

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

PHOENIX LICENSING, L.L.C., an Arizona
limited liability company, and LPL LICENSING,
L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SALLIE MAE, INC. and UPROMISE INC.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:13-cv-1096-JRG-RSP

Jury Trial Demanded

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

In this action for patent infringement, Plaintiffs Phoenix Licensing, L.L.C. (“Phoenix”) and LPL Licensing, L.L.C. (“LPL”) (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) make the following allegations against Sallie Mae, Inc. (“Sallie Mae”) and Upromise Inc. (“Upromise”) (collectively, “Defendants”):

INTRODUCTION

1. Phoenix owns the inventions for the following marketing technology (the “patented marketing technology”):

- (a) Computerized apparatuses, methods, and systems that implement decision criteria, product information, and client information to automatically select and present products appropriate for the client via client communications (for example, a direct mail communication incorporating variable information) as described and claimed in United States Patent Number 5,987,434 entitled “Apparatus and Method for Transacting Marketing and Sales of Financial Products” (the “’434 patent”);
- (b) Apparatuses, methods, and systems that automatically generate personalized communication documents for financial products or services,

where the communications include personalized content that present alternative descriptions, characteristics and/or identifications associated with the financial product or service, as described and claimed in United States Patent Number 7,890,366 entitled “Personalized Communication Documents, System and Method for Preparing Same” (the “366 patent”);

(c) Apparatuses, methods, and systems that automatically generate customized communications offering financial products or services to a plurality of clients, and replies to client responses to such communications, as described and claimed in United States Patent Number 8,234,184 entitled “Automated Reply Generation Direct Marketing System” (the “184 patent”); and

(d) Apparatuses, methods, and systems that automatically provide personalized notices concerning financial products or services associated with a set of descriptions, characteristics and/or identifications over an electronic network, which may be presented within a personalized content section of the personalized communication documents, as described and claimed in United States Patent Number 7,860,744 entitled “System and Method for Automatically Providing Personalized Notices Concerning Products and/or Services” (the “744 patent”) (hereafter, the above patents are collectively referred to as the “patents-in-suit”).

2. Pursuant to a license agreement dated December 1, 2006, LPL is the exclusive licensee of the patents-in-suit.

3. Defendants have been and re now infringing the patents-in-suit by making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing products covered by one or more claims of the patents-in-suit without Plaintiffs’ permission.

4. Plaintiffs seek monetary damages for Defendants’ infringement and a permanent injunction prohibiting Defendants from continuing to infringe the patents-in-suit.

PARTIES

5. Phoenix is an Arizona limited liability company with its principal place of business in Scottsdale, Arizona.

6. LPL is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Scottsdale, Arizona and an office and personnel in Tyler, Texas.

7. Upon information and belief, Defendant Sallie Mae is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 300 Continental Drive, Newark, Delaware 19713.

8. Upon information and belief, Defendant Upromise is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 95 Wells Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts 02459.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

9. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1, *et seq.*, including § 271. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

10. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because, among other reasons, Defendants have done business in this District, and have committed and continue to commit acts of patent infringement in this District.

11. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)-(d) and 1400(b) because, among other reasons, Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this District, and have committed and continue to commit acts of patent infringement in this District.

COUNT I

INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,987,434

12. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 11 above, and further allege as follows:

13. On November 16, 1999, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued the '434 patent for inventions covering the following marketing technology: computerized apparatuses, methods, and systems that implement decision criteria, product information, and

client information to automatically select and present products appropriate for the client (for example, a direct mail communication incorporating variable information), as described and claimed in the '434 patent. Phoenix is the owner by assignment of all right, title, and interest in the '434 patent, including all rights to pursue and collect damages for past infringements of the patent. LPL is the exclusive licensee of the '434 patent. A true and correct copy of the '434 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

14. Defendant Sallie Mae has been and is now directly infringing one or more claims of the '434 patent, in this judicial District and elsewhere in the United States, by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing products or services that generate customized marketing materials, such as letters, e-mails, and other communications, for its customers and potential customers. These materials contain, for example, customized notices and offers concerning student loans and related products and services.

15. Defendant Sallie Mae has committed these acts of infringement without license or authorization.

16. By engaging in the conduct described herein, Defendant Sallie Mae has injured Plaintiffs and is thus liable for infringement of the '434 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271.

17. As a result of Defendant Sallie Mae's infringement of the '434 patent, Plaintiffs have been damaged and are entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendant Sallie Mae's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Defendant Sallie Mae, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

18. Plaintiffs have also suffered and will continue to suffer severe and irreparable harm unless this Court issues a permanent injunction prohibiting Defendant Sallie Mae, its agents, servants, employees, representatives, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringing the '434 patent.

19. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that Defendant Sallie Mae's infringement of the '434 patent is or has been willful, Plaintiffs reserve the right to request such a finding at the time of trial.

COUNT II

INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,890,366

20. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 11 above, and further allege as follows:

21. On February 15, 2011, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued the '366 patent for inventions covering the following marketing technology: apparatuses, methods, and systems that automatically generate personalized marketing communications for financial products or services, where the communications include personalized content that present alternative descriptions, characteristics and/or identifications associated with the financial product or service, as described and claimed in the '366 patent. Phoenix is the owner by assignment of all right, title, and interest in the '366 patent, including all rights to pursue and collect damages for past infringements of the patent. LPL is the exclusive licensee of the '366 patent. A true and correct copy of the '366 patent is attached as Exhibit B.

