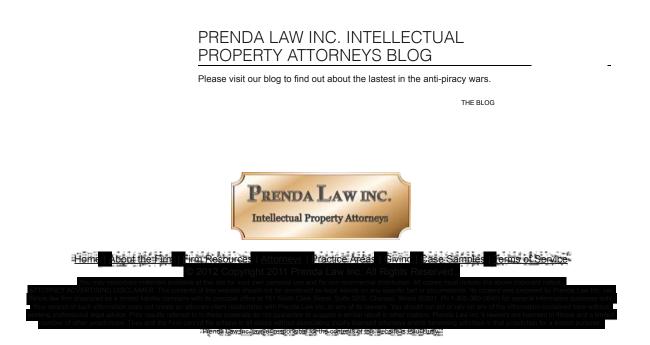
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NOTE: Neither the Defendants, nor anyone listed as an account holder in any of the above cases have

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been found liable for any wrongdoing at this time. The pleadings listed above are part of the public record and can be accessed at <u>www.pacer.gov</u> (for federal cases) or the local county where the case was filed (for state cases).







# Anti-Piracy Law Group. Preserving Creativity

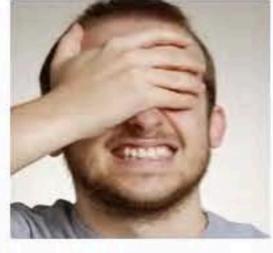




There is always interesting news and important legal decisions regarding the fight between right and wrong, creative artists vs. piracy.

## SAMPLE CASES





If you are a digital pirate you might see your name end up here unless you stop your infringing ways. If you are thinking about stealing content, please reconsider. Litigation is unpleasant for everyone involved.



BitTorrent Betty is here to provide commentary regarding the latest developments on the anti-piracy front.

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# EXHIBIT B

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Status	NOT GOOD STANDING		
Entity Type	CORPORATION	Type of Corp	DOMESTIC BCA
Incorporation Date (Domestic)	11/07/2011	State	ILLINOIS
Agent Name	PAUL DUFFY	Agent Change Date	11/07/2011
Agent Street Address	161 N CLARK ST STE 3200	President Name & Address	
Agent City	CHICAGO	Secretary Name & Address	
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# **EXHIBIT C**

Case 2:12-cv-08333-ODW-JC Document 40-2 Filed 01/14/13 Page 34 of 153 SUMMONS Image ID: Doc. No. D00382270D02 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

575 S. 10th Street - 3rd Floor SEPARATE JUVENILE COURT-4th Floor NE 68508 Lincoln

Lightspeed Media Corporation v. Jeremy Youngs

Case ID: CI 12 2965

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TO: Jeremy Youngs

You have been sued by the following plaintiff(s):

Lightspeed Media Corporation

Plaintiff's Attorney:	Matthew Jenkins
Address:	PO Box 6621
	Lincoln, NE 68506

Telephone:

(402) 417-6427

A copy of the complaint/petition is attached. To defend this lawsuit, an appropriate response must be served on the parties and filed with the office of the clerk of the court within 30 days of service of the complaint/petition. If you fail to respond, the court may enter judgment for the relief demanded in the complaint/petition.

BY THE COURT: Date: SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

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NEBRASKA

PLAINTIFF'S DIRECTIONS FOR SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT/PETITION ON:

> Jeremy Youngs Nebraska Dept. of HHS 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68508

BY: Lancaster County Sheriff

Method of service: Personal Service You are directed to make such service within twenty days after on the service as provided by law.

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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

LIGHTSPEED MEDIA CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

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JEREMY YOUNGS,

Defendant.

# Case No. C.F 12-2965

COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff Lightspeed Media Corporation, by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this Complaint requesting damages and injunctive relief, and alleges as follows:

#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Plaintiff LIGHTSPEED MEDIA CORPORATION ("Plaintiff") files this action for computer fraud and abuse, conversion, unjust enrichment, breach of contract, and negligence. Defendant YOUNGS ("Defendant") used one or more hacked usernames/passwords to gain unauthorized access to Plaintiff's Internet website and protected content and, upon information and belief, continues to do the same. Plaintiff seeks a permanent injunction, statutory damages or actual damages, award of costs and attorneys' fees, and other relief.

#### THE PARTIES

 Plaintiff is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona, with its principal place of business located in Arizona.

 Defendant is an individual adult over the age of eighteen whom, upon information and belief, is currently, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, a resident of the County of Lancaster.

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 Judgment in favor of Plaintiff against the Defendant awarding the Plaintiff attorneys' fees, litigation expenses (including fees and costs of expert witnesses), and other costs of this action; and

. . . .

5) Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff against Defendant, awarding Plaintiff declaratory and injunctive or other equitable relief as may be just and warranted under the circumstances.

DATED: July 27, 2012

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Respectfully submitted,

#### LIGHTSPEED MEDIA CORPORATION, Plaintiff

By:

Matthew Jenkins, Esq. (Bar No. 23319) PO Box 6621 Lincoln, NE 68506 Tel: (415) 325-5900 Email: blgibbs@wefightpiracy.com

Attorney for Plaintiff

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# EXHIBIT D

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AF HOLDINGS LLC,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	)
DOES 1 – 1058,	)
Defendants.	)

Case: 1:12-cv-00048

Judge : Hon. Beryl A. Howell

#### **MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF JOHN L. STEELE**

I, Paul A. Duffy, hereby move pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2(d) for the *pro hac vice* admission of John L. Steele to the bar of this Court to act as co-counsel in this action. Mr. Steele is of counsel with the firm of Prenda Law, Inc., and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Illinois and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. On the basis of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this Court admit Mr. Steele *pro hac vice* for the purpose of appearing and participating as co-counsel on behalf of Plaintiff, AF Holdings, Inc., in this action.

Dated: April 20, 2012

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Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Paul A. Duffy

Paul A. Duffy (D.C. Bar # IL0014) Prenda Law Inc. 161 N. Clark Street, Suite3200 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: (312) 880-9160 Facsimile: (312) 893-5677 Attorneys for Plaintiff, AF Holdings LLC



#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that on April 20, 2012, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion For Pro Hac Vice Admission to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the District Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

Dated: April 20, 2012

<u>/s/ Paul A. Duffy</u> Paul A. Duffy



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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AF HOLDINGS LLC,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) Case : 1:12-cv-00048
DOES 1 – 1058,	) ) Judge : Hon. Beryl A. Howell
Defendants.	)

**DECLARATION OF JOHN L. STEELE** 

I, John Steele, declare pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and Local Civil Rule 83.2(d):

1. I am of counsel with the law firm of Prenda Law, Inc., counsel for Plaintiff,

AF Holdings, LLC in the above-captioned action. I submit this declaration in support of Paul A. Duffy's Motion pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2(d) for the *pro hac vice* admission of John Steele to the bar of this Court.

2. My full name is John L. Steele.

3. My office address is 161 N. Clark Street, Suite 3200, Chicago, Illinois

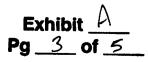
60601. My office telephone number is (312) 880-9160.

4. I have also been admitted to practice before, and am a member in good standing of, the bars of the United States Court District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the State of Illinois.

5. I have not been disciplined by any bar.

6. I have been admitted *pro hac vice* to this Court in one case (1:12-mc-00150-

ESH-AK) in the previous two years.



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7. I do not engage in the practice of law from an office located in the District of Columbia. I am not a member of the District of Columbia bar, nor do I have an application for membership pending.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: April 20, 2012

/s/\_John Steele

John Steele Prenda Law Inc. 161 N. Clark St., Suite 3200 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: (312) 880-9160 Facsimile: (312) 893-5677



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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AF HOLDINGS LLC,	)
Plaintiff,	
v.	) Case : 1:12-cv-00048
DOES 1 – 1058,	) ) Judge : Hon. Beryl A. Howell
Defendants.	

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Upon consideration of the Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission of John L. Steele, it is

hereby

ORDERED that John L. Steele be specially admitted to appear and participate in the

above-captioned matter as counsel for Plaintiff AF Holdings, LLC.

Dated: April 20, 2012

Hon. Beryl A. Howell United States District Court Judge



## EXHIBIT E

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05/04/2012

VIA U.S. MAIL

Re: Sunlust Pictures, LLC v. Does 1-120 1:12-cv-20920

Dear

Prenda Law, Inc. has been retained by Sunlust Pictures, LLC to pursue legal action against people who illegally downloaded their copyrighted content (i.e., "digital pirates"). Digital piracy is a very serious problem for adult content producers, such as our client, who depend on revenues to sustain their businesses and pay their employees.

On February 2012 at UTC (UTC), our agents observed the IP address with which you are associated illegally downloading and sharing with others via the BitTorrent protocol the following copyrighted file(s):

Sunny Leone - Goddess

The ISP you were connected to: Your IP Address you were assigned during your illegal activity:

We have received a subpoena return from your ISP confirming that you are indeed the person that was associated with the IP address that was performing the illegal downloading of our client's content listed above on the exact date(s) listed above.

On 3/03/2012 we filed an action against several anonymous digital pirates (Sunlust Pictures, LLC v. Does 1-120). Under the applicable rules of civil procedure, our lawsuit against you personally will not commence unless we serve you with a Complaint.

While it is too late to undo the illegal file sharing associated with your IP address, we have prepared an offer to enable our client to recover damages for the harm caused by the illegal downloading and to allow both parties to avoid the expense of a lawsuit.

Fax: 312.893.5677 Fax: 305.748.2103 161 N Clark St., Suite 3200, Chicago, IL 60601 1111 Lincoln Rd., Suite 400, Miami Beach, FL 33139 Tel: 312.880.9160 Tel: 305.748.2102

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Under the Copyright Law of the United States, copyright owners may recover up to \$150,000 in statutory damages (in cases where statutory damages are applicable, which may or may not be the case here) per infringing file plus attorney's fees in cases, whereas here, infringement was willful. In it least one case where the Copyright Law has been applied to digital piracy and statutory damages were applicable, juries have awarded over \$20,000 per pirated file. During the RIAA's well-publicized campaign against digital music piracy, over 30,000 people nationwide settled their cases for amounts ranging from an average of \$3,000 to \$12,000. More recently, on December 22, 2010, a case in which a defendant was accused of illegally downloading six works via BitTorrent, a settlement was reached for \$250,000.

In light of these factors, we believe that providing you with an opportunity to avoid litigation by working out a settlement with us, versus the costs of attorneys' fees and the uncertainty associated with jury verdicts, is very reasonable and in good faith.

In exchange for a comprehensive release of all legal claims in this matter, which will enable you to avoid becoming a named Defendant in our lawsuit, our firm is authorized to accept the sum of \$3,400.00 as full settlement for the claims. This offer will expire on 05/19/2012 at 4:00 p.m. CST. If you reject our settlement offers, we expect to serve you with a Complaint and commence litigation.

To reiterate: if you act promptly you will avoid being named as a Defendant in the lawsuit. You may pay the settlement amount by:

(a) Mailing a check or money order payable to 'Prenda Law Inc. Trust Account' to:

> Prenda Law, Inc. 1111 Lincoln Road Suite 400 Miami Beach, FL 33139;

 (b) Completing and mailing/faxing the enclosed payment authorization to: Prenda Law, Inc. 1111 Lincoln Road Suite 400 Miami Beach, FL 33139 Facsimile: (305) 748-2103.

Be sure to reference your case number and your 'Ref#' on your method of payment. Regardless of your payment method, once we have processed the settlement, we will mail you your signed Release as confirmation that your payment has been processed and that you have been released from the lawsuit. Please consider this letter to constitute formal notice that until and unless we are able to settle our client's claim against you, we demand that you not delete any files from your computer or any other computers under your control or in your possession. If forced to proceed against you in a lawsuit, we will have a computer forensic expert inspect these computers in an effort to locate the subject content and to determine if you have deleted any content. If in the course of litigation the forensic computer evidence suggests that you deleted media files, our client will amend its complaint to add a "spoliation of evidence" claim against you. Be advised that if we prevail on this additional claim, the court could award monetary sanctions, evidentiary sanctions and reasonable attorneys' fees. If you are unfamiliar with the nature of this claim in this context, please consult an attorney.

We strongly encourage you to consult with an attorney to review your rights in connection with this matter. Although we have endeavored to provide you with accurate information, our interests are directly adverse to yours and you should not rely on the information provided in this letter for assessing your position in this case. Only an attorney who represents you can be relied upon for a comprehensive analysis of our client's claim against you.

Enclosed, please find a Frequently Asked Questions sheet, a payment authorization form and a sample of the Release that you will receive. We look forward to resolving our client's claim against you in an amicable fashion, through settlement.

Sincerely,

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Joseph Perea Attorney and Counselor at Law

Enclosures

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## EXHIBIT A

ISP	Issued	Response
Advanced Colocation	8/5/11	( dopondo
Covad Communications Co.	8/5/11	
AT&T Internet Services	8/5/11	11/15/11
Color Broadband	8/5/11	8/18/11
Sonic	8/5/11	
Charter Communications	8/5/11	11/15/11
Comcast Cable Communications	8/5/11	10/10/11
Frontier Communications of Ameri	ca 8/5/11	
Sprint PCS	8/5/11	
Unwired Broadband	8/5/11	8/18/11
Black Oak Computers	8/5/11	9/26/11
Wave Broadband	8/5/11	10/24/11
Clearwire US	8/5/11	
Verizon Online	8/5/11	
Surewest Broadband	8/5/11	
Cox Communications	8/5/11	11/28/11

2) The IP addresses for which Plaintiff's counsel has made a settlement offer and how that offer was communicated, e.g. by mail, phone, or email. The movants (for motions to quash) and objectors to whom Plaintiff's counsel has made a settlement offer and how that offer was communicated.

Status	IP	USMail	71.202.113.106	USMail	98.208.108.119	
USMail	67.121.209.48	USMail	76.127.112.56	USMail	98.182.27.239	
USMail	66.215.158.202	USMail	24.6.249.176	USMail	98.207.248.39	
USMail	68.101.114.52	USMail	67.166.151.220	USMail	98.234.59.149	
USMail	68.113.62.22	USMail	67.180.246.80	USMail	24.4.119.18	
USMail	67.181.128.221	USMail	76.14.29.230	USMail	24.6.73.58	
USMail	69.107.102.11	USMail	76.254.41.180	USMail	174.65.129.8	
USMail	64.203.113.177	USMail	24.23.6.73	USMail	76.126.155.41	
USMail	67.161.66.97	USMail	71.198.194.113	USMail	76.126.66.211	
USMail	69.108.96.77	USMail	72.211.231.103	USMail	71,204,161,2	
USMail	99.183.240.55	USMail	72.197.231.3	USMail	76.200.129.112	
USMail	98.210.25.174	USMail	24.4.144.239	USMail	70.181.85.58	
USMail	98.207.38.44	USMail	71.198.158.39	USMail	71.202.249.178	
USMail	68.4.128.139	USMail	72.220.42.29	USMail	74.213.246.188	
USMail	68.5.188.159	USMail	76.230.233.239	USMail	98.192.186.87	
USMail	69.227.70.219	USMail	24.23.222.237	USMail	99.183.242.47	
USMail	69.107.91.219	USMail	209.237.232.57	USMail	98.176.78.121	
USMail	76.20.11.145	USMail	108.81.168.247	USMail	99.24.161.31	
USMail	71.195.97.154	USMail	24.180.49.171	USMail	98.234.38.72	
USMail	72.220.176.44	USMail	24.5.38.201	USMail	98.210.218.152	
USMail	76.126.36.154	USMail	98.207.183.169	USMail	98.238.203.2	
USMail	76.103.48.164	USMail	24.205.30.192	USMail	99.183.243.142	
USMail	24.5.13.184	USMail	67.180.56.26	USMail	98.176.15.188	
USMail	68.127.118.133	USMail	68.126.204.146	USMail	98.248.213.208	
USMail	68.5.122.173	USMail	68.111.244.226	USMail	99.41.79.188	
USMail	68.7.130.203	USMail	68.105.66.166	USMail	67.169.107.114	
USMail	68.8.57.53	USMail	72.197.43.207	USMail	67.187.248.194	
				No. CONTRACTOR OF STREET		

In cases where a motion to quash was filed. Status IP USMail 71.139.12.128

USMail 71.83.208.158

## 3) A list of ISPs not complying with Magistrate Judge Lloyd's expedited discovery order, and for which IP addresses the ISP is not complying. Include the reason, if any, given by the ISP for not complying.

