

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION

SFA SYSTEMS, LLC,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. _____
v.)	
)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC. and)	
LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, INC.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

COMPLAINT

For its Complaint, Plaintiff SFA Systems, LLC ("SFA"), by and through the undersigned counsel, alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. SFA is a Texas limited liability company with a place of business located at 1400 Preston Road, Suite 472, Plano, TX 75093.
2. Defendant Lowe's Companies, Inc. ("Lowe's") is a North Carolina corporation with, upon information and belief, a place of business located at 1000 Lowes Blvd., Mooresville, NC 28117.
3. Defendant Lowe's Home Centers, Inc. ("Lowe's Home") is a North Carolina corporation with, upon information and belief, a place of business located at 1605 Curtis Bridge Rd, Wilkesboro, NC 28117.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This action arises under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*
5. Subject matter jurisdiction is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.

6. Upon information and belief, Lowe's and Lowe's Home (collectively, "Defendants") conduct substantial business in this forum, directly or through intermediaries, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in this district.

7. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to §§ 1391(b), (c) and 1400(b).

THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT

8. On May 23, 2000, United States Patent No. 6,067,525 (the "'525 patent"), entitled "Integrated Computerized Sales Force Automation System," was duly and lawfully issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '525 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9. On May 10, 2011, United States Patent No. 7,941,341 (the "'341 patent"), entitled "Sales Force Automation System and Method," was duly and lawfully issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '341 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

10. SFA is the assignee and owner of the right, title and interest in and to the '525 and '341 patents, including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patents and the right to any remedies for infringement of them.

COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,067,525

11. SFA repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 10 as if fully set forth herein.

12. Without license or authorization and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), Defendants have infringed and continue to infringe the '525 patent by making, using,

importing, offering for sale, and/or selling computer implemented sales systems and methods for facilitating processes relating to the sale and provision of products and services on the www.lowes.com website, including, but not limited to, the "related items" and "customers also viewed" recommendation features.

13. Defendants have also otherwise been making and using, without license, supply chain methods, sales methods, sales systems, marketing methods, marketing systems, and inventory systems covered by one or more claims of the '525 patent.

14. SFA is entitled to recover from Defendants the damages sustained by SFA as a result of Defendants' infringement of the '525 patent in an amount subject to proof at trial, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

15. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that Defendants' infringement of the '525 patent is or has been willful, SFA reserves the right to request such a finding at time of trial.

COUNT II – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,941,341

16. SFA repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 15 as if fully set forth herein.

17. Without license or authorization and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), Defendants have infringed and continue to infringe the '341 patent by making, using, importing, offering for sale, and/or selling computer implemented sales systems and methods for facilitating processes relating to the sale and provision of products and services on the www.lowes.com website, including, but not limited to, the "related items" and "customers also viewed" recommendation features.

18. Defendants also have otherwise been making and using, without license, supply chain methods, sales methods, sales systems, marketing methods, marketing systems, and inventory systems covered by one or more claims of the '341 patent.

19. SFA is entitled to recover from Defendants the damages sustained by SFA as a result of Defendants' infringement of the '341 patent in an amount subject to proof at trial, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

20. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that Defendants' infringement of the '341 patent is or has been willful, SFA reserves the right to request such a finding at time of trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, SFA requests that this Court enter judgment against Defendants as follows:

- A. An adjudication that Defendants have infringed the '525 and '341 patents;
- B. An award of damages to be paid by Defendants adequate to compensate SFA for Defendants' past infringement of the '525 and '341 patents and any continuing or future infringement through the date such judgment is entered, including interest, costs, expenses and an accounting of all infringing acts including, but not limited to, those acts not presented at trial;
- C. A declaration that this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285, and an award of SFA's reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- D. An award to SFA of such further relief at law or in equity as the Court deems just and proper.

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