22. Defendant Sallie Mae has been and is now directly infringing one or more claims of the '366 patent, in this judicial District and elsewhere in the United States, by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing products or services that generate customized marketing materials, such as letters, e-mails, and other communications, for its customers and potential customers. These materials contain, for example, customized notices and offers concerning student loans and related products and services.

23. Defendant Sallie Mae has committed these acts of infringement without license or authorization.

24. By engaging in the conduct described herein, Defendant Sallie Mae has injured Plaintiffs and is thus liable for infringement of the '366 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271.

25. As a result of Defendant Sallie Mae's infringement of the '366 patent, Plaintiffs have been damaged and are entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendant Sallie Mae's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Defendant Sallie Mae, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

26. Plaintiffs have also suffered and will continue to suffer severe and irreparable harm unless this Court issues a permanent injunction prohibiting Defendant Sallie Mae, its agents, servants, employees, representatives, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringing the '366 patent.

27. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that Defendant Sallie Mae's infringement of the '366 patent is or has been willful, Plaintiffs reserve the right to request such a finding at the time of trial.

28. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that Defendant Sallie Mae's infringement of the '366 patent is or has been willful, Plaintiffs reserve the right to request such a finding at the time of trial.

COUNT III

INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,234,184

29. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 11 above, and further allege as follows:

30. On July 31, 2012, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued the '184 patent for inventions covering the following marketing technology: apparatuses, methods, and systems that automatically generate customized communications offering financial products or services to a plurality of clients, and replies to client responses to such communications, as described and claimed in the '184 patent. Phoenix is the owner by assignment of all right, title, and interest in the '184 patent, including all rights to pursue and collect damages for past infringements of the patent. LPL is the exclusive licensee of the '184 patent. A true and correct copy of the '184 patent is attached as Exhibit C.

31. Defendant Sallie Mae has been and is now directly infringing one or more claims of the '184 patent, in this judicial District and elsewhere in the United States, by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing products or services that generate customized marketing materials, such as letters, e-mails, and other communications, for its customers and potential customers. These materials contain, for example, customized notices and offers concerning student loans and related products and services.

32. Defendant Sallie Mae has committed these acts of infringement without license or authorization.

33. By engaging in the conduct described herein, Defendant Sallie Mae has injured Plaintiffs and is thus liable for infringement of the '184 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271.

34. As a result of Defendant Sallie Mae's infringement of the '184 patent, Plaintiffs have been damaged and are entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendant Sallie Mae's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Defendant Sallie Mae, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

35. Plaintiffs have also suffered and will continue to suffer severe and irreparable harm unless this Court issues a permanent injunction prohibiting Defendant Sallie Mae, its agents, servants, employees, representatives, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringing the '184 patent.

36. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that Defendant Sallie Mae's infringement of the '184 patent is or has been willful, Plaintiffs reserve the right to request such a finding at the time of trial.

COUNT IV

INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,860,744

37. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference each of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 11 above, and further allege as follows:

38. On December 28, 2010, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued the '744 patent for inventions covering the following marketing technology: apparatuses, methods, and systems that automatically provide personalized notices concerning financial products or services associated with a set of descriptions, characteristics and/or identifications over an electronic network, which may be presented within a personalized content section of the personalized communication documents, as described and claimed in the '744 patent. Phoenix is the owner by assignment of all right, title, and interest in the '744 patent, including all rights to pursue and collect damages for past infringements of the patent. LPL is the exclusive licensee of the '744 patent. A true and correct copy of the '744 patent is attached as Exhibit D.

39. Defendants Sallie Mae and Upromise have been and are now directly infringing one or more claims of the '744 patent, in this judicial District and elsewhere in the United States, by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing products or services that generate customized marketing materials, such as letters, e-mails, and other communications, for its customers and potential customers. These materials contain, for example, customized notices and offers concerning student loans and related financial products and services.

40. Defendants Sallie Mae and Upromise have committed these acts of infringement without license or authorization.

41. By engaging in the conduct described herein, Defendants Sallie Mae and Upromise have injured Plaintiffs and are thus liable for infringement of the '744 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271.

42. As a result of Defendants Sallie Mae's and Upromise's infringement of the '744 patent, Plaintiffs have been damaged and are entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendants Sallie Mae's and Upromise's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Defendants Sallie Mae and Upromise, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

43. Plaintiffs have also suffered and will continue to suffer severe and irreparable harm unless this Court issues a permanent injunction prohibiting Defendants Sallie Mae and Upromise, their agents, servants, employees, representatives, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringing the '744 patent.

44. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that Defendants Sallie Mae's and Upromise's infringement of the '744 patent is or has been willful, Plaintiffs reserve the right to request such a finding at the time of trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiffs respectfully request the following relief from this Court:

- A. A judgment in favor of Plaintiffs that Defendants have infringed the patents-in-suit;
- B. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendants and their officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringing of the patents-in-suit, or such other equitable relief the Court determines is warranted;
- C. A judgment and order requiring Defendants to pay Plaintiffs their damages, costs, expenses, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest for Defendants' infringement of the patents-in-suit as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- D. A judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding to Plaintiffs their reasonable attorneys' fees against Defendants;
- E. A judgment and order requiring Defendants to provide an accounting and to pay supplemental damages to Plaintiffs, including without limitation, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; and
- F. Any and all other relief to which Plaintiffs may be entitled.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs request a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service are being served with a copy of this document via the Court's CM/ECF system per Local Rule CV-5(a)(3). Any other counsel of record will be served by electronic mail, facsimile, and/or first class mail on this date.

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