

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

MEMORY INTEGRITY, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

BARNES & NOBLE, INC., NOOK  
MEDIA, LLC, AND NOOK MEDIA INC.,  
Defendants.

Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Memory Integrity, LLC (“MI”), by way of this Complaint for Patent Infringement (“Complaint”) against the above-named Defendants Barnes & Noble, Inc., NOOK Media LLC, and Nook Media, Inc. (collectively “B&N” or “Defendants”), alleges as follows:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.

**THE PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff MI is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with a place of business at 1220 N. Market Street, Suite 806, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

3. On information and belief, Defendant Barnes & Noble, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business at 122 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011.

4. On information and belief, Defendant NOOK Media LLC is a company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business at 76 Ninth Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10011.

5. On information and belief, Defendant NOOK Media Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business at 76 Ninth Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10011.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.

7. On information and belief, Defendants are subject to the jurisdiction of this Court by virtue of the fact that they are organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. On information and belief, Defendants are subject to the jurisdiction of this Court by reason of their acts of patent infringement which have been committed in this Judicial District, and by virtue of their regularly conducted and systematic business contacts in this State. As such, Defendants have purposefully availed themselves of the privilege of conducting business within this Judicial District; have established sufficient minimum contacts with this Judicial District such that they should reasonably and fairly anticipate being haled into court in this Judicial District; and at least a portion of the patent infringement claims alleged herein arise out of or are related to one or more of the foregoing activities.

8. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b).

### **JOINDER**

9. Joinder is proper under 35 U.S.C. § 299. The allegations of infringement contained herein are asserted against the Defendants jointly, severally, or in the alternative and arise, at least in part, out of the same series of transactions or occurrences relating to Defendants' manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, and importation of the same accused products. On

information and belief, the Defendants are part of the same corporate family of companies, and the infringement allegations arise at least in part from the Defendants' collective activities with respect to the Defendants' accused products. Questions of fact common to the Defendants will arise in the action, including questions relating to the structure and operation of the accused products, Defendants' infringing acts and, on information and belief, the validity of the patent-in-suit.

### **THE PATENT-IN-SUIT**

10. On November 13, 2007, United States Patent No. 7,296,121 (the "'121 Patent"), entitled "Reducing Probe Traffic in Multiprocessor Systems," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '121 Patent is attached as Exhibit A to this Complaint.

11. MI is the assignee and owner of the right, title and interest in and to the '121 Patent, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patent and the right to any remedies for infringement of it.

### **COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,296,121**

12. The allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs 1 through 11 are hereby realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

13. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), B&N has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe, both literally and under the doctrine of equivalents, the '121 Patent by making, using, offering for sale, selling, and importing products (the "Accused Instrumentalities") and by performing methods that practice the subject matter claimed in one or more claims of the '121 Patent, including but not limited to claim 1, in the United States, including within this Judicial District, without the authority of MI. For example, B&N has directly infringed the '121 Patent by selling products that contain a multicore processor that utilizes a probe filtering unit to reduce

probe traffic in a computer system. The Accused Instrumentalities include, but are not limited to the B&N Nook Tablet, Nook HD, and Nook HD+.

14. B&N has had actual knowledge of the '121 Patent and its infringement of that patent since at least the date of service of this Complaint.

15. B&N is also inducing infringement of the '121 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), since at least the date of service of this Complaint, by actively aiding and abetting others (including its direct and indirect customers) whose sale, offer for sale, importation, and use of the Accused Instrumentalities constitutes direct infringement. B&N has engaged in these actions with either the specific intent to cause infringement or with willful blindness to the infringement that it is causing. For example, B&N's actions that actively induce its customers to directly infringe at least claim 25 of the '121 Patent include selling the Accused Instrumentalities, providing user manuals regarding use of the Accused Instrumentalities, and providing technical support regarding the use of the Accused Instrumentalities, where the use of the Accused Instrumentalities during normal operation by B&N's customers infringes at least claim 25 of the '121 Patent. The use of the Accused Instrumentalities identified above during normal operation directly infringes claim 25 of the '121 Patent in at least the following manner:

(a) The Accused Instrumentalities comprise a plurality of processing nodes because they contain multicore processors. The cores are connected in a point-to-point architecture and each core has an associated L1 cache memory;

(b) One of the processor cores requests access to a memory line by transmitting a probe to the Snoop Control Unit (the probe filtering unit);

(c) The Snoop Control Unit evaluates the probe using a copy of the L1 data cache tag RAMs which is representative of the states associated with selected L1 caches to determine whether a valid copy of the memory line is in any of the L1 caches;

(d) The Snoop Control Unit transmits the probe only to selected ones of the cores identified in the evaluating step;

(e) The Snoop Control Unit accumulates responses from the selected cores;  
and

(f) The Snoop Control Unit responds to the original request from the first core.

16. B&N is also committing contributory infringement of the '121 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) since at least the date of service of this Complaint by importing and selling the Accused Instrumentalities to others, including but not limited to its customers, knowing and/or being willfully blind to the fact that these products constitute a material part of the invention, were especially made or especially adapted for use in an infringement of the '121 Patent, and have no substantial non-infringing uses. For example, the Accused Instrumentalities constitute a material part of the claimed invention at least because they contain all of the components that perform the method of reducing probe traffic in a computer system as claimed in claim 25 of the '121 Patent. The Accused Instrumentalities were made or especially adapted for use in an infringement of the '121 Patent and have no substantial non-infringing uses at least because they contain components whose only purpose is to reduce probe traffic in a computer system as claimed in claim 25 of the '121 Patent. The use of the Accused Instrumentalities identified above by B&N's customers during normal operation directly infringes claim 25 of the '121 Patent in at least the following manner:

(a) The Accused Instrumentalities comprise a plurality of processing nodes because they contain multicore processors. The cores are connected in a point-to-point architecture and each core has an associated L1 cache memory;

(b) One of the processor cores requests access to a memory line by transmitting a probe to the Snoop Control Unit (the probe filtering unit);

(c) The Snoop Control Unit evaluates the probe using a copy of the L1 data cache tag RAMs which is representative of the states associated with selected L1 caches to determine whether a valid copy of the memory line is in any of the L1 caches;

(d) The Snoop Control Unit transmits the probe only to selected ones of the cores identified in the evaluating step;

(e) The Snoop Control Unit accumulates responses from the selected cores;  
and

(f) The Snoop Control Unit responds to the original request from the first core.

17. MI has been harmed by B&N's infringing activities.

### **JURY DEMAND**

MI demands a jury trial on all issues and claims so triable.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, MI prays for judgment as follows:

- a. An adjudication that B&N has infringed the '121 Patent;
- b. An award of damages to be paid by B&N adequate to compensate MI for past infringement of the '121 Patent, and any continuing or future infringement through the date such judgment is entered, including prejudgment and post-judgment interest, costs, expenses and an accounting of all infringing acts including but not limited to those acts not presented at trial;

c. An order that B&N pay an ongoing royalty in an amount to be determined for any continued infringement after the date judgment is entered; and

d. Such further relief at law and in equity as the Court may deem just and proper.

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