ISP	IP Addresses	Reason
Advanced Colocation	ALL	None provided
Black Oak Computers response, no reason provided	66.160.133.102	Two Subpoenas issued, one completed, the other no
Clearwire US	ALL	None provided
Covad Communications Co.	ALL	None provided
Frontier Communications of America	ALL	None provided
Sonic	ALL	None provided
Sprint PCS	ALL	None provided
Surewest Broadband	ALL	None provided
Verizon Online	ALL	None provided

### 4) A list of ISPs not complying with a subpoena, and for which IP addresses the ISP is not complying. Include the reason, if any, given by the ISP for not complying.

ISP	<b>IP</b> Addresses	Reason
Advanced Colocation	ALL	None provided
Black Oak Computers response, no reason provided	66.160.133.102	Two Subpoenas issued, one completed, the other no
Clearwire US	ALL	None provided
Covad Communications Co.	ALL	None provided
Frontier Communications of Amer	ica ALL	None provided
Sonic	ALL	None provided
Sprint PCS	ALL	None provided
Surewest Broadband	0 .	None provided
Verizon Online	0	None provided

#### 5) A list of the ISPs for which there is a pending motion to quash.

AT&T, COMCAST, CHARTER & COX

### 6) Whether, when, and by what means Plaintiff's counsel has contacted John Doe 134, the movant in ECF No. 25.

Plaintiff's counsel has not attempted to contact the unidentified individual referred to by the Court as "John Doe 134."

### 7) Whether, when, and by what means Plaintiff's counsel has contacted or attempted to contact Messrs. Ferlito and Smith.

Plaintiff's counsel attempted to contact Mr Ferlito by U.S mail. Plaintiff's counsel attempted to contact Mr. Smith by U.S. mail.

8) A list of the IP addresses for which Plaintiff's counsel received subpoena returns and whether the ISP provided all the categories of information requested by the subpoena. If the ISP did not provide all categories of information, identify which categories of information were not provided.

IP Address 68.126.204.146	Missing Phone.	69.107.91.219	email Phone,	76.200.129.112	Phone, email
00.120.204.140	email	05.107.51.215	email	76.254.41.180	Phone,
68.127.118.133	Phone,	69.108.96.77	Phone		email
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	email	67.181.128.221	Email	98.210.25.174	Email
99.41.79.188	Phone	67.187.248.194	Email	98.234.128.170	Email
209.237.232.57	Phone	71.198.158.39	Email	98.234.38.72	Email
68.113.62.22	Email	71.202.113.106	Email	98.234.59.149	Email
74.213.246.188	Email	71.202.249.178	Email	98.248.213.208	Email
24.23.222.237	Email	76.103.48.164	Email	68.101.114.52	Email
24.23.6.73	Email	76.126.155.41	Email	72.197.231.3	Phone.
24.4.144.239	Email	76.126.36.154	Email		email

9) A list of the BitTorrent copyright infringement cases involving multiple joined John Doe Defendants filed Plaintiff's counsel's law firm or predecessor firm in federal court. Identify the case by name, case number, court, and filing date. For each case, indicate how many Doe Defendants were actually served.

Although our records indicate that we have filed suits against individual copyright infringement defendants, our records indicate that no defendants have been served in the below-listed cases.

Case Name	Case Number	Court	Filing date	
Lightspeed Media Corporation v. Does 1-9	4:11-cv-02261	ND CA	5/6/11	
MCGIP, LLC v. Does 1-9	3:11-cv-02262	ND CA	5/6/11	
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#### **DECLARATION OF JESSE NASON**

I, Jesse Nason, have personal knowledge of the facts alleged herein and hereby declare as
follows:

I was the defendant in *Lightpseed Media Corporation v. Nason*, Los Angeles
 Superior Court No. NC057950. Counsel for the plaintiff in that case was Mr. Brett Gibbs
 of Prenda Law, Inc. Prenda got my name and contact info from my ISP via a prior case
 filed by Lightspeed in St. Clair County, Illinois. *Lightspeed Media Corporation v. John Doe*, Circuit Court of St. Clair County, IL, No. 11 L 683. Prenda subpoenaed my ISP in
 the Illinois case, and then followed up and sued me individually here in Los Angeles
 County, where I reside.

I understand from my attorney Morgan Pietz that at the first hearing in the
 LA case, Mr. Gibbs was asked how he could justify naming and serving me with the
 complaint in this case, given his prior admissions that the mere fact that someone is an ISP
 bill payer is not enough to conclude that such a person is an actual infringer. My attorney
 told me that Mr. Gibbs responded at the hearing by saying that Prenda had done an
 investigation and determined that I "lived alone."

3. I do not live alone, and have not lived alone for a long time. I have been
married for 9 years, during which time I have always lived with my wife. We have been at
our current address, which is in a high rise apartment building, for the last three years.

4. 20 I did not commit the wrongful acts I was accused of in the case Prenda brought against me. I attempted to resolve this matter with Prenda by showing them 21 credible third party evidence (in the form of a November 2011 email chain between me an 22 the Apple iTunes store) that on the day of the alleged wrongful activity, my iTunes account 23 was actually hacked. That is, on the day someone supposedly hacked into the Lightspeed 24 site from my IP address, someone also hacked into my iTunes account. At the time, I had 25 an open WiFi network. In my apartment, when I go to log on to wireless Internet, there are 26 usually about 20 or so networks within range of my computer. 27

5. As a result of Prenda's lax approach to its obligations to perform a
reasonable investigation and to have good faith basis to believe something (i.e., that *I was the actual wrongdoer*) before it alleges it, I have been publicly—but wrongly—accused of
downloading "teen" pornography. I am a teacher, and this is a problem for me. After my
attorney got the case against me dismissed on demurrer, but with leave to amend, Prenda
filed a first amended complaint. On the eve of my attorney filing a demurrer to that first
amended complaint, Prenda simply dismissed this case against me without prejudice.

9 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the
10 foregoing is true and correct.

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Respectfully submitted,	
DATED: January 14, 2013 At Long Beach California,	Jesse Nason, Declarant
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Respectfully submitted: January 14, 2013	THE PIETZ LAW FIRM <u>/s/ Morgan E. Pietz</u> Morgan E. Pietz THE PIETZ LAW FIRM Attorney for Putative John Doe(s) Appearing on Caption
A Sy 2	t Long Beach California, CERTIFICATE I hereby certify that on this day, the abo ystem, which sent notification of such filing(s ectronic service.

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13	3 v.		
14	JOHN DOE, et al.,	LEAVE TO FILE SECOND COMPLAINT	AMENDED
15	5 Defendants.		
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17	7 Plaintiff's motion for leave to amend the	e complaint came on for heari	ng before this
18	court on November 7, 2012. Plaintiff appeared by its counsel Brett L. Gibbs, and defendant		s, and defendant
19	Josh Hatfield appeared by his counsel Nicholas Ranallo. Having read the parties' papers		arties' papers
20	and carefully considered their arguments and the relevant legal authority, the court hereby		e court hereby
21	DENIES the motion.		
22	BACKGROUND		
23	Plaintiff AF Holdings LLC holds the copyrights to any number of "adult		
24	entertainment" videos, and has filed numerous lawsuits asserting copyright infringement		
25	against multiple "Doe" defendants, based on their alleged unlawful downloading of those		
26	videos from the Internet.		
27	The downloading is alleged to have been accomplished by using online peer-to-peer file-sharing tool called BitTorrent. The BitTorrent transfer protocol is a file-sharing method		
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used for distributing data via the Internet. <u>See, e.g., Diabolic Video Prods., Inc. v. Does 1-</u>
 <u>2099</u>, 2011 WL 3100404, at \*2 (N.D. Cal. May 31, 2011).

3 Because the alleged unlawful downloading occurs behind the mask of anonymous 4 internet protocol ("IP") addresses, AF Holdings does not know the identity of the persons 5 who have utilized BitTorrent to access the copyrighted videos. At most, AF Holdings is 6 able to identify the alleged infringers by the unique IP address assigned to the Internet 7 subscriber by the subscriber's Internet Service Provider ("ISP"). Generally, soon after filing 8 one of these lawsuits, AF Holdings requests an order authorizing limited expedited 9 discovery, so it can serve subpoenas on the ISPs in the hope of obtaining the identity of the 10 "Doe" defendants based on the IP addresses of their computers.

11 On July 7, 2011, AF Holdings filed a complaint in this district against 135 unidentified "Doe" defendants (identified only by IP addresses), alleging that on either April 21, 2011 or 12 May 2, 2011, each of the 135 "Does" had infringed AF Holdings' copyright by downloading 13 a video called "Sexual Obsession." See AF Holdings v. Does 1-135, No. C-11-3336 LHK 14 15 (N.D. Cal.). On July 14, 2011, AF Holdings requested expedited discovery in order to 16 discover the identity of the subscribers associated with the IP addresses. The request was 17 granted on August 2, 2011. Among the IP addresses implicated in that suit was 18 67.161.66.97, which is registered to defendant Josh Hatfield ("Hatfield").

According to Hatfield, his ISP provided his identifying information to AF Holdings in October 2011. After obtaining this information, AF Holdings did nothing for three months – although it did dismiss a number of the Does identified by certain IP addresses (but not Hatfield). On January 19, 2012, noting that more than 190 days had passed since the filing of the complaint (and more than 150 days since the order authorizing expedited discovery) the court issued an order to show cause why the Doe defendants should not be dismissed based on AF Holdings' failure to effectuate service on any identified Doe.

On February 22, 2012, the court ordered AF Holdings to provide certain
supplementary information. On February 28, 2012, AF Holdings filed a notice of voluntary
dismissal of the claims against Does identified by 19 of the IP addresses (not including the

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address associated with Hatfield). On March 27, 2012, the court dismissed the case in its 1 2 entirety pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m), due to AF Holdings' failure to 3 effectuate service on any of the defendants.

4 Approximately four weeks later, on April 24, 2012, AF Holdings filed the present action, asserting two claims of direct copyright infringement (reproduction and distribution) 6 and one claim of contributory infringement against an unidentified Doe defendant, and 7 another cause of action for negligence, against Hatfield, based on Hatfield's alleged failure 8 to secure his Internet connection against unlawful downloading by third parties.

9 AF Holdings alleged that the Doe defendant had performed the actual downloading 10 and distribution, via the IP address that was registered to Hatfield, and that Hatfield 11 "allowed" the Doe defendant to use his Internet connection to illegally download, republish, 12 and distribute copies of the copyrighted video. However, AF Holdings did not allege any 13 copyright infringement or contributory infringement claims against Hatfield.

14 After Hatfield moved to dismiss the negligence claim, AF Holdings filed a first 15 amended complaint ("FAC"), which again asserted claims of copyright infringement against 16 the Doe defendant, and a claim of negligence against Hatfield, based on an alleged third 17 party's use of Hatfield's Internet connection to commit the infringement, and Hatfield's 18 failure to secure his Internet connection and/or failure to monitor the unidentified third 19 party's use of his Internet connection. In a footnote on page 1, AF Holdings stated that "[a]t 20 this stage of the litigation, [p]laintiff does not know if [d]efendant Doe is the same individual 21 as Josh Hatfield." FAC at 1, n.1.

22 On June 30, 2012, Hatfield moved to dismiss the negligence claim asserted in the 23 FAC. In its opposition, filed July 16, 2012, AF Holdings asserted that it had not alleged that 24 Hatfield knowingly facilitated and actively participated in anyone's infringement, but rather 25 that Hatfield was a "concededly ignorant but alleged careless defendant." AF Holdings 26 argued that its claim against Hatfield was purely based on a theory of negligence and a 27 duty to secure one's Internet connection.

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On September 4, 2012, the court issued an order granting the motion, on the basis

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that an allegation of non-feasance (failure to secure Internet connection) cannot support a
claim of negligence in the absence of facts showing the existence of a special relationship;
and that the negligence claim was preempted by the Copyright Act. Finding that
amendment would be futile, the court dismissed the negligence claim with prejudice. Since
that was the only claim asserted against Hatfield, he was effectively dismissed from the
case (although the order framed the issue solely in terms of dismissal of the negligence
cause of action).

The order added that with regard to the Doe defendant, more than 120 days had passed since the case had been filed, and there was no indication in the docket that the Doe defendant had been served and no request for expedited discovery to learn the Doe defendant's identity had been filed. The court ordered AF Holdings to file a proof of service no later than October 4, 2012, showing service on the Doe defendant, and stated that if the proof of service was not filed by that date, the case would be dismissed under Rule 4(m).

AF Holdings did not file a proof of service. However, on September 28, 2012, it filed
the present motion for leave to file a second amended complaint ("SAC"), to allege two
claims of copyright infringement (reproduction and distribution) and a claim of contributory
infringement against Hatfield (who was no longer in the case as of the date of the order
dismissing the sole claim asserted against him in the FAC).

The proposed SAC did not name a Doe defendant. However, with the exception of having no Doe defendant and no cause of action for negligence, it was almost entirely identical to the FAC. The primary difference was that every incidence of "Doe defendant" in the FAC had been replaced by "defendant" or "defendant Hatfield" in the proposed SAC.

At the November 7, 2012 hearing, the court advised counsel for AF Holdings that he would have to persuade the court that he had discovered additional evidence, based on the same identification of a defendant that he had known about for more than a year. The court gave counsel one week to submit a revised proposed SAC that demonstrated diligence and that supported the alleged "new facts" asserted by counsel. The court also

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indicated that it would prefer to resolve the case on the merits, rather than simply
 dismissing it for failure to serve, but that its concern was with lack of diligence on the part of
 AF Holdings, and whether the alleged "new facts" were sufficient to state a claim.

