

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

**CHARLES C. FREENY III, BRYAN E.
FREENY, and JAMES P. FREENY,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

BELKIN INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:13-cv-00363-JRG

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs Charles C. Freeny III, Bryan E. Freeny, and James P. Freeny (collectively “Plaintiffs”), for their First Amended Complaint against Defendant Belkin International, Inc., hereby allege as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Charles C. Freeny III is an individual residing in Flower Mound, Texas.
2. Plaintiff Bryan E. Freeny is an individual residing in Ft. Worth, Texas.
3. Plaintiff James P. Freeny is an individual residing in Spring, Texas.
4. On information and belief, Defendant Belkin International, Inc. (“Belkin”) is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 12045 E. Waterfront Drive, Playa Vista, CA 90094.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. §§101 et seq. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiffs’ federal law claims under 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1338(a).

6. This Court has specific and/or general personal jurisdiction over Defendant Belkin because it has committed acts giving rise to this action within this judicial district and/or has established minimum contacts within Texas and within this judicial district such that the exercise of jurisdiction over each would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

7. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1391(b)-(c) and 1400(b) because Belkin has committed acts within this judicial district giving rise to this action, and continue to conduct business in this district, and/or have committed acts of patent infringement within this District giving rise to this action.

INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,110,744

8. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in the Paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.

9. On September 19, 2006, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and lawfully issued United States Patent Number 7,110,744 (“the ’744 patent”) entitled “Communication and Proximity Authorization Systems.” A true and correct copy of the ’744 patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

10. The named inventor of the ’744 patent is Charles C. Freeny, Jr., who is now deceased.

11. Plaintiffs are the sons of Charles C. Freeny, Jr., and Plaintiffs are the owners and assignees of all right, title and interest in and to the ’744 patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.

12. On information and belief, Belkin has been and now is infringing the ’744 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by, among other

things, making, using, importing, offering to sell, and/or selling in the United States dual band wireless networking products that embody the inventions claimed in the '744 patent, including but not limited to the Belkin AC 1000 DB Wi-Fi Dual-Band AC+ Gigabit Router and all reasonably similar products("the accused Belkin networking products").

13. On information and belief, Belkin has been and now is indirectly infringing one or more claims of the '744 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by inducing its customers' infringement of the '744 patent using the accused Belkin networking products. On information and belief, Belkin has had knowledge of the '744 patent since at least April 29, 2013, the filing date of this action. Despite this knowledge of the '744 patent, Belkin has continued to engage in activities to encourage and assist its customers in the use of the accused Belkin networking products. For example, through its website at www.belkin.com, Belkin advertises and provides instructions on how to use the accused Belkin networking products. On information and belief, by using the accused Belkin networking products as encouraged and assisted by Belkin, Belkin's customers have directly infringed and continue to directly infringe one or more claims of the '744 patent. On information and belief, Belkin knew or was willfully blind to the fact that its activities in encouraging and assisting customers in the use of the accused Belkin networking products, including but not limited to the activities set forth above, would induce its customers' direct infringement of the '744 patent.

14. On information and belief, Belkin will continue to infringe the '744 patent unless enjoined by this Court.

15. Belkin's acts of infringement have damaged Plaintiffs in an amount to be proven at trial, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty. Belkin's infringement of Plaintiffs' rights

under the '744 patent will continue to damage Plaintiffs, causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter judgment against Belkin as follows:

- a. For judgment that Belkin has infringed and continues to infringe the claims of the '744 patent;
- b. For preliminary and permanent injunction against Belkin and its respective officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringement of the '744 Patent;
- c. For an accounting of all damages caused by Belkin's acts of infringement;
- d. For damages to be paid by Belkin adequate to compensate Plaintiffs for such infringement, including interest, costs and disbursement as justified under 35 U.S.C. § 284; and
- e. For such other relief at law and in equity as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury of all issues triable by a jury.

Dated: June 26, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Christopher D. Banys

Christopher D. Banys - *Lead Attorney*

BANYS, P.C.
Christopher D. Banys SBN: 230038 (California)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically in compliance with Local Rule CV-5(a) on June 26, 2013. Therefore, this document was served on all counsel who are deemed to have consented to electronic service.

/s/ Georgia Golfinopoulos
Georgia Golfinopoulos