

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

ECLIPSE IP LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

EXPRESS, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:14-cv-920

PATENT CASE

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

For its Complaint, Plaintiff Eclipse IP LLC (“Eclipse”), by and through the undersigned counsel, complains of Defendant Express, Inc. (“Defendant”) as follows:

NATURE OF LAWSUIT

1. This is a suit for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code § 1 et seq. This Court has exclusive jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Complaint under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

THE PARTIES

2. Eclipse is a Texas limited liability company with a place of business located at 711 SW 24th St., Boynton Beach, FL 33435.

3. Defendant is a Delaware corporation with, upon information and belief, a principal place of business at One Express Drive, Columbus Ohio, 43230.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. Upon information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because (i) Defendant conducts substantial business in this Judicial District, directly or through intermediaries, (ii) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein occurred in this Judicial District; and (iii) Defendant regularly does or solicits business, engages in other persistent courses of conduct and/or derives substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in this Judicial District.

5. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), (c), (d) and 1400(b).

THE PATENT-IN-SUIT

6. On January 20, 2009, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office duly and lawfully issued United States Patent No. 7,479,899 (the "'899 patent"), entitled "Notification systems and methods enabling a response to cause connection between a notified PCD and a delivery or pickup representative." A true and correct copy of the '899 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

7. The '899 patent is valid and enforceable.

8. Eclipse is the assignee and owner of the right, title and interest in and to the '899 patent ("the Patent-In-Suit"), including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patents and the right to any remedies for infringements thereof.

COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,479,899

9. Eclipse repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 8 as if fully set forth herein.

10. Without license or authorization and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), Eclipse is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '899 patent in this District, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

11. On information and belief, Defendant has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe one or more claims of the '899 patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling computer-based notification systems and methods to, for example: monitor travel data in connection with orders placed via Defendant's website; initiate notifications to customers; and enable such customers to select whether or not to communicate with Defendant.

12. On information and belief, Defendant has had knowledge of the '899 patent at least as early the date that it received a July 1, 2014 licensing letter from Eclipse which specifically identified the '899 patent and provided factual allegations regarding Defendant's

infringement thereof.

13. On information and belief, Defendant has not changed or modified its infringing behavior since the date it received Eclipse's July 1, 2014 letter.

14. Defendant's aforesaid infringing activity has directly and proximately caused damage to Plaintiff Eclipse, including loss of profits from sales and/or licensing revenues it would have made but for the infringements. Unless enjoined, the aforesaid infringing activity will continue and cause irreparable injury to Eclipse for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

JURY DEMAND

Eclipse hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Eclipse requests that this Court enter judgment against Defendant as follows:

- A. An adjudication that Defendant has infringed the Patent-In-Suit;
- B. An award of damages to be paid by Defendant adequate to compensate Eclipse for Defendant's past infringement of the Patent-In-Suit 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. An award to Eclipse of all remedies available under 35 U.S.C. §§ 284 and 285, including enhanced damages up to and including trebling of Eclipse's damages for Defendant's willful infringement, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and
- D. Such other and further relief as this Court or a jury may deem proper and just.

Dated: September 30, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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