On November 14, 2012, AF Holdings filed a revised proposed SAC. The revised
SAC is identical to the prior proposed SAC, except that it includes a section headed
"Plaintiff's Further Investigation of Defendant." In this section, AF Holdings alleges that it

7 – initiated an online Internet investigation on September 8, 2012, which
8 "determined [d]efendant's general online presence," from which AF Holdings "concluded"
9 that Hatfield had "a large Internet presence" and that "that presence demonstrated
10 [d]efendant's knowledge of computers and the Internet," Revised Proposed SAC ¶ 30;

11 – located a Facebook page "purportedly attributed to a Josh Hatfield
12 living in the Bay Area fitting the age range of [d]efendant," which stated that the individual
13 "likes" movies – "pretty much any movie," <u>id.</u> ¶ 31;

located a MySpace page "purportedly attributed to a Josh Hatfield
living in the Bay Area fitting the age range of [d]efendant," stating that the individual "goes
by the moniker 'Mistah HAT' and has pictures of his various activities including, but not
limited to, playing video games," <u>id.</u> ¶ 32;

- conducted a search on September 8, 2012 relating to Hatfield's
address (assertedly an 8-unit apartment building on Lenox Ave. in Oakland), and
discovered a "recent" listing by a real estate agent for an apartment in that building that
was advertised as being available on 3/1/12, <u>id.</u> ¶ 33 (including lengthy quotation from
rental ad);

23 – called the agent who had listed the rental and left a message, but
 24 never received a call back, <u>id.</u> ¶ 34;

was able to obtain no information about Hatfield's neighbors or
whether he in fact had any neighbors, <u>id.</u> ¶ 34;

27 – conducted "more research" on September 8, 2012 regarding the
 28 building's "other potential residents," which indicated that "while a residential building, it had

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1	a few tenants who were running their businesses out of their units," id. ¶ 35;
2	<ul> <li>performed a "skip trace" on Hatfield on October 9, 2012, and</li> </ul>
3	discovered that he was 33 years old, was in fact living at the Lenox Ave. address, was
4	living with a 30-year old female with a different last name, and that "[t]here was no
5	indication that the two were married," id. $\P\P$ 36-37;
6	<ul> <li>discovered "on or around the same time" that Hatfield has a criminal</li> </ul>
7	record, based on offenses that occurred in Oregon in 1999 and 2001, although "[t]he actual
8	violation charged [is] unclear," <u>id.</u> ¶ 38;
9	<ul> <li>found "no evidence" that Hatfield has "a wireless Internet network" or</li> </ul>
10	that "if such wireless Internet connection existed, that such network was unsecured (i.e.,
11	without password protection)," <u>id.</u> ¶ 39;
12	<ul> <li>searched the court's docket in this case and found no "declaration</li> </ul>
13	under oath" from Hatfield stating that "he had not infringed on" AF Holdings' work, <u>id.</u> ¶ 40.
14	Based on the above, AF Holdings asserts that it had "a good faith basis to name
15	Josh Hatfield as the infringing [d]efendant in this case," in view of the fact that Hatfield was
16	the subscriber assigned to the IP number 67.161.66.97 by his ISP in April 2011, and "was
17	the only person with direct access to the account during this period," and also "considering
18	that any then unknown or unconfirmed information would bear out through the discovery
19	process." <u>Id.</u> ¶ 41.
20	DISCUSSION
21	A. Legal Standard
22	Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15 requires that a plaintiff obtain either consent of
23	the defendant or leave of court to amend its complaint once the defendant has answered,
24	but "leave shall be freely given when justice so requires." Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a); see also,
25	e.g., Chodos v. West Pub. Co., 292 F.3d 992, 1003 (9th Cir. 2002) (leave to amend
26	granted with "extreme liberality"). The Ninth Circuit has held that discovery of new facts
27	after a complaint was filed may warrant granting leave to amend. Wittmayer v. United
28	States, 118 F.2d 808, 809 (9th Cir. 1941).
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The effect of this policy of granting motions to amend with "extreme liberality" is that 1 2 the moving party need only a reason why amendment is required, and the burden then 3 shifts to the opposing party to convince the court that "justice" requires denial. See, e.g., 4 <u>DCD Programs, Ltd. v. Leighton</u>, 833 F.2d 183, 187 (9th Cir. 1987). Leave to amend is 5 thus ordinarily granted unless the amendment is futile, would cause undue prejudice to the 6 defendants, or is sought by plaintiffs in bad faith or with a dilatory motive. Foman v. Davis, 7 371 U.S. 178, 182 (1962); Smith v. Pacific Properties and Dev. Corp., 358 F.3d 1097, 1101 8 (9th Cir. 2004). In addition, amendments seeking to add claims are to be granted more 9 freely than amendments adding parties. Union Pacific R. Co. v. Nevada Power Co., 950 10 F.2d 1429, 1432 (9th Cir. 1991).

B. Plaintiff's Motion

AF Holdings asserts that, "after further investigation since filing its [FAC]," it has "a reasonable basis to name and serve [d]efendant Hatfield as the direct and contributory infringer in this case." Specifically, AF Holdings claims that since filing the FAC, it has "discovered new information about [Hatfield's] interactions on the computer and living situation (among other things)," which information it asserts allows it to have "a good faith basis to name Josh Hatfield as the infringing [d]efendant in this case."

AF Holdings contends that the motion is timely, and that in order to respond to the court's order requiring filing of a proof of service showing service on the Doe defendant, it must first must file an amended complaint to name the infringer.

AF Holdings argues that there is no prejudice to Hatfield, because as of this date the court has not held a case management conference, and has set no deadline for requesting leave to amend the pleadings. AF Holdings also asserts that it is acting in good faith in seeking to amend the complaint.

In opposition, Hatfield argues that the case should be dismissed pursuant to Rule
41(b) for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with the court's order to file a proof of
service on the Doe defendant; and second, that leave to amend should be denied. At the
hearing, the court denied the motion to dismiss, and also denied a motion filed by AF

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1 Holdings to strike the opposition.

With regard to the motion for leave to amend, Hatfield argues that AF Holdings' bad
faith is "evident." He asserts that AF Holdings has strung him along for months on the
premise that it was unaware of the identity of the infringer, and was unable to determine the
identity without formal discovery – and indeed, filed two complaints based on this position.
In addition, Hatfield notes that AF Holdings filed an opposition to the prior motion to dismiss
the FAC, in which it explicitly stated that Hatfield was "concededly ignorant" regarding the
alleged infringement.

9 Nevertheless, Hatfield asserts, on September 4, 2012, only a few hours after the
10 court issued the order dismissing the negligence cause of action, counsel for AF Holdings
11 sent an email threatening to sue him as the infringer unless he agreed to pay a particular
12 settlement demand. Given AF Holdings' prior position that Hatfield had no knowledge of
13 the alleged infringement, and its failure to sue him for copyright infringement, Hatfield
14 contends that this email, sent mere hours after the court dismissed the negligence claim,
15 constituted an "improper threat" and clearly shows AF Holdings' bad faith.

In a somewhat related argument, Hatfield asserts that AF Holdings unduly delayed
in seeking leave to amend. Hatfield contends that AF Holdings knew or should have known
of the facts and theories raised by the proposed amendments when it filed the prior
versions of the complaint, but that in any event, AF Holdings has known of his identity for
more than a year, and nonetheless failed to seek leave to amend to substitute him for the
Doe defendant.

Since there has been no discovery relevant to this case since AF Holdings was
granted expedited discovery to learn the identities of the owners of the implicated IP
addresses in <u>AF Holdings v. Does 1-135</u>, and since AF Holdings previously indicated that
Hatfield was a "concededly ignorant" account holder and does not explain what this "new
information" is that it claims supports the proposed amendment, Hatfield argues that there
is no reason AF Holdings could not have conducted its "investigation" earlier before wasting
the time and resources of this court.

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Hatfield argues in addition that AF Holdings has made no real effort to justify its own
delay in this matter, and also has not established that Hatfield will not be prejudiced if the
motion is granted. Hatfield contends that unlike the negligence claim, much of the
evidence for the copyright claim would consist of "fleeting electronic evidence" which may
be lost due to the passage of time, and that allowing AF Holdings to proceed with this claim
would thus be prejudicial.

Finally, Hatfield argues that leave to amend would be futile, as AF Holdings is barred
by principles of equitable and judicial estoppel from alleging that Hatfield is the infringer of
its copyrighted works.

10 As noted above, in determining whether to grant leave to amend, the court must 11 consider whether the proposed amendment is futile, whether it would cause undue 12 prejudice to the defendant, and whether it is sought by plaintiff in bad faith or with a dilatory 13 motive. These factors do not carry equal weight, as delay, by itself, may be insufficient to 14 justify denial of a motion for leave to amend, and "it is the consideration of prejudice to the 15 opposing party that carries the greatest weight." Eminence Capital LLC v. Aspeon, Inc., 16 316 F.3d 1048, 1052 (9th Cir. 2003); see also Bowles v. Read, 198 F.3d 752, 758 (9th Cir. 17 1999). On the other hand, egregious, unexplained delay alone may in certain 18 circumstances provide a sufficient basis for denying leave to amend. See AmerisourceBergen Corp. v. Dialysis West, Inc., 465 F.3d 946, 953 (9th Cir. 2006). 19 With regard to futility, the court is not persuaded by Hatfield's argument that the

With regard to futility, the court is not persuaded by Hatfield's argument that the
proposed amendment would be futile based on equitable estoppel and judicial estoppel.
Both equitable estoppel and judicial estoppel are affirmative defenses. <u>See, e.g.,</u>
<u>Powertech Tech. Inc. v. Tessera, Inc.,</u> 872 F.Supp. 2d 924, 934-35 (2012) (equitable
estoppel); <u>Coble v. DeRosia,</u> 823 F.Supp. 2d 1048, 1050 (E.D. Cal. 2011) (judicial
estoppel). For that reason, assuming the court were to grant leave to amend, any such
argument would be more appropriately raised in a Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss.

As for Hatfield's argument that he will be prejudiced because of the "fleeting" nature
of electronic evidence, AF Holdings asserts in its reply that because Hatfield was previously

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named as a defendant in the negligence claim, he had an obligation to "preserve evidence"
 that could be used in this case. However, the negligence claim was dismissed on
 September 4, 2012, and Hatfield had no continuing duty to preserve evidence after that
 date.

After AF Holdings filed the present action naming the Doe defendant and Hatfield,
but did not sue Hatfield for infringement and even stated that it was not its intention to sue
him for infringement, Hatfield had no reason to know, until AF Holdings filed the present
motion for leave to amend, that he was in danger of being sued for copyright infringement.
This is arguably prejudicial, although it may not be sufficient to qualify as "substantial
prejudice" in order to justify denial of leave to amend. See Monongo Band of Mission
Indians v. Rose, 893 F.2d 1074, 1079 (9th Cir. 1990).

12 The court does find, however, that AF Holdings delayed unduly in seeking leave to 13 amend, and that its conduct is at least suggestive of bad faith. As noted above, the 14 complaint in this action was filed on April 24, 2012. Thus, when AF Holdings filed its 15 motion for leave to amend the complaint to add Hatfield as a defendant and to assert new 16 claims against him – or to substitute Hatfield in place of the Doe defendant – the 120-day 17 limit for service had already passed more than a month previously. Even though the 18 complaint in this case was filed only five months before the motion for leave to amend was 19 filed, there is no dispute that AF Holdings has had the identifying information for Hatfield 20 since it obtained the information in the prior AF Holdings v. Does 1-135 case in October 21 2011.

While the prior case was dismissed without prejudice, and AF Holdings was thus within its rights to file another suit naming a Doe defendant, AF Holdings did not file a complaint against Hatfield for infringement. Indeed, in the FAC in the present case, filed on June 14, 2012, AF Holdings asserted that it did not know if the Doe defendant was the same individual as Hatfield; and in its July 16, 2012 opposition to Hatfield's motion to dismiss the FAC, AF Holdings stated unequivocally that it was <u>not</u> accusing Hatfield of infringement, and that Hatfield was a "concededly ignorant but alleged careless defendant."

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It was only after the court dismissed the negligence claim (with the result that no claim
 remained against Hatfield) that AF Holdings decided that it would sue Hatfield for
 infringement (unless Hatfield offered a sum of money to settle the case).

In addition, the court notes that the "investigation" AF Holdings claims to have
conducted apparently commenced on September 8, 2012 – which was four days after the
date the court dismissed the negligence claim and AF Holdings threatened to sue Hatfield
as the infringer.

8 The court finds further that the new allegations in the revised proposed SAC are 9 vague and speculative, and do not demonstrate diligence or add any substance to the 10 claims. The allegation that AF Holdings discovered that Hatfield has "a large Internet 11 presence" is conclusory and appears to be based on pure speculation about social media 12 accounts that may or may not be registered to Hatfield. The lengthy quotation from the 13 rental ad is irrelevant to the claims asserted in the complaint; at most, it simply supports AF Holdings' claim that Hatfield lives in an 8-unit building. In addition, the alleged "research" 14 15 about Hatfield's "neighbors" is contradicted by the alleged "research" regarding the other 16 residents of the building, as AF Holdings claims to have discovered no information about 17 Hatfield's neighbors, and to have simultaneously learned that "a few [unidentified] tenants" 18 in Hatfield's building were/are running businesses out of their apartments. In any event, 19 this "research" sheds no light on the alleged infringement.

Similarly, the allegation that Hatfield is sharing the apartment with someone of the
opposite sex, and that "there is no indication that the two are married" is meaningless, as is
the allegation that AF Holdings found "no evidence" that Hatfield has a wireless connection.
Finally, the allegation that Hatfield has a criminal record is vague as to the offenses
charged or any other details.

In short, the revised proposed SAC alleges no facts showing that Hatfield infringed
AF Holdings' copyrighted material, apart from the facts that were previously alleged and
that have been known to AF Holdings for more than a year – in particular, that the IP
connection through which the material was downloaded is registered to Hatfield.

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1	CONCLUSION
2	In accordance with the foregoing, AF Holdings' motion for leave to file a second
3	amended complaint is DENIED. In addition, for the reasons stated at the hearing, AF
4	Holdings' motion to strike Hatfield's opposition to the motion is DENIED, as is Hatfield's
5	request that the case be dismissed pursuant to Rule 41(b).
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7	IT IS SO ORDERED.
8	Dated: January 7, 2013
9	PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON United States District Judge
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1	5. After being ordered by the court, Plaintiff submitted a 'Proposed Second Amende	d		
2	Complaint', a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.			
3	6. This proposed complaint includes a section entitled "Plaintiff's Further Investigati	on of		
4	Defendant," beginning on Page 8, which purportedly explains how they chose me	as the		
5	"infringer" in that matter.			
6	7. ¶ 31 of Plaintiff's proposed complaint discusses a Facebook page that supposedly	includes		
7	evidence of guilt, including that "Defendant 'likes' movies, 'pretty much any mov	ie,'		
8	among other things."			
9	8. The Facebook page identified in ¶31 of Plaintiff's complaint does not belong to m	e, nor		
10	arn I responsible for any of the content thereon.			
11	9. ¶32 of Plaintiff's proposed complaint discusses a MySpace page that also suppose	dly		
12	includes evidence of guilt, including "pictures of his various activities, including,	out not		
13	limited to, playing video games."			
14	10. The MySpace page identified in ¶32 of Plaintiff's proposed complaint likewise do	es not		
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100 South Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Minneapolis, MN 55402

November 29, 2012

Via ECF The Honorable Richard H. Kyle 772 Federal Building 316 N. Robert Street St. Paul, MN 55101

The Honorable Joan N. Erickson 12W U.S. Courthouse 300 South Fourth Street Minneapolis, MN 55415

### Re: Alan Cooper - AF Holdings, LLC and Ingenuity13, LLC

Dear Judge Kyle and Judge Erickson:

I represent Alan Cooper who is concerned that his name or identity is being used without his consent as the CEO of AF Holdings, LLC, a plaintiff in several cases pending in the District of Minnesota. His name appears in attachments to the pleadings in these cases. Perhaps, the CEO of AF Holdings has the same name as my client, we have substantial information that would indicate that this is not a mere coincidence. I would like to be certain my client is not at risk of liability for the outcome of these cases and others like it and that he is not being made a front for the litigation activities of plaintiffs. I have attempted to contact counsel for AF Holdings and their reaction has not been reassuring.

My client had for several years acted as a caretaker for a Minnesota property owned by an attorney by the name of John Steele. When visiting his property, Steele had on numerous occasions bragged to my client about a plan involving massive copyright litigation in multiple jurisdictions. He also specifically instructed my client to contact him if anyone asked about various corporations, that Cooper was to call him. When Cooper confronted Steele about that, Steele told him not to worry about it. Needless to say, my client was suspicious, but did not know what to make of this situation. Upon learning about the many lawsuits filed by AF Holdings and learning that AF Holdings has a CEO with an identical name he began to investigate further, eventually prompting him to retain counsel.

Steele has filed numerous lawsuits across the country similar to the ones before this court involving copyright infringement over Bittorrent and may be heavily involved in the cases filed here by AF Holdings. Steele has appeared on behalf of AF Holdings in at least one case (see Ex. A). Steele also shares an office address (161 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60601) with the office listed on the website of plaintiff's counsel (www.wefightpiracy.com) (see Ex. B and C). Steele's former law firm, Steele Hansmeier, appears to be the predecessor firm to Prenda Law and used the same domain name (see Ex. D - a screenshot of a cached copy of Steele's law firm Steele Hansmeier at www.wefightpiracy.com in February 2011) Steele Hansmeier has also represented Ingenuity 13, which also appears to have a similar case pending here (0:12-cv-02686-RHK-JJG) which apparently also has a manager named Alan Cooper. (See Ex. E, page 8). From these exhibits, it is also clear that attorney Dugas shares a phone number with attorney Gibbs of Steele Hansmeier (415-325-5900).

