

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

JOHN B. ADRAIN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC,

Defendant.

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Case No. 2:14-cv-00910

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff John B. Adrain (“Adrain”) brings this action against defendant BMW of North America, LLC (“BMW” or “Defendant”) and alleges:

THE PARTIES

1. Adrain is the inventor of and owns the entire right, title, and interest in the patent at issue in this case.

2. On information and belief, BMW is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, with its principal place of business located at 300 Chestnut Ridge Road, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07675. BMW can be served with process in Texas through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201-3136.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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

4. Subject-matter jurisdiction over Adrain’s claims is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. On information and belief, BMW has operated, conducted, engaged in, and/or carried on business in the state of Texas.

6. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), (c) and (d), and/or 1400(b).

PATENT INFRINGEMENT

7. On November 3, 1998, U.S. Patent No. 5,831,669, entitled “Facility Monitoring System with Image Memory and Correlation” was duly and legally issued to the inventor, John B. Adrain. A Reexamination Certificate for U.S. Patent No. 5,831,669 issued on August 21, 2012. A second Reexamination Certificate for U.S. Patent No. 5,831,669 issued on June 16, 2014. A true and correct copy of U.S. Patent 5,831,669 with the Reexamination Certificates is attached hereto as Exhibit A. (U.S. Patent 5,831,669 and the Reexamination Certificates are collectively referred to as “the ‘669 patent.”) Adrain owns all right, title and interest in the ‘669 patent, including the right to sue for and recover all past, present and future damages for infringement of the ‘669 patent.

8. The ‘669 patent is presumed valid.

9. BMW sells vehicles that are equipped with monitoring systems that include components such as a movably mounted digital camera that outputs digital image data, computer equipment that processes and stores various image data, and an output interface (such as on the vehicle dashboard and/or speed control systems) for reporting results of comparisons of image data. By way of further specific example, one such vehicle is the BMW i3 with “Active Cruise Control” feature. (BMW’s monitoring systems described in this paragraph are referred hereinafter as “Accused Products”). This feature is intended to be used when the vehicle is moving. This feature utilizes a digital camera near the interior rearview mirror. The Accused Product is capable of

detecting another vehicle in front of it. If there is a risk of collision with a detected vehicle, a warning symbol is shown in the instrument cluster and/or in the heads up display.

10. Upon information and belief, BMW, either alone or in conjunction with others, has in the past and continues to infringe and/or induce infringement of the '669 patent by making, using, selling, offering to sell, and/or importing, and/or causing others to make, use, sell, or offer to sell, and/or import, in this judicial district and/or elsewhere in the United States, Accused Products that alone or in use are covered by one or more of the claims of the '669 patent.

11. Consumers purchase and use BMW's Accused Products and are instructed by BMW to use such Accused Products to perform methods that infringe one or more claims of the '669 patent.

12. BMW provides instructions, such as owner's manuals, that instruct consumers on how to set up and use BMW's Accused Products in such infringing manner, specifically intending such consumers will operate these Accused Products devices in such a manner, and knowing of such actions, which constitutes infringement of one or more claims of the '669 patent.

13. BMW indirectly infringes one or more claims of the '669 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. 271(b) by inducing consumers of BMW's Accused Products to directly infringe one or more claims of the '669 patent through their use of such Accused Products in accordance with BMW's instructions.

14. For example, BMW induces direct infringement of the '669 patent by providing user manuals and instructions for the Accused Products that show users how to set up and operate the Accused Products such that, by following BMW's instructions, the end users of the Accused Products directly infringe one more claims of the '669 patent. BMW engages in such inducement knowingly and, at least from the time of receipt of the original Complaint, has done so with

knowledge that such activity encourages consumers of its Accused Products to directly infringe the '669 patent.

15. BMW is liable for infringement of the '669 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

16. BMW's acts of infringement have caused damage to Adrain, and Adrain is entitled to recover from BMW the damages sustained by Adrain as a result of BMW's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial.

17. As a consequence of the infringement complained of herein, Adrain has been irreparably damaged to an extent not yet determined and will continue to be irreparably damaged by such acts in the future unless BMW is enjoined by this Court from committing further acts of infringement.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Adrain prays for entry of judgment that:

- A.** BMW has directly infringed and/or induced infringement of the '669 patent;
- B.** BMW accounts for and pays to Adrain all damages caused by its infringement of the '669 patent;
- C.** Adrain be granted permanent injunctive relief pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283 enjoining BMW and its officers, agents, servants, employees and those persons in active concert or participation with it from further acts of patent infringement;
- D.** Adrain be granted pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages caused to him by reason of BMW's patent infringement;
- E.** Adrain be granted his reasonable attorneys' fees;
- F.** Costs be awarded to Adrain; and,

G. Adrain be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Adrain demands trial by jury on all claims and issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 5, 2014

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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 this 5th day of December, 2014, 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 transmission and/or first class mail on this same date.

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