

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

SYMBOLOGY INNOVATIONS, LLC

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Plaintiff,

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Case No:

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vs.

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PATENT CASE

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J. C. PENNEY CORPORATION, INC.

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Defendants.

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Symbology Innovations, LLC (“Plaintiff” or “Symbology”)files this Complaint against J. C. Penney Corporation, Inc. (“Defendant” or “J. C. Penney”) for infringement of United States Patents No. 8,424,752, No. 8,651,369, and No. 8,936,190 (hereinafter “the ‘752 Patent,” “the ‘369 Patent,” and “the ‘190 Patent”).

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement under Title 35 of the United States Code. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief as well as damages.

2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (Federal Question) and 1338(a) (Patents) because this is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the United States patent statutes.

3. Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability company with its principal office located at 1400 Preston Road, Suite 400, Plano, Texas 75093.

4. Upon information and belief, Defendant is a Delaware corporation with its principal office located at 6501 Legacy Drive, Plano, Texas 75024. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant has committed, and continues to commit, acts of infringement in the state of Texas, has conducted business in the state of Texas, and/or has

engaged in continuous and systematic activities in the state of Texas. Specifically, and without limitation, Defendant is registered to do business in Texas and is or has been licensed with the Texas Department of Public Services to provide security. Defendant's License Number with the Texas DPS is Z09609.

5. Upon information and belief, Defendant's instrumentalities that are alleged herein to infringe were and continue to be used, imported, offered for sale, and/or sold in the Eastern District of Texas.

VENUE

6. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Texas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b) because Defendant is deemed to reside in this district. In addition, and in the alternative, Defendants have committed acts of infringement in this District.

COUNT I **(INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 8,424,752)**

7. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 6 herein by reference.

8. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*

9. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '752 patent with sole rights to enforce the '752 patent and sue infringers.

10. A copy of the '752 Patent, titled "System and Method for Presenting Information about an Object on a Portable Electronic Device," is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

11. The '752 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

12. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims, including at least claim 1, of the '752 patent by making, using, and

printing a Quick Response Code (QR code) covered by one or more claims of the '752 patent. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '752 patent either directly or through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

13. Defendant makes, uses, and prints QR codes on printed media, including advertising and packaging, associated with select products. One specific instance of Defendant's activity involves the use of QR Codes on personalized greetings which are part of the gift packaging for gifts bought from Defendant. An example of this use of QR Codes can be viewed at <http://qrcodetracking.com/qr-codes-that-worked-j-c-penney/>. The use of such QR codes infringe at least Claim 1 of the '752 Patent. The printed media provides information on how and where to find a QR code reader application, and it directs users to scan the QR code to unlock additional information. Upon being scanned, the QR code remotely transmits information regarding the product to the user via a device, such as a smart phone.

14. Defendant's actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.

15. Defendant's actions complained of herein are causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendants are enjoined and restrained by this Court.

16. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

COUNT II
(INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 8,651,369)

17. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 16 herein by reference.

18. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*

19. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '369 patent with sole rights to

enforce the '369 patent and sue infringers.

20. A copy of the '369 Patent, titled "System and Method for Presenting Information about an Object on a Portable Electronic Device," is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

21. The '369 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

22. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims, including at least claim 1, of the '369 patent by making, using, and printing a Quick Response Code (QR code) covered by one or more claims of the '369 patent. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '369 patent either directly or through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

23. Defendant makes, uses, and prints QR codes on printed media, including advertising and packaging, associated with select products. One specific instance of Defendant's activity involves the use of QR Codes on personalized greetings which are part of the gift packaging for gifts bought from Defendant. An example of this use of QR Codes can be viewed at <http://qrcodetracking.com/qr-codes-that-worked-j-c-penney/>. The use of such QR codes infringe at least Claim 1 of the '369 Patent. The printed media provides information on how and where to find a QR code reader application, and it directs users to scan the QR code to unlock additional information. Upon being scanned, the QR code remotely transmits information regarding the product to the user via a device, such as a smart phone.

24. Defendant's actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.

25. Defendant's actions complained of herein are causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendants are

enjoined and restrained by this Court.

26. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

COUNT III
(INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 8,936,190)

27. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 26 herein by reference.

28. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*

29. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '190 patent with sole rights to enforce the '190 patent and sue infringers.

30. A copy of the '190 Patent, titled "System and Method for Presenting Information about an Object on a Portable Electronic Device," is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

31. The '190 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

32. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims, including at least claim 1, of the '190 patent by making, using, and printing a Quick Response Code (QR code) covered by one or more claims of the '190 patent. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '190 patent either directly or through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

33. Defendant makes, uses, and prints QR codes on printed media, including advertising and packaging, associated with select products. One specific instance of Defendant's activity involves the use of QR Codes on personalized greetings which are part of the gift packaging for gifts bought from Defendant. An example of this use of QR Codes can be viewed at <http://qrcodetracking.com/qr-codes-that-worked-j-c-penney/>. The use of such QR codes infringe at least Claim 1 of the '190 Patent. The printed media provides information on

how and where to find a QR code reader application, and it directs users to scan the QR code to unlock additional information. Upon being scanned, the QR code remotely transmits information regarding the product to the user via a device, such as a smart phone.

34. Defendant's actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.

35. Defendant's actions complained of herein are causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendants are enjoined and restrained by this Court.

36. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks the Court to:

(a) Enter judgment for Plaintiff on this Complaint on all causes of action asserted herein;

(b) Enter an Order enjoining Defendant, its agents, officers, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive notice of the order from further infringement of United States Patents No. 8,424,752, No. 8,651,369, and No. 8,936,190 (or, in the alternative, awarding Plaintiff running royalties from the time of judgment going forward);

(c) Award Plaintiff damages resulting from Defendant's infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;

(d) Award Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs; and

(e) Award Plaintiff such further relief to which the Court finds Plaintiff entitled under law or equity.

Dated: February 11, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Jay Johnson

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EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C