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When investigating this matter and calling the number listed on the wefightpiracy.com website, I confirmed that Steele is currently "of counsel" with Prenda Law. I called and emailed local counsel, Michael Dugas to give notice of representation and to find out if there was in fact a different Alan Cooper with AF Holdings. Within an hour after giving notice to Prenda Law and local counsel of my representation, Steele himself called my client several times in a row and asked if he had been talking to attorneys in Minnesota. Because I had not yet heard from attorneys Dugas or Steele, I looked for an alternative phone number for attorney Dugas and found a different number than the one that appears on the pleading (312-880-9160, See Ex. F). This number appears as attorney Steele's number in Exhibit A as well. Calling that number, I heard a voicemail message which said "Prenda Law." I again left a message, but have received no response. Because I have received no response from Dugas or Steele, and because Steele has contacted my client, my suspicions are now increased.

Today, I received an email from another attorney from Prenda Law, Paul Duffy, suggesting that their client, AF Holdings, probably would not volunteer information. I reasserted my request to confirm that there was another Alan Cooper at AF Holdings. Shortly before sending this letter, Duffy emailed me again and said that I should not contact his office again.

My client would like certainty that his identity is not being used without his knowledge and against his will as the would be CEO of AF Holdings, LLC or as a manager of Ingenuity13, LLC. Because both are Nevis based companies, discovering the true officers or directors is at best difficult. I have attempted to contact plaintiffs' attorneys, but have not received a response that would allow me to advise my client that he should not be concerned.

I respectfully request leave to file a motion to intervene and to seek discovery regarding the true identity of AF Holdings, LLC's CEO and Ingenuity 13, LLC's manager, Alan Cooper.

Sincerely,

Paul Godfread

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cc: John Steele, Esq. (via email) Paul Duffy, Esq. (via email) Michael Dugas (via ECF)

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AF HOLDINGS LLC,	)
Plaintiff,	)
v.	)
DOES 1 – 1058,	)
Defendants.	)

Case : 1:12-cv-00048

Judge : Hon. Beryl A. Howell

#### **MOTION FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION OF JOHN L. STEELE**

I, Paul A. Duffy, hereby move pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2(d) for the *pro hac vice* admission of John L. Steele to the bar of this Court to act as co-counsel in this action. Mr. Steele is of counsel with the firm of Prenda Law, Inc., and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Illinois and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. On the basis of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this Court admit Mr. Steele *pro hac vice* for the purpose of appearing and participating as co-counsel on behalf of Plaintiff, AF Holdings, Inc., in this action.

Dated: April 20, 2012

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Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Paul A. Duffy

Paul A. Duffy (D.C. Bar # IL0014) Prenda Law Inc. 161 N. Clark Street, Suite3200 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: (312) 880-9160 Facsimile: (312) 893-5677 Attorneys for Plaintiff, AF Holdings LLC



#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that on April 20, 2012, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion For Pro Hac Vice Admission to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the District Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

Dated: April 20, 2012

<u>/s/ Paul A. Duffy</u> Paul A. Duffy



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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AF HOLDINGS LLC,	)
Plaintiff,	) )
v.	) Case : 1:12-cv-00048
DOES 1 – 1058,	) Judge : Hon. Beryl A. Howell
Defendants.	)

**DECLARATION OF JOHN L. STEELE** 

I, John Steele, declare pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and Local Civil Rule 83.2(d):

1. I am of counsel with the law firm of Prenda Law, Inc., counsel for Plaintiff,

AF Holdings, LLC in the above-captioned action. I submit this declaration in support of Paul A. Duffy's Motion pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2(d) for the *pro hac vice* admission of John Steele to the bar of this Court.

2. My full name is John L. Steele.

3. My office address is 161 N. Clark Street, Suite 3200, Chicago, Illinois

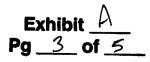
60601. My office telephone number is (312) 880-9160.

4. I have also been admitted to practice before, and am a member in good standing of, the bars of the United States Court District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the State of Illinois.

5. I have not been disciplined by any bar.

6. I have been admitted *pro hac vice* to this Court in one case (1:12-mc-00150-

ESH-AK) in the previous two years.



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7. I do not engage in the practice of law from an office located in the District of Columbia. I am not a member of the District of Columbia bar, nor do I have an application for membership pending.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: April 20, 2012

/s/\_John Steele

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AF HOLDINGS LLC,	)
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v.	) Case : 1:12-cv-00048
DOES 1 – 1058,	) Judge : Hon. Beryl A. Howell
Defendants.	)

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Upon consideration of the Motion for Pro Hac Vice Admission of John L. Steele, it is

hereby

ORDERED that John L. Steele be specially admitted to appear and participate in the

above-captioned matter as counsel for Plaintiff AF Holdings, LLC.

Dated: April 20, 2012

Hon. Beryl A. Howell United States District Court Judge



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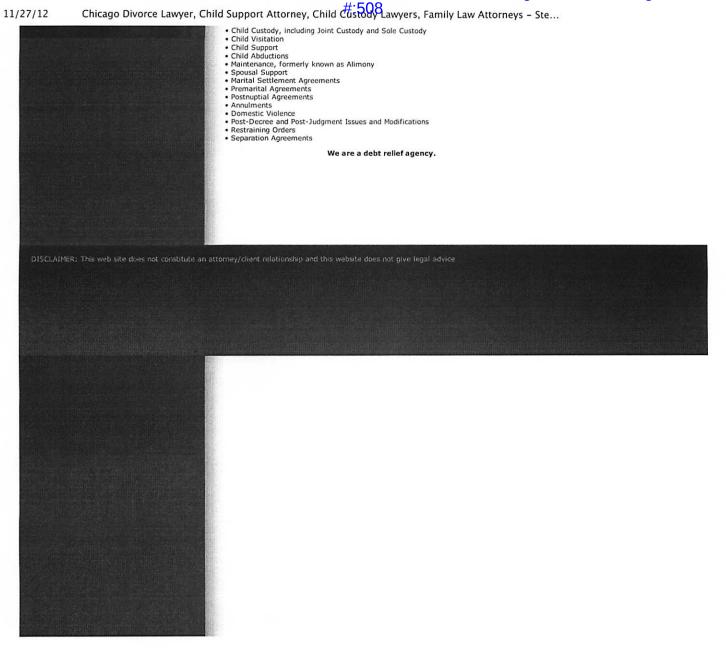
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# About Us

Steele | Hansmeier PLLC is a Chicago-based law firm that provides legal services to content producers and creative professionals. Our focus is purusing individuals and businesses who infringe on the copyrights associated with our clients' creative works. Our practice includes addressing the unique legal issues posed by Internet-based piracy, where the vast majority of infringement occurs under the cover of Internet Protocol ("IP") addresses.

We view our mission as a small part of the overall effort to preserve the creative arts for future generations. In our view, the ease with which digital content is pirated represents an existential threat to the future of professional content producers. Our clients understand all too well the problems posed by the unauthorized redistribution of their copyrighted works, particularly given the capital investment associated with producing and marketing professional works.

# Services

The legal services offered by Steele | Hansmeier PLLC reflect the lifecycle of a creative work. Such services include:

- Due diligence efforts to determine whether a proposed creative work lacks originality or infringes on another creative work;
- Developing a plan for protecting and enforcing U.S. and international copyrights;
- Securing U.S. copyrights and coordinating with third parties to secure international copyrights in both Berne and non-Berne Convention countries; and
- Enforcing U.S. copyrights and coordinating with third parties to enforce international copyrights.

Many of our services involve coordinating with third party attorneys (e.g. international copyright work) and third party technology providers (e.g. copyright enforcement). Our consistent focus is to provide our clients with strong returns on the capital they invest in our time and that of our third party service providers.

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#### **Due Diligence**

Before investing substantial capital into the production and/or distribution of a creative work, a creative artist may wish to conduct a basic level of due

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diligence into determining the degree to which their work resembles other copyrighted creative works. The methods for conducting this sort of due diligence vary based on the medium, through most forms of creative work lend themselves to digital due diligence. For example, an audio file can be digitally fingerprinted based on a variety of characteristics (e.g. rhythm, length, melody, etc.). This fingerprint can be compared to those of other audio files. Similar results would then be reviewed to determine whether a copyright issue exists. If such an issue exists, then the creative artist can attempt to obtain a license from the copyright holder of the original work. A creative artist's bargaining power is much stronger before they invest millions of dollar into marketing and distributing a creative work.

In 2008, Joe Satriani filed a copyright infringement lawsuit against the Grammy Award-winning band, Coldplay. Satriani's suit alleged that Coldplay's hit song, *Vida la Vida*, contained substantial portions of Satriani's, *If I Could Fly*. The parties eventually reached an out-of-court monetary settlement for an undisclosed financial sum.

In addition to avoiding infringement lawsuits, it is important to know whether a given creative work will even be afforded the protection of the copyright laws of the jurisdictions in which the artist intends to market the creative work. Steele | Hansmeier PLLC offers services to assist creative artists in conducting the forms of due diligence described in this section.

## **Protection Planning**

Another category of services offered by Steele | Hansmeier PLLC is assisting creative artists plan their copyright strategy in advance of the creation and/or publication of their creative works. Despite the existence of international treaties, such as the Berne Convention, the world as a whole essentially remains a patchwork of copyright laws with varying degrees of enforcement. By way of example, a creative artist's approach to copyright protection in the United States should look much different than the artists approach to copyright protection in China. We offer to assist creative artists in developing copyright protection strategies worldwide.

## Securing Copyrights

Once a creative work has been produced and/or published, it is generally important to register a copyright in every country where the copyright holder may wish to assert their rights. We offer to assist creative artists by coordinating the registration of their copyrights around the world, as required.

In the United States it is particularly important to register one's copyrights. As a general rule, copyright registration is a prerequisite to filing a copyright infringement lawsuit in U.S. federal court and a timely filing will preserve remedies that may be lost indefinitely if one does not timely register his or her copyright.

## **Enforcing Copyrights**

Copyright enforcement is a rapidly evolving field. Recent advances in communications technology have dramatically lowered the cost and increased the profitability of mass-piracy. As piracy evolves, so too must copyright enforcement strategies. Steele | Hansmeier PLLC offers services on the cutting edge of copyright enforcement, including: 1) DMCA enforcement services; 2) pirate pursuit services; and 3) advising on comprehensive paradigm shifts in copyright enforcement.

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Google fights piracy



According to an article published on Digital Trends, Google is taking steps to implement several anti-piracy measures, which will ideally make it more difficult for searchers to located pirated material. First, Google is increasing its responsiveness to takedown requests of so-called "reliable copyright holders." Second, its autocomplete function will filter out greater amounts of infringing results. [...]

#### Pixar's president discusses copyright laws



According to a recently published article in the Salt Lake Tribune, Ed Catmull, president of Pixar Studios, linked international copyright protection to Pixar's ability to continue investing in the cutting-edge technology that's brought us such movies as Wall-E, Monster's, Inc., and Up – all of which are presumably registered trademarks of Pixar Animation Studios. At [...]

#### Robin Hood is the week's most pirated movie



Ridley Scott's Robin Hood, starring Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett, is not only popular in the theaters, but also among the BitTorrent crowd. According to BitTorrent news site, TorrentFreak, Robin Hood, despite its relatively lower IMDB rating, beat out both Iron Man 2 and the Expendables for the the top spot on the piracy chart [...]

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10	In the Matter Of a Petition By		
11	INGENUITY13 LLC, No.		
12	Judge:		
13	) VERIFIED PETITION TO PERPETUATE TESTIMONY		
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16	1. Petitioner Ingenuity13 LLC by and through its undersigned attorney, hereby		
17	petitions this Court for an order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 27 authorizing the		
18	issuance of subpoenas duces tecum to the Internet Service Providers ("ISPs") listed on Exhibit A to		
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20	2. Petitioner is limited liability company organized and existing under the laws		
21	of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Petitioner produces adult entertainment content and this		
22	content is being unlawfully reproduced and distributed over the Internet via the BitTorrent file		
23	transfer protocol. An individual or individuals wrongfully reproduced and distributed Petitioner's		
24	copyrighted works via the BitTorrent protocol in violation of Petitioner's exclusive rights under		
25	United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq. Petitioner anticipates bringing a civil action		
26	against the person or persons engaging in such unlawful activity. This action would be cognizable in		
27	a United States court as United States courts have exclusive jurisdiction over copyright actions.		
28	Without knowing the identity or identities of the anonymous infringers, Petitioner has no means to		
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name and serve the individual or individuals in an action with summons and complaint. The purpose
 of this petition is to ascertain these identity or identities.

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3 3. Petitioner seeks the name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and 4 Media Control Access number of each account holder associated with the Internet Protocol ("IP") 5 addresses listed on Exhibit B to this petition. Each of the IP addresses was identified by Petitioner's 6 agents as being associated with infringing activity on the corresponding dates and times listed on 7 Exhibit B. The reasons to perpetuate the testimony are multiple. First, without this information 8 Petitioner has no means to name and serve a complaint on the infringing parties. Second, on 9 information and belief, this information is destroyed in the regular course of business and will be 10 unavailable to Petitioner after it is destroyed. An example of an ISP's data retention policy is shown 11 as Exhibit C. Finally, under the Cable Communications Policy Act, 47 U.S.C. § 551(c)(2)(B), a court 12 order is necessary to discover an account holder's identity.

4. The names and addresses of the person or persons whom Petitioner expects to
be adverse parties are unknown to Petitioner. The individual or individuals responsible for infringing
Petitioner's works are known to Petitioner only by an IP address—a number that is assigned to
devices, such as computers, that are connected to the Internet. Petitioner used geolocation to trace
the IP addresses of the expected adverse party or parties to a point of origin within the State of
California.

The name and address of each responding party is set forth on Exhibit A to
 this petition. Petitioner is seeking the name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and Media
 Control Access number of each account holder associated with the Internet Protocol ("IP") addresses
 listed on Exhibit B to this petition.

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#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

24 6. Petitioner is the owner of the copyright for the motion picture set forth in
25 Exhibit D to this petition.

7. As set forth below, Petitioner has actionable claims for direct and contributory
 copyright infringement and a claim for civil conspiracy against the individual or individuals who
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engaged in infringing activities via the IP addresses set forth on Exhibit B hereto based on the
 parties' use of the BitTorrent protocol to illegally reproduce and distribute Petitioner's work(s).

#### A. The Unknown Infringers used BitTorrent to Infringe Petitioner's Copyrights

8. BitTorrent is a modern file sharing method ("protocol") used for distributing
data via the Internet. BitTorrent protocol is a decentralized method of distributing data. Instead of
relying on a central server to distribute data directly to individual users, the BitTorrent protocol
allows individual users to distribute data among themselves by exchanging pieces of the file with
each other to eventually obtain a whole copy of the file. When using the BitTorrent protocol, every
user simultaneously receives information from and transfers information to one another.

9. The BitTorrent protocol is an extremely popular method for transferring data.
 A group of individuals transferring data among one another (the "swarm") will commonly include
 peers from many, if not every, state in the United States and several countries around the world. And
 every peer in the swarm participates in distributing the file to dozens, hundreds, or even thousands of
 other peers.

15 10. The BitTorrent protocol is also an extremely popular method for unlawfully
16 copying, reproducing, and distributing files in violation of the copyright laws of the United States. A
17 broad range of copyrighted albums, audiovisual files, photographs, software, and other forms of
18 media are available for illegal reproduction and distribution via the BitTorrent protocol.

Efforts at combating BitTorrent-based copyright infringement have been
 stymied by BitTorrent's decentralized nature. Because there are no central servers to enjoin from
 unlawfully distributing copyrighted content, there is no primary target on which to focus anti-piracy
 efforts. Indeed, the same decentralization that makes the BitTorrent protocol an extremely robust and
 efficient means of transferring enormous quantities of data also acts to insulate it from anti-piracy
 measures.

12. The infringing parties in this action were all observed using the BitTorrent
protocol to unlawfully reproduce and distribute Plaintiff's copyrighted work by exchanging pieces
with one another either directly or via a chain of data distribution.

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### B. Each infringer installed a BitTorrent Client on his or her computer

13. The individual or individuals associated with the infringing activity installed a
BitTorrent Client onto his or her computer(s). Normal commercial computers do not come preloaded with BitTorrent software. Each infringer must have separately installed on their respective
computers special software that allows peer-to-peer sharing of files by way of the Internet. The
infringers use software known as BitTorrent clients. Among the most popular BitTorrent clients are
Vuze (formerly Azureus), µTorrent, Transmission and BitTorrent 7, although many others are used
as well.

