

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

**THRASOS, LLC,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**MASTERCARD INT’L, INC.,**

**Defendant.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:14-cv-672**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

1. Thrasos, LLC (“Thrasos” or “Plaintiff”), files this Amended Complaint for patent infringement, as a matter of right under FRCP 15(a)(1), in which Thrasos makes the following allegations against MasterCard International, Inc. (“MC” or “Defendant”).

**PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability company with its principal place of business at 1333 W. McDermott Drive, Suite 200, Allen, Texas 75013. Thrasos’s president is Daniel F. Perez.

3. On information and belief, Defendant MasterCard International, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 2000 Purchase Street, Purchase, New York, 10577. Defendant MasterCard’s registered agent in Texas appears to be CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan St., Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendant has transacted business in this district, and has committed and/or induced acts of patent infringement in this district.

6. On information and belief, MC is subject to this Court's specific and general personal jurisdiction pursuant to due process and/or the Texas Long Arm Statute, due at least to its substantial business in this forum, 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 Texas and in this Judicial District.

**COUNT I**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,644,037**

7. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 7,644,037 ("the '037 Patent") entitled "Method And System For Transferring Electronic Funds"– including all rights to recover for past and future acts of infringement. The '037 Patent issued on Jan. 5, 2010. A true and correct copy of the '037 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

8. Upon information and belief, MC has been and now is directly or through intermediaries is making, made, having made, installing, installed, using, used, importing, imported, providing, provided, supplying, supplied, distributing, distributed, selling, sold, offering and/or offered for sale products, services and/or systems (the "infringing services") that infringe or, when used by their intended users in the manner intended by MC, infringe(d) one or more claims of the '037 Patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States. Without limiting or waiving Plaintiff's right to later amend or supplement its Complaint, MC's infringing services are advertised and marketed generally by MC as their "MasterCard Bill Pay" and/or "MasterCard Online Bill Pay" services. Use of these infringing services, in their intended manner and as designed and/or programmed, appear to infringe one or more claims of the '037 Patent. Furthermore, MC acts as the service provider to end-users of its Bill Pay services – providing the connections and controls necessary to deliver the services and resulting in use of the infringing services by end-users under the influence and control of MC.

MC thus directly and indirectly infringes, jointly infringes, contributes to and/or induces infringement of one or more claims of the '037 Patent. Defendant MC is thus liable for infringement of the '037 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b) & (c).

**COUNT II**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,032,457**

9. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 8,032,457 (“the ‘457 Patent”) entitled “Method And System For Transferring Electronic Funds”– including all rights to recover for past and future acts of infringement. The ‘457 Patent issued on Oct. 4, 2011. A true and correct copy of the ‘457 Patent is attached as Exhibit B.

10. Upon information and belief, MC has been and now is directly or through intermediaries is making, made, having made, installing, installed, using, used, importing, imported, providing, provided, supplying, supplied, distributing, distributed, selling, sold, offering and/or offered for sale products, services and/or systems (the “infringing services”) that infringe or, when used by their intended users in the manner intended by MC, infringe(d) one or more claims of the ‘457 Patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States. Without limiting or waiving Plaintiff’s right to later amend or supplement its Complaint, MC’s infringing services are advertised and marketed generally by MC as their “MasterCard Bill Pay” and/or “MasterCard Online Bill Pay” services. Use of these infringing services, in their intended manner and as designed and/or programmed, appear to infringe one or more claims of the ‘457 Patent. Furthermore, MC acts as the service provider to end-users of its Bill Pay services – providing the connections and controls necessary to deliver the services and resulting in use of the infringing services by end-users under the influence and control of MC. MC thus directly and indirectly infringes, jointly infringes, contributes to and/or induces infringement of one or more claims of the ‘457 Patent. Defendant MC is thus liable for infringement of the ‘457 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b) & (c).

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter:

1. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendant has infringed, directly, jointly, and/or indirectly, by way of inducing and/or contributing to the infringement of the '037 and '457 Patents;
2. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendant and its officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringement, inducing the infringement of, or contributing to the infringement of the '037 and '457 Patents;
3. A judgment and order requiring Defendant to pay Plaintiff its damages, costs, expenses, and prejudgment and post-judgment interest for Defendant's infringement of the '037 and '457 Patents as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
4. An award to Plaintiff for enhanced damages resulting from the knowing and deliberate nature of Defendant's prohibited conduct with notice made at least as early as the service date of this Complaint, as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
5. A judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding to Plaintiff its reasonable attorneys' fees; and
6. Any and all other relief to which Plaintiff may show itself to be entitled.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was filed electronically in compliance with Local Rule CV-5(a). As such, the foregoing was served on all counsel of record who have consented to electronic service. Local Rule CV-5(a)(3)(A). Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d) and Local Rule CV-5(d), all others not deemed to have consented to electronic service will be served with a true and correct copy of the foregoing by email, on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

/s/ Ronald W. Burns

Ronald W. Burns, Esq.