9 14. Once installed on a computer, the BitTorrent "Client" serves as the user's
10 interface during the process of uploading and downloading data using the BitTorrent protocol.

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#### C. The Initial Seed, Torrent and Tracker

12 15. A BitTorrent user who wants to upload a new file, known as an "Initial 13 Seeder," starts by creating a "torrent" descriptor file using the client he or she installed onto his or 14 her computer. The Client takes the target computer file, the "initial seed," in this case, one of the 15 copyrighted Works, and divides it into identically sized groups of bits known as "pieces." The Client 16 then gives each one of the computer file's pieces, in this case, pieces of one of the copyrighted 17 works, a random and unique alphanumeric identifier known as a "hash" and records these hash 18 identifiers in the torrent file.

19 16. When another peer later receives a particular piece, the hash identifier for that
20 piece is compared to the hash identifier recorded in the torrent file for that piece to test whether the
21 piece is free of errors. In this way, the hash identifier works like an electronic fingerprint to identify
22 the source and origin of the piece and ensure that the piece is authentic and uncorrupted.

17. Torrents files also have an "announce" section, which specifies the Uniform Resource Locator ("URL") of a "tracker" and an "info" section, containing (suggested) names for the files, their lengths, the piece length used, and the hash identifier for each piece, all of which are used by the Client on peer computers to verify the integrity of the data they receive. The "tracker" is a computer or set of computers that a torrent file specifies and to which the torrent file provides

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peers with the URL address(es). The tracker computer or computers direct a peer user's computer to
another peer user's computer that have particular pieces of the file, in this case, one of the copyright
Works on them, and facilitates the exchange of data among the computers. Depending on the
BitTorrent Client, a tracker can either be a dedicated computer (centralized tracking) or each peer
can act as a tracker (decentralized tracking).

**D.** Torrent Sites

18. "Torrent Sites" are websites that index torrent files that are currently being
made available for copying and distribution by the people using the BitTorrent protocol. There are
numerous torrent websites, such as www.torrentz.eu or thepiratebay.org.

10 19. Upon information and belief, each infringer went to a torrent site to upload
11 and download one of the Petitioner's copyrighted Works.

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#### E. Uploading and Downloading a Work Through a BitTorrent Swarm

20. Once the initial seeder has created a torrent and uploaded it onto one or more
torrent sites, then other peers begin to download and upload the computer file to which the torrent is
linked (here, one of the copyright Works) using the BitTorrent Client that the peers installed on their
computers.

17 21. The BitTorrent protocol causes the initial seed's computer to send different
18 pieces of the computer file, here, one of the copyrighted Works, to the peers who are seeking to
19 download the computer file. Once a peer receives a piece of the computer file, it starts transmitting
20 that piece to other peers. In this way, all of the peers and seeders are working together in what is
21 called a "swarm."

22 22. Here, each infringing peer member participated in a swarm through digital
23 handshakes, the passing along of computer instructions, uploading and downloading, and by other
24 types of transmissions.

25 23. In this way, and by way of example only, one initial seeder can create a
26 torrent that breaks a movie up into hundreds of piece saved in the form of a computer file, like the
27 Works here, upload the torrent file onto a torrent site, and deliver a different piece of the computer

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1	file to each of the peers. The receiving peers then automatically begin delivering the piece they just
2	received to the other peers in the same swarm.
3	24. Once a peer, here an infringer, has downloaded the full file, the BitTorrent
4	Client reassembles the piece and the peer is able to view the video. Also, once a peer has
5	downloaded a full file, that peer becomes known as "an additional seed" because it continues to
6	distribute the torrent file which, in this case, was one of the copyrighted Works.
7	F. Petitioner's Computer Investigators Identified Each Infringer's IP Address as an Infringer of Petitioner's Copyright Works
9	25. Petitioner retained 6881 Forensics, LLC ("6881") to identify the IP addresses
10	used by the individual or individuals that were misusing the BitTorrent protocol to unlawfully
11	distribute Petitioner's copyrighted Work.
12	26. 6881 used forensic software, "BitTorrent Auditor" to audit a swarm for the
13	presence of infringing transactions.
14	27. 6881 extracted the resulting data gathered from the investigation, reviewed the
15	evidence logs, and isolated the transactions and the IP addresses associated with the copyrighted
16	work listed on Exhibit D hereto.
17	28. The IP addresses and hit dates contained on Exhibits B accurately reflects
18	what is contained in the evidence logs and show that:
19	(A) Each infringer copied a piece of one of Petitioners copyrighted work;
20	and
21	(B) Each infringer was part of a BitTorrent swarm.
22	29. 6881's technician analyzed each BitTorrent "piece" distributed by the IP
23	addresses listed on Exhibit B and verified that each piece consisted of part of the copyrighted work.
24	30. In order for petitioner to be able to take appropriate action to protect its
25	copyrighted work under 17 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq, petitioner must be authorized issuance of
26	subpoenas duces tecum to the ISPs listed on Exhibit A to this petition.
27	31. No prior application has been made for the relief sought herein.
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1	WHEREFORE, petitioner requests that an order be made and entered directing that petitioner				
2	may compel the production of documents to the extent of determining the name, current (and				
3	permanent) addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and Media Access Control addresses of				
4	the person or persons whose IP addresses are listed in Exhibit B from the ISPs listed on Exhibit A				
5	for the purposes of determining the true identity of unknown infringers. To further support its Petition, Petitioner attaches as Exhibit F its Memorandum of Law in Support of Petitioner's Verified				
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7	Petition to Perpetuate Testimony.				
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10	Respectfully Submitted,				
11	Ingenuity13 LLC,				
12	DATED: October 28, 2011				
13	By:/s/ Brett L. Gibbs, Esq				
14	Brett L. Gibbs, Esq. (SBN 251000)				
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1	1 NOTARIZED VERIFICATION				
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3	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the				
4	foregoing information contained in this Verified Petition is, to the best of my knowledge, true and				
5	correct.				
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8	DATED: October 28, 2011 /S/ Alan Cooper Alan Cooper, Manager of Ingenuity 13 LLC				
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10	I, Brett L. Gibbs, Esq., hereby confirm per Eastern District of California Local Rule 131(f)				
11	that counsel for Plaintiff has a signed original notarized version of the above Verified Petition.				
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13	DATED: October 28, 2011				
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# EXHIBIT K

### AFFIDAVIT OF ALAN COOPER

I, Alan Cooper, under the penalty of perjury state that the following is true:

- 1. My name is Alan Cooper and I live at 2170 Highway 47 North, Isle, MN 56342.
- 2. I am 38 years old and was born in Colleen, TX.
- 3. I work seasonally as a construction worker.
- 4. I was was hired in 2006 as a caretaker for a property owned by John L. Steele at 21255 220th Street, McGrath, MN 56350.
- 5. The attached agreement is a true copy of the contract between myself and John Steele for taking care of his property.
- 6. While taking care of his property I would regularly submit receipts to Steele for reimbursements of costs in repairing or maintaining the property. These receipts might include my signature when I paid by a credit card or debit card.
- 7. It is my belief that Steele has used my name as the name of a CEO or manager for one or more companies.
- 8. Steele did occasionally visit his property and we would talk.
- 9. Steele had told me on at least one occasion that if anyone asked about companies that I should call him.
- 10. Steele has hold me that he had this plan involving copyright lawsuits.
- 11. I am not an owner or officer of any corporation or limited liability company.
- 12. I am not the owner or CEO of AF Holdings, LLC.
- 13. I am not the owner or a manager of Ingenuity13, LLC.
- 14. I did not give Steele permission to use my name or sign documents on my behalf.
- 15. I did not know that my name was being used in connection with these companies.

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Alan Cooper

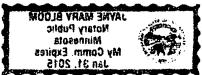
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Subscribed and sworn before me this  $\frac{2^{RD}}{2}$  day of December, 2012

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THIS RENTAL AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") made and entered into this 17th day of November, 2006, by and between John Steele (hereinafter referred to as "Landlord") and flan (coper . THIS IS A MONTH TO MONTH RENTAL AGREEMENT IN WHICH EITHER PARTY MAY CANCEL WITH 30 DAYS NOTICE.

1. TERM. Landlord leases to Tenant and Tenant leases from Landlord the above described Premises together with any and all appurtenances thereto, on a month to month basis.

2. **RENT.** In exchange for paying monthly rent, the Renter agrees to work on the Landlord's property on projects designated by Landlord. Renter agrees to complete all work to the best of his ability. Landlord will determine the projects, but in no event will the time requirement be less than 15 hours a month. Satisfaction of the Renters work to satisfy the Rent requirement of this lease will be at the sole discretion of the Landlord. Blank

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USE OF PREMISES. The Premises shall be used and occupied by Tenant and Tenant's immediate family, consisting of one daughter, exclusively, as a private single family dwelling, and no part of the Premises shall be used at any time during the term of this Agreement by Tenant for the purpose of carrying on any business, profession, or trade of any kind, or for any purpose other than as a private single family dwelling. Tenant shall not allow any other person, other than Tenant's immediate family or transient relatives and friends who are guests of Tenant, to use or occupy the Premises without first obtaining Landlord's written consent to such use. Tenant shall comply with any and all laws, ordinances, rules and orders of any and all governmental or quasi-governmental authorities affecting the cleanliness, use, occupancy and preservation of the Premises.

CONDITION OF PREMISES. Tenant stipulates, represents and warrants that Tenant has examined the Premises, and that they are at the time of this Lease in good order. repair, and in a safe, clean and tenantable condition.

ASSIGNMENT AND SUB-LETTING. Tenant shall not assign this Agreement, or sub-let or grant any license to use the Premises or any part thereof without the prior written consent of Landlord. A consent by Landlord to one such assignment, sub-letting or license shall not be deemed to be a consent to any subsequent assignment, sub-letting or license. An assignment, sub-letting or license without the prior written consent of Landlord or an assignment or sub-letting by operation of law shall be absolutely null and void and shall, at Landlord's option, terminate this Agreement.

ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. Tenant shall make no alterations to the buildings or improvements on the Premises or construct any building or make any other improvements on the Premises without the prior consent of Landlord. Any and all alterations, changes, and/or improvements built, constructed or placed on the Premises by Tenant shall, unless otherwise provided by written agreement between Landlord and Tenant, be and become the property of Landlord and remain on the Premises at the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement. blank

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Tenant shall not keep on the Premises any item of a dangerous, flammable or explosive character that might unreasonably increase the danger of fire or explosion on the Premises or that might be considered hazardous or extra hazardous by any responsible insurance company.

- 10. **UTILITIES**. Tenant shall be responsible for arranging for and paying for all utility services required on the Premises for his own use.
- 11. **MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR; RULES**. Tenant will, at its sole expense, keep and maintain the Premises and appurtenances in good and sanitary condition and repair during the term of this Agreement and any renewal thereof. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Tenant shall:
  - (a) Not obstruct the driveways, sidewalks, courts, entry ways, stairs and/or halls, which shall be used for the purposes of ingress and egress only;
  - (b) Keep all windows, glass, window coverings, doors, locks and hardware in good, clean order and repair;
  - (c) Not obstruct or cover the windows or doors;
  - (d) Not leave windows or doors in an open position during any inclement weather;
  - (e) Not hang any laundry, clothing, sheets, etc. from any window, rail, porch or balcony nor air or dry any of same within any yard area or space;
  - (f) Not cause or permit any locks or hooks to be placed upon any door or window without the prior written consent of Landlord;
  - (g) Keep all air conditioning filters clean and free from dirt;
  - (h) Keep all lavatories, sinks, toilets, and all other water and plumbing apparatus in good order and repair and shall use same only for the purposes for which they were constructed. Tenant shall not allow any sweepings, rubbish, sand, rags, ashes or other substances to be thrown or deposited therein. Any damage to any such apparatus and the cost of clearing stopped plumbing resulting from misuse shall be borne by Tenant;
  - (i) And Tenant's family and guests shall at all times maintain order in the Premises and at all places on the Premises, and shall not make or permit any loud or improper noises, or otherwise disturb other residents;
  - (j) Keep all radios, television sets, stereos, phonographs, etc., turned down to a level of sound that does not annoy or interfere with other residents;
  - (k) Deposit all trash, garbage, rubbish or refuse in the locations provided therefore and shall not allow any trash, garbage, rubbish or refuse to be deposited or permitted to stand on the exterior of any building or within the common elements;

- Abide by and be bound by any and all rules and regulations affecting the Premises or the common area appurtenant thereto which may be adopted or promulgated by the Condominium or Homeowners' Association having control over them.
- 12. DAMAGE TO PREMISES. In the event the Premises are destroyed or rendered wholly uninhabitable by fire, storm, earthquake, or other casualty not caused by the negligence of Tenant, this Agreement shall terminate from such time except for the purpose of enforcing rights that may have then accrued hereunder. The rental provided for herein shall then be accounted for by and between Landlord and Tenant up to the time of such injury or destruction of the Premises, Tenant paying rentals up to such date and Landlord refunding rentals collected beyond such date. Should a portion of the Premises thereby be rendered uninhabitable, the Landlord shall have the option of either repairing such injured or damaged portion or terminating this Lease. In the event that Landlord exercises its right to repair such uninhabitable portion, the rental shall abate in the proportion that the injured parts bears to the whole Premises, and such part so injured shall be restored by Landlord as speedily as practicable, after which the full rent shall recommence and the Agreement continue according to its terms.
- 13. INSPECTION OF PREMISES. Landlord and Landlord's agents shall have the right at all reasonable times during the term of this Agreement and any renewal thereof to enter the Premises for the purpose of inspecting the Premises and all buildings and improvements thereon. And for the purposes of making any repairs, additions or alterations as may be deemed appropriate by Landlord for the preservation of the Premises or the building. Landlord and its agents shall further have the right to exhibit the Premises and to display the usual "for sale", "for rent" or "vacancy" signs on the Premises at any time within forty-five (45) days before the expiration of this Lease. The right of entry shall likewise exist for the purpose of removing placards, signs, fixtures, alterations or additions, that do not conform to this Agreement or to any restrictions, rules or regulations affecting the Premises.
- 14. **SUBORDINATION OF LEASE**. This Agreement and Tenant's interest hereunder are and shall be subordinate, junior and inferior to any and all mortgages, liens or encumbrances now or hereafter placed on the Premises by Landlord, all advances made under any such mortgages, liens or encumbrances (including, but not limited to, future advances), the interest payable on such mortgages, liens or encumbrances and any and all renewals, extensions or modifications of such mortgages, liens or encumbrances.
- 16. **SURRENDER OF PREMISES**. Upon the expiration of the term hereof, Tenant shall surrender the Premises in as good a state and condition as they were at the commencement of this Agreement, reasonable use and wear and tear thereof and damages by the elements excepted.
- 17. **ANIMALS**. Tenant shall obtain permission from Landlord for all be entitled to keep any animals on the premises.
- 18. QUIET ENJOYMENT. Tenant, upon payment of all of the sums referred to herein as being payable by Tenant and Tenant's performance of all Tenant's agreements contained herein and Tenant's observance of all rules and regulations, shall and may peacefully and quietly have, hold and enjoy said Premises for the term hereof.
- 19. **INDEMNIFICATION**. Landlord shall not be liable for any damage or injury of or to the Tenant, Tenant's family, guests, invitees, agents or employees or to any person entering the Premises or the building of which the Premises are a part or to goods or equipment,

or in the structure or equipment of the structure of which the Premises are a part, and Tenant hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Landlord harmless from any and all claims or assertions of every kind and nature.

- 20. **DEFAULT**. If Tenant fails to comply with any of the material provisions of this Agreement, other than the covenant to pay rent, or of any present rules and regulations or any that may be hereafter prescribed by Landlord, or materially fails to comply with any duties imposed on Tenant by statute, within seven (7) days after delivery of written notice by Landlord specifying the non-compliance and indicating the intention of Landlord to terminate the Lease by reason thereof, Landlord may terminate this Agreement. If Tenant fails to pay rent when due and the default continues for seven (7) days thereafter, Landlord may, at Landlord's option, declare the entire balance of rent payable hereunder to be immediately due and payable and may exercise any and all rights and remedies available to Landlord at law or in equity or may immediately terminate this Agreement.
- 21. LATE CHARGE. In the event that any payment required to be paid by Tenant hereunder is not made within three (3) days of when due, Tenant shall pay to Landlord, in addition to such payment or other charges due hereunder, a "late fee" in the amount of twenty five dollars.
- 22. ABANDONMENT. If at any time during the term of this Agreement Tenant abandons the Premises or any part thereof, Landlord may, at Landlord's option, obtain possession of the Premises in the manner provided by law, and without becoming liable to Tenant for damages or for any payment of any kind whatever. Landlord may, at Landlord's discretion, as agent for Tenant, relet the Premises, or any part thereof, for the whole or any part thereof, for the whole or any part thereof, for the whole or any part of the then unexpired term, and may receive and collect all rent payable by virtue of such reletting, and, at Landlord's option, hold Tenant liable for any difference between the rent that would have been payable under this Agreement during the balance of the unexpired term, if this Agreement had continued in force, and the net rent for such period realized by Landlord by means of such reletting. If Landlord's right of reentry is exercised following abandonment of the Premises by Tenant, then Landlord shall consider any personal property belonging to Tenant and left on the Premises to also have been abandoned, in which case Landlord may dispose of all such personal property in any manner Landlord shall deem proper and Landlord is hereby relieved of all liability for doing so.
- 23. **ATTORNEYS' FEES**. Should it become necessary for Landlord to employ an attorney to enforce any of the conditions or covenants hereof, including the collection of rentals or gaining possession of the Premises, Tenant agrees to pay all expenses so incurred, including a reasonable attorneys' fee.
- 24. **RECORDING OF AGREEMENT**. Tenant shall not record this Agreement on the Public Records of any public office. In the event that Tenant shall record this Agreement, this Agreement shall, at Landlord's option, terminate immediately and Landlord shall be entitled to all rights and remedies that it has at law or in equity.
- 25. **GOVERNING LAW**. This Agreement shall be governed, construed and interpreted by, through and under the Laws of the State of Minnesota.
- 26. **SEVERABILITY**. If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof shall, for any reason and to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, neither the remainder of this Agreement nor the application of the provision to other persons, entities or circumstances shall be affected thereby, but instead shall be enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law.

- 27. **BINDING EFFECT**. The covenants, obligations and conditions herein contained shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the heirs, legal representatives, and assigns of the parties hereto.
- 28. DESCRIPTIVE HEADINGS. The descriptive headings used herein are for convenience of reference only and they are not intended to have any effect whatsoever in determining the rights or obligations of the Landlord or Tenant.
- 29. **CONSTRUCTION**. The pronouns used herein shall include, where appropriate, either gender or both, singular and plural.
- 30. **NON-WAIVER**. No indulgence, waiver, election or non-election by Landlord under this Agreement shall affect Tenant's duties and liabilities hereunder.
- 31. **MODIFICATION**. The parties hereby agree that this document contains the entire agreement between the parties and this Agreement shall not be modified, changed, altered or amended in any way except through a written amendment signed by all of the parties hereto.
- 32. NOTICE. Any notice required or permitted under this Lease or under state law shall be deemed sufficiently given or served if sent by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

If to Landlord to: John Steele 21067 220<sup>th</sup> St McGrath, MN 56350

If to Tenant to:

Landlord and Tenant shall each have the right from time to time to change the place notice is to be given under this paragraph by written notice thereof to the other party.

SIGNED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER, 2006

Landlord:

John Steele, 21067 220th St. McGrath MN 56350.

Tenant:

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# EXHIBIT L

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16	C 1 Petitioner Incenuity 13 LLC by a	nd through its undersigned attorney

16 1. Petitioner Ingenuity13 LLC by and through its undersigned attorney, hereby 17 petitions this Court for an order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 27 authorizing the 18 issuance of subpoenas *duces tecum* to the Internet Service Providers ("ISPs") listed on Exhibit A to 19 this petition.

2. Petitioner is limited liability company organized and existing under the laws 20 of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Petitioner produces adult entertainment content and this 21 content is being unlawfully reproduced and distributed over the Internet via the BitTorrent file 22 transfer protocol. An individual or individuals wrongfully reproduced and distributed Petitioner's 23 copyrighted works via the BitTorrent protocol in violation of Petitioner's exclusive rights under 24 United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq. Petitioner anticipates bringing a civil action 25 against the person or persons engaging in such unlawful activity. This action would be cognizable in 26 a United States court as United States courts have exclusive jurisdiction over copyright actions. 27 Without knowing the identity or identities of the anonymous infringers, Petitioner has no means to 28

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name and serve the individual or individuals in an action with summons and complaint. The purpose
 of this petition is to ascertain these identity or identities.

3 3. Petitioner seeks the name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and 4 Media Control Access number of each account holder associated with the Internet Protocol ("IP") 5 addresses listed on Exhibit B to this petition. Each of the IP addresses was identified by Petitioner's 6 agents as being associated with infringing activity on the corresponding dates and times listed on 7 Exhibit B. The reasons to perpetuate the testimony are multiple. First, without this information 8 Petitioner has no means to name and serve a complaint on the infringing parties. Second, on 9 information and belief, this information is destroyed in the regular course of business and will be 10 unavailable to Petitioner after it is destroyed. An example of an ISP's data retention policy is shown 11 as Exhibit C. Finally, under the Cable Communications Policy Act, 47 U.S.C. § 551(c)(2)(B), a court 12 order is necessary to discover an account holder's identity.

4. The names and addresses of the person or persons whom Petitioner expects to be adverse parties are unknown to Petitioner. The individual or individuals responsible for infringing Petitioner's works are known to Petitioner only by an IP address—a number that is assigned to devices, such as computers, that are connected to the Internet. Petitioner used geolocation to trace the IP addresses of the expected adverse party or parties to a point of origin within the State of California.

19 5. The name and address of each responding party is set forth on Exhibit A to 20 this petition. Petitioner is seeking the name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and Media 21 Control Access number of each account holder associated with the Internet Protocol ("IP") addresses 22 listed on Exhibit B to this petition.

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#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

24 6. Petitioner is the owner of the copyright for the motion picture set forth in25 Exhibit D to this petition.

7. As set forth below, Petitioner has actionable claims for direct and contributory
 copyright infringement and a claim for civil conspiracy against the individual or individuals who

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engaged in infringing activities via the IP addresses set forth on Exhibit B hereto based on the
 parties' use of the BitTorrent protocol to illegally reproduce and distribute Petitioner's work(s).

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#### A. The Unknown Infringers used BitTorrent to Infringe Petitioner's Copyrights

8. BitTorrent is a modern file sharing method ("protocol") used for distributing data via the Internet. BitTorrent protocol is a decentralized method of distributing data. Instead of relying on a central server to distribute data directly to individual users, the BitTorrent protocol allows individual users to distribute data among themselves by exchanging pieces of the file with each other to eventually obtain a whole copy of the file. When using the BitTorrent protocol, every user simultaneously receives information from and transfers information to one another.

9. The BitTorrent protocol is an extremely popular method for transferring data. A group of individuals transferring data among one another (the "swarm") will commonly include peers from many, if not every, state in the United States and several countries around the world. And every peer in the swarm participates in distributing the file to dozens, hundreds, or even thousands of other peers.

15 10. The BitTorrent protocol is also an extremely popular method for unlawfully 16 copying, reproducing, and distributing files in violation of the copyright laws of the United States. A 17 broad range of copyrighted albums, audiovisual files, photographs, software, and other forms of 18 media are available for illegal reproduction and distribution via the BitTorrent protocol.

19 11. Efforts at combating BitTorrent-based copyright infringement have been 20 stymied by BitTorrent's decentralized nature. Because there are no central servers to enjoin from 21 unlawfully distributing copyrighted content, there is no primary target on which to focus anti-piracy 22 efforts. Indeed, the same decentralization that makes the BitTorrent protocol an extremely robust and 23 efficient means of transferring enormous quantities of data also acts to insulate it from anti-piracy 24 measures.

12. The infringing parties in this action were all observed using the BitTorrent
 protocol to unlawfully reproduce and distribute Plaintiff's copyrighted work by exchanging pieces
 with one another either directly or via a chain of data distribution.

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#### B. Each infringer installed a BitTorrent Client on his or her computer

13. The individual or individuals associated with the infringing activity installed a BitTorrent Client onto his or her computer(s). Normal commercial computers do not come preloaded with BitTorrent software. Each infringer must have separately installed on their respective computers special software that allows peer-to-peer sharing of files by way of the Internet. The infringers use software known as BitTorrent clients. Among the most popular BitTorrent clients are Vuze (formerly Azureus),  $\mu$ Torrent, Transmission and BitTorrent 7, although many others are used as well.

9 14. Once installed on a computer, the BitTorrent "Client" serves as the user's
10 interface during the process of uploading and downloading data using the BitTorrent protocol.

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#### C. The Initial Seed, Torrent and Tracker

12 15. A BitTorrent user who wants to upload a new file, known as an "Initial 13 Seeder," starts by creating a "torrent" descriptor file using the client he or she installed onto his or 14 her computer. The Client takes the target computer file, the "initial seed," in this case, one of the 15 copyrighted Works, and divides it into identically sized groups of bits known as "pieces." The Client 16 then gives each one of the computer file's pieces, in this case, pieces of one of the copyrighted 17 works, a random and unique alphanumeric identifier known as a "hash" and records these hash 18 identifiers in the torrent file.

19 16. When another peer later receives a particular piece, the hash identifier for that 20 piece is compared to the hash identifier recorded in the torrent file for that piece to test whether the 21 piece is free of errors. In this way, the hash identifier works like an electronic fingerprint to identify 22 the source and origin of the piece and ensure that the piece is authentic and uncorrupted.

- 17. Torrents files also have an "announce" section, which specifies the Uniform Resource Locator ("URL") of a "tracker" and an "info" section, containing (suggested) names for the files, their lengths, the piece length used, and the hash identifier for each piece, all of which are used by the Client on peer computers to verify the integrity of the data they receive. The "tracker" is a computer or set of computers that a torrent file specifies and to which the torrent file provides
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peers with the URL address(es). The tracker computer or computers direct a peer user's computer to another peer user's computer that have particular pieces of the file, in this case, one of the copyright Works on them, and facilitates the exchange of data among the computers. Depending on the BitTorrent Client, a tracker can either be a dedicated computer (centralized tracking) or each peer can act as a tracker (decentralized tracking).

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**D.** Torrent Sites

18. "Torrent Sites" are websites that index torrent files that are currently being
made available for copying and distribution by the people using the BitTorrent protocol. There are
numerous torrent websites, such as www.torrentz.eu or thepiratebay.org.

10 19. Upon information and belief, each infringer went to a torrent site to upload
11 and download one of the Petitioner's copyrighted Works.

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#### E. Uploading and Downloading a Work Through a BitTorrent Swarm

13 20. Once the initial seeder has created a torrent and uploaded it onto one or more 14 torrent sites, then other peers begin to download and upload the computer file to which the torrent is 15 linked (here, one of the copyright Works) using the BitTorrent Client that the peers installed on their 16 computers.

17 21. The BitTorrent protocol causes the initial seed's computer to send different 18 pieces of the computer file, here, one of the copyrighted Works, to the peers who are seeking to 19 download the computer file. Once a peer receives a piece of the computer file, it starts transmitting 20 that piece to other peers. In this way, all of the peers and seeders are working together in what is 21 called a "swarm."

22 22. Here, each infringing peer member participated in a swarm through digital 23 handshakes, the passing along of computer instructions, uploading and downloading, and by other 24 types of transmissions.

25 23. In this way, and by way of example only, one initial seeder can create a 26 torrent that breaks a movie up into hundreds of piece saved in the form of a computer file, like the 27 Works here, upload the torrent file onto a torrent site, and deliver a different piece of the computer

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file to each of the peers. The receiving peers then automatically begin delivering the piece they just
 received to the other peers in the same swarm.

3 24. Once a peer, here an infringer, has downloaded the full file, the BitTorrent 4 Client reassembles the piece and the peer is able to view the video. Also, once a peer has 5 downloaded a full file, that peer becomes known as "an additional seed" because it continues to 6 distribute the torrent file which, in this case, was one of the copyrighted Works.

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#### F. Petitioner's Computer Investigators Identified Each Infringer's IP Address as an Infringer of Petitioner's Copyright Works

9 25. Petitioner retained 6881 Forensics, LLC ("6881") to identify the IP addresses
 10 used by the individual or individuals that were misusing the BitTorrent protocol to unlawfully
 11 distribute Petitioner's copyrighted Work.

12 26. 6881 used forensic software, "BitTorrent Auditor" to audit a swarm for the 13 presence of infringing transactions.

14 27. 6881 extracted the resulting data gathered from the investigation, reviewed the
 evidence logs, and isolated the transactions and the IP addresses associated with the copyrighted
 work listed on Exhibit D hereto.

The IP addresses and hit dates contained on Exhibits B accurately reflects
 what is contained in the evidence logs and show that:

- 19 (A) Each infringer copied a piece of one of Petitioners copyrighted work;
   and
- 21 (B) Each infringer was part of a BitTorrent swarm.

22 29. 6881's technician analyzed each BitTorrent "piece" distributed by the IP 23 addresses listed on Exhibit B and verified that each piece consisted of part of the copyrighted work.

30. In order for petitioner to be able to take appropriate action to protect its
copyrighted work under 17 U.S.C. §§ 101, *et seq*, petitioner must be authorized issuance of
subpoenas *duces tecum* to the ISPs listed on Exhibit A to this petition.

- 31. No prior application has been made for the relief sought herein.
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VERIFIED PETION TO PERPETUATE TESTIMONY

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1	WHEREFORE, petitioner requests that an order be made and entered directing that petitioner
2	may compel the production of documents to the extent of determining the name, current (and
3	permanent) addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and Media Access Control addresses of
4	the person or persons whose IP addresses are listed in Exhibit B from the ISPs listed on Exhibit A
5	for the purposes of determining the true identity of unknown infringers. To further support its
6	Petition, Petitioner attaches as Exhibit F its Memorandum of Law in Support of Petitioner's Verified
7	Petition to Perpetuate Testimony.
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10	Respectfully Submitted,
11	Ingenuity13 LLC,
12	DATED: October 28, 2011
13	By: /s/ Brett L. Gibbs, Esq.
14	Brett L. Gibbs, Esq. (SBN 251000)
15	Steele Hansmeier PLLC. 38 Miller Avenue, #263
16	Mill Valley, CA 94941 415-325-5900
17	<u>blgibbs@wefightpiracy.com</u> Attorney for Plaintiff
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28	7 VERIFIED PETION TO PERPETUATE TESTIMONY

1	NOTARIZED VERIFICATION	
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3	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the	
4	foregoing information contained in this Verified Petition is, to the best of my knowledge, true and	
5	correct.	
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7	DATED: October 28, 2011 /S/ Alan Cooper	
8	DATED: October 28, 2011/S/ Alan Cooper Alan Cooper, Manager of Ingenuity 13 LLC	
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10	I, Brett L. Gibbs, Esq., hereby confirm per Eastern District of California Local Rule 131(f)	
11	that counsel for Plaintiff has a signed original notarized version of the above Verified Petition.	
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13	DATED: October 28, 2011	
14	By:/s/ Brett L. Gibbs, Esq.	
15	Brett L. Gibbs, Esq. (SBN 251000)	
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# EXHIBIT M



Morgan Pietz <morganpietz@gmail.com>

# Activity in Case 2:12-cv-08333-DMG-PJW Ingenuity13 LLC v. John Doe Notice of Related Case(s)

**Morgan Pietz** <morganpietz@gmail.com> To: Brett Gibbs <br/> <br/>blgibbs@wefightpiracy.com> Thu, Dec 13, 2012 at 1:12 PM

Brett,

I called Prenda's main number earlier today and asked for you. After being put on hold, I was transferred to your extension. The line rang a few times, then it sounded like the line was picked up, but then the line immediately went dead, so I did not have an opportunity to leave you a voicemail.

Please give me a call -- I would like to follow up with you regarding not only the issues below, but also some administrative matters relating to your cases in the Northern District of California.

Best regards, Morgan

On Fri, Dec 7, 2012 at 5:30 PM, Morgan Pietz <morganpietz@gmail.com> wrote:

Brett,

For the record, I didnt yell or even raise my voice much less swear at you. I assume you hung up because you are trying to dodge these troubling question. Please quit with the theatrics.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 7, 2012, at 5:17 PM, Brett Gibbs <br/>
<br/>
wefightpiracy.com> wrote:

Mr. Morgan:

Mr. Morgan, I did not hang up on you. I take offense to your purposefully twisted versions of things. At the end of our conversation, I said that "it was nice speaking with, I had other things to do and good bye" [paraphrasing]. That is not "hanging up" on someone, that is called ending a phone conversation (with respect, I might add). Whether you heard my saying this over your yelling at me is not my fault. You were swearing at me, and being extremely hostile to me on phone, and I frankly had other things of import to accomplish on my schedule -- the conversation was ten minutes long and the abuse I was subjected to was uncalled for. A piece of advice: this is not how you "meet and confer" on an issue. It simply was not professional.

The issue is entirely irrelevant to the instant matter. I cannot stress this any further -- it is irrelevant. You are basing relevancy on a letter filed in Minnesota that was ignored by that court. Even that court in Minnesota recognized the letter for what it truly was -- a conspiracy theory letter with no factual basis. I don't know how else to explain this to you. As you understand, it is hard (if not impossible) to prove a negative -- especially to an individual like yourself that has no trust in things aside from his version of things. Your use of the word "assume" is very apt in this situation.

As I told you over the phone, when you asked "Is there another Alan Cooper?", I said, "I am sure there are hundreds of Alan Coopers in this world." If your question had been framed more pointedly, and not so vague, maybe I could have provided you with a specific answer.

I don't wish to discuss this matter further with you because of the verbal abuse I experienced in our first phone call. You know, as well as I, that there is a certain courtesy-code displayed between even opposing attorneys -- your yelling and use of bad language directed towards me violates those rules. I would remind you of the following:

"As officers of the court with responsibilities to the administration of justice, attorneys have an obligation to be professional with clients, other parties and counsel, the courts and the public. This obligation includes civility, professional integrity, personal dignity, candor, diligence, respect, courtesy, and cooperation, all of which are essential to the fair administration of justice and conflict resolution." [California Attorney Guidelines of Civility and Professionalism]

Please be ever mindful of this if we speak in the future.

Regards,

Brett Gibbs

On Fri, Dec 7, 2012 at 11:40 AM, Morgan E. Pietz <<u>mpietz@pietzlawfirm.com</u>> wrote: Brett,

This is to confirm a few things, in writing, about our phone call of earlier today.

Prior to hanging up on me, you confirmed that you would not be answering either of my questions below about (1) your client contact at Ingenuity 13 (not AF holdings, which I clarified today) or (2) a copy of Alan' Coopers verification in the Ingenuity 13 case in E.D. Cal., which you purported to keep a copy of, under penalty of perjury. You stated that you viewed these issues as irrelevant to the instant case, and would not answer them absent a more formal demand. I explained that I disagreed, because as far as I am concerned, the Alan Cooper issue goes straight to the heart of whether your client has proper standing, among other, more troubling issues.

Also, to repeat my additional request: if any facts in the Alan Cooper letter filed in Minnesota are incorrect, then please let me know which fact and why it is incorrect. However, since you have so far refused to provide any specifics, I can only continue to assume that everything in that letter is correct.

I also note that you again refused to say whether there is another Alan Cooper (other than the gentleman in Minnesota who filed the letter through counsel) who is/was the principal of AF Holdings of Ingenuity 13.

Please contact me should you change your mind and decide that you do wish to discuss this matter further.

Best regards, Morgan

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On Fri, Dec 7, 2012 at 11:13 AM, Morgan E. Pietz cmpietz@pietzlawfirm.com> wrote: Re-forward. ----- Forwarded message ------From: Morgan E. Pietz <mpietz@pietzlawfirm.com> Date: Mon, Dec 3, 2012 at 7:23 PM Subject: Re: Activity in Case 2:12-cv-08333-DMG-PJW Ingenuity13 LLC v. John Doe Notice of Related Case(s) To: Brett Gibbs <br/>
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blgibbs@wefightpiracy.com> Brett. If I am supposedly twisting your words (although you do not say how, or clarify whether you are now changing your mind), how about a couple of straight answers then, so nothing gets lost in translation: (1) Will you tell me the name of your supposed client contact at AF Holdings with whom you supposedly communicated with last week? I do not want any details of the conversation, just a name. (2) Will you produce the original signature to the verification page, identified below, that supposedly contains "Alan Cooper's" handwritten signature? And if the answer to these questions is still no, which is what you said earlier today, please explain why. Best regards, Morgan On Mon, Dec 3, 2012 at 7:09 PM, Brett Gibbs <br/>
<br/ Mr. Pietz: Assume whatever you would like to assume -- that seems to be what you have done throughout my cases with you. As for the former, you have grossly misstated the contents of the "very brief conversation from just prior to the telephonic conference." I think this twisting of my words is intentional -- and I do not like playing childish and manipulative games. So, I will not be drawn into this baseless banter, wasting everyone's time and money. If want to have an honest adult conversation, I will participate. If you want to have a meet and confer on these issues, I will be available to do that next week. Let me know when you are available. Regards,

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Brett Gibbs

On Mon, Dec 3, 2012 at 6:17 PM, Morgan E. Pietz <mpietz@pietzlawfirm.com> wrote: Brett,

I wanted to follow up on our very brief conversation from just prior to the telephonic conference with Judge Walsh today regarding the two issues raised in my email below.

This email is to confirm that before Magistrate Judge Walsh joined us on the line, you stated that you would not be providing me with either the name of your client contact, or a copy of the original signature version of Alan Cooper's verification in the E.D. Call Petition matter, which you stated, under penalty of perjury, that you have a copy of in your possession.

In an effort to begin a meet and confer dialogue on the matter, can you please elaborate on the reason(s) that you are refusing to produce either of these things?

Frankly, I think your refusal to answer the simple question of whether there is another Alan Cooper (i.e., not Mr. Steele's former caretaker in Minnesota) who is the principal of AF Holdings and Ingenuity 13 speaks volumes. Until you provide some kind of answer that makes sense, under penalty of perjury, I am going to assume the worst case scenario here and litigate accordingly.

If you would like to discuss any of this, please feel free to give me a call.

Best regards, Morgan

On Mon, Dec 3, 2012 at 12:58 PM, Morgan E. Pietz <<u>mpietz@pietzlawfirm.com</u>> wrote: Brett,

Last week you told me that you lacked authority to grant me an extension request and would have to "check with [your] client" on whether you could grant a modest extension. Then, a few days later, you purported that you had answer on this issue (although you never did bother to tell me what your client's response was).

In light of all of the serious questions raised in the Notice of Related Cases (filing receipt below) regarding who really owns AF Holdings and Ingenuity 13, I'd like you please clarify something for me: when you said you had to talk to your client last week, with whom did you speak?

Also, with reference to Exhibit E (a copy of your verified petition in an ED Cal Ingenuty 13 case) to Appendix 1 (of the Notice of Related Cases), please consider this my first, informal request for a copy of the original signature of Alan Cooper. The verification page, which recites that it was "Notarized" on the heading, states under Alan Cooper's "/s/" signature that:

"I, Brett L. Gibbs, Esq., hereby confirm per Eastern District of California Local Rule 131(f) that counsel for Plaintiff has a signed original notarized version of the above Verified Petition."

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Please produce a copy of that original signature for my inspection.

Feel free to give me a call if you would like to discuss any of this prior to our 3:00 call with Magistrate Walsh today.

Best regards, Morgan

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# **EXHIBIT N**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

SUNLUST PICTURES, LLC., CASE NO: 8:12-CV-1685-T-35MAP

Plaintiff,

VS.

Tampa, Florida 10:00 a.m. November 27, 2011

TUAN NGUYEN,

Defendant.

TRANSCRIPT OF MOTION HEARING BEFORE THE HONORABLE MARY S. SCRIVEN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Page 2 PROCEEDINGS 1 2 November 27, 2012 \* \* 3 4 Mr. Torres, what sort of noise are you THE COURT: 5 making on the line? 6 MR. TORRES: I apologize, I'm in the Courthouse. 7 THE COURT: All right. MR. TORRES: 8 In Orange County. 9 THE COURT: Please call the case. 10 THE CLERK: In the matter of Sunlust Pictures, LLC --11 MR. TORRES: Is that better? 12 That's better, yes. THE COURT: 13 THE CLERK: -- versus Tuan Nguyen, Case Number 14 8:12-CV-1685. 15 Counsel and parties, please state your appearances, starting with parties for the Plaintiff. 16 17 MR. LUTZ: Mark Lutz, appearing on behalf of Sunlust 18 Pictures. 19 THE COURT: And for the defense? 20 MR. SYFERT: Your Honor, Graham Syfert here on behalf 21 of Tuan Nquyen, who is also present in Court today. 22 And on the phone? THE COURT: Attorney Jonathan Torres, Florida counsel 23 MR. TORRES: 24 for Plaintiff. 25 And Mr. Lutz, where's your coat and tie THE COURT:

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Page 3 this morning? Did you know you were coming to Federal Court? 1 2 MR. LUTZ: I did. 3 Where's your coat and tie? THE COURT: 4 I apologize, I did not wear one. MR. LUTZ: 5 THE COURT: Are you an attorney barred in the State of 6 Florida? 7 MR. LUTZ: I am not, no, I'm a corporate 8 representative. 9 THE COURT: And who is your counsel? 10 MR. LUTZ: I'm sorry? 11 THE COURT: Who is your lawyer? 12 Our counsel is on the phone here. MR. LUTZ: 13 Where is your other lawyer; he hasn't been THE COURT: 14 permitted to withdraw? 15 MR. LUTZ: He wasn't able to appear today. 16 THE COURT: Mr. Torres, are you in the case or out of 17 the case? 18 MR. TORRES: No, I'm still in the case, Your Honor. Ι 19 presented a motion for telephonic appearance due to an emergency hearing conflict in Orange County and I was allowed 20 21 to appear by phone and by order that was sent to me yesterday. 22 Well, I'm a little confused. There was a THE COURT: 23 lawyer who moved to withdraw, and there was another lawyer who 24 moved to appear, then he moved to withdraw, so who is on first, 25 I quess?

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MR. TORRES: Right now, Your Honor, I'm still on the and there is still discussions with my client which I confer with them, but right for now, I'm the counsel on e, Your Honor. THE COURT: And Mr. Torres, how did you come to be the an this case?
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n this case?
MR. TORRES: Your Honor, I was contacted by the
Prenda Law, in order to
THE COURT: The client and Prenda Law or Prenda Law?
MR. TORRES: Prenda Law, Your Honor,
THE COURT: And what is their relation to you?
MR. TORRES: Just co-counsel arrangement, Your Honor.
THE COURT: And what is that arrangement?
MR. TORRES: For me to appear for any local hearings,
nor.
THE COURT: Well, I got a letter from someone from the
aw Group saying they were not representing any party in
e and were not involved in the case and had no
y to speak on anyone's behalf in this case, so is
aw principal counsel in the case or not?
MR. TORRES: No, Your Honor.
THE COURT: So what is their relationship again then
s counsel in this case?
MR. TORRES: Well, Your Honor, I was
THE COURT: I'm sorry, I'm sorry, hold on a second.

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1	Ms. Vizza, would you please swear this witness, on the
2	phone, yes.
3	Mr. Torres, if you would please raise your right hand.
4	Ms. Vizza.
5	MR. TORRES: Yes.
б	Thereupon,
7	JONATHAN TORRES,
8	having first been duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole
9	truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined and testified as
10	follows:
11	MR. TORRES: Yes.
12	THE COURT: All right, sir. You're under oath, you
13	have to give truthful answers to the questions that are asked
14	or face penalties of perjury for false answers.
15	Do you understand that?
16	MR. TORRES: I understand.
17	THE COURT: All right.
18	So, starting over now, Prenda is the referring law
19	firm to your firm or the originating firm or principal counsel?
20	MR. TORRES: My understanding, Your Honor, is that
21	Prenda Law was the counsel for Plaintiffs and is still counsel
22	for Plaintiffs.
23	I was contacted by Brett Gibbs in order to be local
24	counsel to appear on behalf of Prenda Law.
25	THE COURT: So, Prenda Law purports to be the

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1	principal law firm in this case?
2	MR. TORRES: Correct.
3	THE COURT: Did Prenda Law file a notice of appearance
4	as principal law firm in this case?
5	MR. TORRES: My understanding, Your Honor, is that
6	they were, at one point, counsel in the case. I'm not sure if
7	they actually have a current notice of appearance or not, I'm
8	not sure.
9	THE COURT: And what is your financial arrangement
10	with Prenda Law?
11	MR. TORRES: Well, I'm working on a contingency basis,
12	Your Honor.
13	THE COURT: And what percentage is your cut of the
14	contingency?
15	MR. TORRES: My understanding is that it's 75 percent,
16	my understanding, of whatever the fees are generated, my
17	understanding, at least.
18	THE COURT: Yours will be 75 percent and Prenda's will
19	be 25 percent?
20	MR. TORRES: That is correct, Your Honor.
21	THE COURT: Who is principally responsible for the
22	case; Prenda or you?
23	MR. TORRES: Well, my understanding is that I was
24	recently contacted in regards to this case.
25	My understanding is that I was going to be primarily

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Page 7 responsible and be the local counsel for this case, but the 1 2 reason why I presented a motion to withdraw is because just 3 recently I was contacted by defense counsel and was advised of 4 certain issues that were going on in the case. 5 THE COURT: When were you retained? 6 MR. TORRES: Well, I was contacted, I believe, Your 7 Honor, it was about 15 days ago. 8 THE COURT: And who were you contacted by? MR. TORRES: I was contacted by Mr. Brett Gibbs from 9 Prenda Law. 10 11 THE COURT: And who did he tell you was current 12 counsel in the case? 13 MR. TORRES: Well, he told me that Prenda Law through 14 another attorney locally was the current counsel in the case, 15 and that's why, you know, they were substituting me for counsel in this case, and eight other cases -- actually seven other 16 cases that purportedly Prenda Law was the counsel on. 17 18 THE COURT: Give me one second, I need to look up 19 something in the docket. 20 (Brief pause.) 21 And did Mr. Wasinger call you? 22 No, Your Honor, Mr. Wasinger apparently MR. TORRES: 23 presented a motion to withdraw or substitution of counsel at 24 that point. 25 THE COURT: And then the Court ordered that he was not

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Page 8 granted his leave and directed that he was to appear at this 1 2 hearing and that his motion for withdrawal would be taken up at 3 this hearing. And did you see that on the docket when you 4 filed your notice of appearance? 5 MR. TORRES: No, Your Honor, I did not. 6 THE COURT: Did you look at the docket when you filed 7 your notice of appearance? 8 I presented the notice of appearance and MR. TORRES: 9 did not see that Mr. Wasinger was still counsel. 10 THE COURT: Did you look at the docket is what I asked 11 you? 12 MR. TORRES: I looked at -- I did look at the docket, per se, I didn't --13 14 The answer is no, you did not read the THE COURT: 15 docket on the case you were appearing in? MR. TORRES: Correct, Your Honor. 16 17 THE COURT: And then shortly after you file your 18 notice of appearance, you moved to withdraw? 19 That is correct, Your Honor. MR. TORRES: 20 THE COURT: And why is that? 21 MR. TORRES: Well, Your Honor, I'll be perfectly 22 honest with you. Defense counsel contacted me shortly 23 thereafter of being counsel of record, instructed me to call 24 him immediately. 25 And so I -- actually I did, and left him a message,

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1 then he returned my phone call. And there was discussions 2 between Defendant and -- Defendant's counsel and myself in 3 regards to this case.

4 The only thing that -- the first thing that I heard 5 from defense counsel was, you know, rather than see how this 6 case might be settled or anything to that effect, was the fact 7 that there were -- there had been some bar complaints or 8 something to that effect associated with this case or something to that effect, and based on that statement from defense 9 10 counsel, I decided to present my motion to withdraw and have no 11 further involvement with any of the cases.

12 THE COURT: Did you have any contact with

13 Mr. Wasinger?

14

MR. TORRES: No, I did not, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Do you have a written contract with Prenda 16 Law Group?

17 MR. TORRES: No, I do not, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Have you filed a notice of appearance in 19 all of the other cases that Mr. Wasinger has withdrawn from? 20 MR. TORRES: Yes, Your Honor.

21THE COURT: Have you moved to withdraw in all those22cases as well?

MR. TORRES: Yes, I did, Your Honor.
THE COURT: Have those motions been granted?
MR. TORRES: No, Your Honor, based on local rule,

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Page 10 after conferring with counsel, but that's something I'll 1 2 remedy, Your Honor. THE COURT: 3 I got a letter on the 18th from a 4 Mr. Duffy at Prenda Law, Inc. 5 MR. TORRES: Okay. 6 THE COURT: And he advises that he was recently made 7 aware that the Court ordered a principal of Prenda Law to appear in person at the motion to dismiss hearing scheduled for 8 today's date. 9 As the sole principal of Prenda Law, Inc., that would 10 11 be me. For the record, I was never served with notice of the 12 Court's Order or otherwise made aware of it until very recently 13 via a phone call from a fellow attorney. 14 As an initial matter, I must respectfully inform the 15 Court I am located in Chicago and my attendance would require air travel and he has had surgery on his eyes and this and 16 17 that. 18 Then he says, I also respectfully question how my 19 appearance could benefit the Court, particularly since I am not representing anyone, in italics, in this case and have no 20 21 authority to speak on anyone's behalf. 22 It would certainly -- it would clearly be improper for 23 me to make any statement on a pending matter in a jurisdiction 24 in which I am not licensed and on behalf of a client I do not 25 In light of the foregoing, I pray that the Court represent.

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will excuse my attendance at this hearing.	
Now, is Prenda Law, Inc. different than the entity	
that you are dealing with?	
MR. TORRES: Your Honor, my only understanding is that	
Prenda Law is the one that has been in contact with me. That's	
the only thing I know.	
To be honest, Your Honor, I responded to an ad for a	
local appearance, that's all I did, Your Honor. And other than	
that, I was brought into these cases, and that's pretty much	
it.	
THE COURT: Who is Prenda Law, Inc.? Is that the	
person you're local counsel for?	
MR. TORRES: That's technically my understanding of	
the situation or the arrangement, if you will.	
THE COURT: Who is Mr. Gibbs in relation to Mr. Duffy?	
MR. TORRES: Well, Mr. Gibbs apparently is a principal	
at Prenda Law, to my understanding.	
THE COURT: Who is Mr. Duffy?	
MR. TORRES: Mr. Duffy, I have no contact with	
Mr. Duffy. I've never had any contact with Mr. Duffy.	
THE COURT: Mr. Lutz, who is the individual who you	
just spoke to in the Courtroom with you?	
MR. LUTZ: Sorry?	
THE COURT: Who is that behind you?	
MR. STEELE: Your Honor, my name is John Steele.	

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1	THE COURT: Who are you?
2	MR. STEELE: I'm an attorney, but not involved in thi
3	case.
4	THE COURT: You're an attorney with what law firm?
5	MR. STEELE: I'm not an attorney with any law firm
6	right now, but I have worked with Mr. Duffy in the past and I
7	am certainly familiar with this litigation just because I've
8	been involved in many different cases like this in the past.
9	THE COURT: But not this case?
10	MR. STEELE: Correct.
11	THE COURT: So, Mr. Torres, you don't know who your
12	general counsel is other than Mr. Gibbs, and you don't have a
13	written agreement and you just answered a random ad and put
14	your name on a docket in Federal Court?
15	MR. TORRES: Well, Your Honor, I was going to make a
16	local appearance for someone that, you know, needed a local
17	counsel, and so I did.
18	THE COURT: Well, you're still a lawyer.
19	MR. TORRES: I understand.
20	THE COURT: And Mr. Lutz, did Mr. Wasinger speak with
21	you about his decision not to appear at this hearing?
22	MR. LUTZ: They did not, no.
23	THE COURT: Do you know who Mr. Duffy is?
24	MR. LUTZ: I believe he is a principal of Prenda Law.
25	THE COURT: And who is Mr. Gibbs?

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Page 13 Mr. Gibbs is also affiliated with Prenda 1 MR. LUTZ: 2 Law, I don't know his official title. 3 THE COURT: Is he an attorney? I believe so, in the State of California. 4 MR. LUTZ: 5 THE COURT: But not in the State of Illinois? 6 MR. LUTZ: I can't say for sure. 7 THE COURT: Do you know if he is a partner in the 8 Prenda Law Group? 9 I do not know his official title, no. MR. LUTZ: 10 THE COURT: Who is your counsel, who is your lawyer? 11 MR. LUTZ: Prenda Law is one of them, they represent 12 Sunlust in several cases, not in this case, particularly. 13 THE COURT: What does that mean; particularly? MR. LUTZ: 14 Well, it's not in this matter, they 15 represent us in various different cases. 16 THE COURT: So they were not retained to be your 17 lawyer and they did not refer this matter to Mr. Torres? 18 MR. LUTZ: I don't know what their affiliation with 19 Mr. Torres is, officially. 20 THE COURT: Yes, sir. 21 Your Honor, if I may interject, Mr. Lutz MR. SYFERT: used to work for Mr. Steele down in Miami. 22 Mr. Lutz was 23 actually a paralegal and debt collector for Prenda Law when it 24 was a multi-state, multi-jurisdictional law firm between here and Illinois. 25 That's Mr. Lutz.

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Page 14 So if he's -- he should have better information about 1 2 the structure of Prenda Law than this and probably has very 3 little structure about the -- or very little information about the actual structure of Sunlust Pictures, Your Honor. 4 Will you swear this witness, Ms. Vizza, 5 THE COURT: 6 Mr. Lutz. 7 Thereupon, 8 JOHN LUTZ, having first been duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole 9 10 truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined and testified as 11 follows: 12 MR. LUTZ: Yes. 13 THE COURT: Mr. Lutz, you're under oath, you have to 14 give truthful answers or you face penalties of perjury. 15 Do you understand that? 16 MR. LUTZ: Yes. 17 THE COURT: What is your position with Sunlust? 18 MR. LUTZ: I'm a representative of them. 19 THE COURT: What does that mean? 20 MR. LUTZ: Corporate representative. 21 THE COURT: What does that mean? 22 They asked me to appear on various matters MR. LUTZ: 23 throughout the country. 24 THE COURT: Are you an officer of the company? 25 MR. LUTZ: I'm not, no.

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Page 15 Are you authorized to bind the company to 1 THE COURT: 2 any legal contracts? 3 MR. LUTZ: I am not. 4 THE COURT: Are you salaried? 5 MR. LUTZ: No, 1099. 6 THE COURT: So you are a 1099 contracted entity and 7 you just go around and sit in a Court and represent yourself to 8 be the corporate representative of the company? 9 MR. LUTZ: Yes. 10 THE COURT: Mr. Torres, did you know this was 11 Mr. Lutz's position, a paid corporate representative? 12 MR. TORRES: No, Your Honor, I did not. 13 THE COURT: Who is the president of Sunlust? 14 MR. LUTZ: I'm unaware. 15 THE COURT: Who is the vice president? 16 MR. LUTZ: I'm unaware 17 THE COURT: Who is the secretary? 18 MR. LUTZ: T have no idea. 19 THE COURT: Who owns Sunlust? 20 MR. LUTZ: I do not know. 21 THE COURT: Who signs your checks? 22 MR. LUTZ: I believe somebody in the accounting 23 department. THE COURT: What is their name? 24 25 To be honest with you, I can't read the MR. LUTZ:

Page 16 1 signature. 2 THE COURT: Where is the accounting department located? 3 4 MR. LUTZ: I'm sorry? 5 THE COURT: Where is the accounting department 6 located? 7 MR. LUTZ: I've received checks from California. 8 THE COURT: How much are you paid monthly to be the 9 corporate representative? 10 MR. LUTZ: Again, it depends on my appearances, the 11 number of appearances that I do. 12 THE COURT: How much were you paid last month? 13 MR. LUTZ: Approximately \$1,000. 14 THE COURT: And do you have any other job than to 15 around go to Courts representing yourself to be the corporate representative of Sunlust? 16 MR. LUTZ: For Sunlust, no. 17 18 THE COURT: Do you have any other job for the Prenda 19 Law holdings to do anything other than go around the country 20 and represent yourself to be their corporate representative? 21 MR. LUTZ: I do not work for Prenda Law. 22 Do you serve in this capacity for any THE COURT: 23 other entity than Sunlust? 24 MR. LUTZ: Yes. 25 What companies? THE COURT:

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1	MR. LUTZ: Hard Drive Productions would be one and
2	Guava, LLC.
3	THE COURT: Do they have similar lawsuits around the
4	country?
5	MR. LUTZ: They do.
6	THE COURT: Do you receive a percentage of the
7	recovery of any of these lawsuits?
8	MR. LUTZ: I do not.
9	THE COURT: Do you know Mr. Duffy?
10	MR. LUTZ: Not personally, no.
11	THE COURT: Have you talked to him before?
12	MR. LUTZ: I have not, no.
13	THE COURT: Is he your lawyer?
14	MR. LUTZ: He is not my attorney
15	THE COURT: Is he the lawyer for Prenda Law or
16	Sunlust?
17	MR. LUTZ: In various matters, yes.
18	THE COURT: How many matters do you represent Sunlust
19	in, in the country?
20	MR. LUTZ: Approximately a dozen.
21	THE COURT: So half of them are located here in the
22	Middle District and there are others elsewhere?
23	MR. LUTZ: I believe we have three here in the Middle
24	District.
25	THE COURT: Mr. Torres, I thought you entered an

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Page 18 appearance on five of them here in the Middle District. 1 2 But not for that particular company. MR. TORRES: THE COURT: 3 What was the other company? I believe it's FTG Videos. 4 MR. TORRES: I don't have 5 access to my computer at this time, Your Honor, because I'm in 6 the Court in Orange County, but I believe one of them is FTG 7 Videos. 8 THE COURT: F as in Frank or S as in Sam? 9 MR. TORRES: F as in Frank, Your Honor. 10 THE COURT: Mr. Steele, who is the principal of Sunlust? 11 12 MR. STEELE: I'm sorry, you're asking me, ma'am? 13 THE COURT: Yes, sir. 14 MR. STEELE: I wouldn't know. 15 THE COURT: You don't know who owns Sunlust? 16 MR. STEELE: That's correct. 17 THE COURT: You don't know who the president is? 18 MR. STEELE: I -- the only person that I know that's 19 involved with Sunlust is Sunny Leone. 20 THE COURT: Sunny Leone? 21 MR. STEELE: Is one of the people involved with 22 That's the only person I've ever --Sunlust. 23 THE COURT: What is the name? 24 MR. STEELE: Sunny Leone. 25 Spell it. THE COURT:

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1	MR. STEELE: S-O-N-N-Y, Leone	
2	THE COURT: L-E-O-N?	
3	MR. STEELE: I believe there's an E at the end of	
4	that, I'm not certain.	
5	THE COURT: Where's is he located.	
6	MR. STEELE: Well, I believe it's a she, and I believe	
7	that the last time I heard, she was in India filming a major	
8	motion picture with some studio down there, but I don't keep up	
9	with that, I don't represent Sunlust or anybody anymore. I no	
10	longer actively practice law.	
11	THE COURT: You're not practicing law?	
12	MR. STEELE: Correct. I do appear occasionally at	
13	hearings on an ad hoc basis, but I do not have any current	
14	clients.	
15	THE COURT: You still have a bar license in the State	
16	of Florida?	
17	MR. STEELE: No, I'm licensed only in the State of	
18	Illinois.	
19	I want to make very clear to this Court I'm not	
20	purporting in any way to be an attorney licensed in the State	
21	of Florida.	
22	THE COURT: Have you ever been licensed in the State	
23	of Florida?	
24	MR. STEELE: No.	
25	THE COURT: All right.	

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Thank you, sir. 1 2 So, Mr. Lutz, you don't know who you serve for, you're just sitting here in the Courtroom purporting to be a corporate 3 representative? 4 5 MR. LUTZ: I was contacted by Sunny Leone several 6 months ago. THE COURT: And told what? 7 She asked me to -- when they needed for me 8 MR. LUTZ: to appear for various reasons, if I would do it on a 9 10 representative basis. 11 THE COURT: You can sit away from the table, you're 12 not a corporate representative of anybody if you don't have any 13 information about the corporation. 14 You're not an officer or principal of the corporation. 15 The Court will exclude you as a proper corporate entity for this Defendant. 16 17 Mr. Torres, your motion to withdraw is granted, you 18 are removed from this case. Any other lawyer who purports to 19 come in to represent this Defendant would need to file a motion for leave to do so. 20 21 The case is dismissed for failure to appear at this 22 hearing, for failure to present a lawful agent, for attempted 23 fraud on the Court by offering up a person who has no authority 24 to act on behalf of the corporation as its corporate 25 representative, and the Court will hear, by motion, a motion

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Page 21 for sanctions and fees against this Sunlust entity and everyone 1 2 affiliated with it, including a motion against Mr. Wasinger for his purposeful failure to appear at this hearing. 3 4 And a motion will also be heard on Mr. Duffy for his 5 lack of candor in relation to his connection with this matter 6 based upon the representation of Mr. Torres that he was 7 contacted by the Prenda Law Group or Prenda Law, Inc. for the purpose of being retained as local counsel in this case and 8 that was not presented to the Court in this purported 9 correspondence. The case is dismissed. 10 11 I intend to advise the other Judges in the Courthouse 12 of the nature of this matter and may refer this matter to the Florida Bar for further proceedings. 13 Is there anything further from the Plaintiff -- I'm 14 sorry -- from the defense? 15 MR. SYFERT: No, Your Honor. 16 17 Well, yes, Your Honor, we have one other case that was 18 transferred to Orlando, same issues exist as in this case. 19 THE COURT: Who is the Judge in the case. MR. SYFERT: The First Time -- it's First Time Videos 20 21 versus Oppold, O-P-P-O-L-D. 22 It was originally filed in Tampa then transferred to 23 Orlando. Spaulding I believe is the Judge, Your Honor. 24 THE COURT: Judge Spaulding is a Magistrate Judge. Do vou know the case number? 25

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Page 22 1 I don't have that with me. MR. SYFERT: I have the 2 old case number from the --3 THE COURT: Tampa case? 4 I have -- yeah, the Tampa case number was MR. SYFERT: 5 8:12-CV-1685-MSS-MAP. 6 THE COURT: All right. I'll take a look at it. 7 Mr. Torres, a word to the wise, sir. When you represent an entity, no matter how limited your role is, you're 8 9 placing your bar number at issue and you're placing your name 10 and your goodwill at issue before a Court. 11 And saying you're local counsel and you only intended 12 to file on their behalf and pick up a small fee for that limited role does not absolve you from responsibility for 13 14 making sure that whatever you sign on to, whatever you enter an 15 appearance on behalf of is a legitimate entity with legitimate concerns, because you run a strong risk that you could be 16 17 sanctioned or lose your bar license behind conduct of the type 18 that you're witnessing here. 19 I hope that this is a lesson to you about how to 20 proceed going forward with characters such as the ones that are 21 presented here. 22 MR. TORRES: Yes, Your Honor, I totally understand and 23 thank you. 24 THE COURT: Thank you. 25 Am I excused, Your Honor? MR. TORRES:

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4	SS COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH )
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17	in the City of Tampa, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida,
18	this 29th day of November, 2012.
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