

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

**GRAHAM SPRINGS LLC,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**TEESPRING, INC.,**

**Defendant.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:15-cv-785**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

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**PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Graham Springs LLC (“Plaintiff” or “Graham Springs”), by and through its undersigned counsel, files this Original Complaint against Defendant Teespring, Inc. (“Defendant” or “Teespring”) as follows:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is an action for patent infringement of United States Patent No. 5,524,085 (“the ‘085 patent”) entitled “Multimedia Job Tickets for Printing Machines”. A true and correct copy of the ‘085 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the ‘085 patent. Plaintiff seeks monetary damages.

**PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas. Plaintiff maintains its principal place of business at 3400 Silverstone Drive, Suite 191-F, Plano, Texas 75023.

3. Upon information and belief, Defendant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 3 Davol Square, Suite 300B, Providence, Rhode Island 02903. Defendant can be served with process through its

registered agent CT Corporation System, 450 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Suite 7A, East Providence 02914.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4. This action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, including 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, 283, 284, and 285.

5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case for patent infringement under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

6. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because: Defendant is present within or has minimum contacts within the State of Texas and the Eastern District of Texas; Defendant has purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas; Defendant has sought protection and benefit from the laws of the State of Texas; Defendant regularly conducts business within the State of Texas and within the Eastern District of Texas; and Plaintiff's cause of action arises directly from Defendant's business contacts and other activities in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas.

7. More specifically, Defendant, directly and/or through intermediaries, ships, distributes, uses, offers for sale, sells, and/or advertises products and services in the United States, the State of Texas, and the Eastern District of Texas including but not limited to the Accused Instrumentalities as detailed below. Upon information and belief, Defendant has committed patent infringement in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas. Defendant solicits and has solicited customers in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas. Defendant has paying customers who are residents of the State of Texas and the Eastern District of Texas and

who each use and have used the Defendants' products and services in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas.

8. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Texas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendant has transacted business in this district, and has directly committed acts of patent infringement in this district.

### **COUNT I – PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

9. Plaintiff refers to and incorporates herein the allegations of Paragraphs 1-8 above.

10. The '085 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 4, 1996 after full and fair examination. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '085 patent and possesses all rights of recovery under the '085 patent, including the exclusive right to sue for infringement and recover past damages.

11. Defendant owns, uses, operates, advertises, controls, sells, and otherwise provides methods and/or systems that infringe the '085 patent. The '085 patent provides, among other things, "A method of processing data including a page description language file, comprising the steps of: providing in the page description language file a data string operable of a multimedia device; applying the data string to a multimedia device; and applying a portion of the data excluding the data string to a printing apparatus."

12. Defendant directly or through intermediaries, made, had made, used, imported, provided, supplied, distributed, sold, and/or offered for sale products and/or services that infringed one or more claims of the '085 patent in this district and elsewhere in the United States. Particularly, Defendant made, used, provided, offered for sale, and sold their product and/or service entitled Teespring T-shirt printing ("Accused Instrumentality") which directly infringed the '085 patent.

13. Defendant's aforesaid activities have been without authority and/or license from Plaintiff.

14. In addition to what is required for pleadings under Form 18 for direct infringement in patent cases, and to the extent any marking was required by 35 U.S.C. § 287, Plaintiff and all predecessors in interest to the '085 Patent complied with all marking requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 287.

15. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by Plaintiff as a result of the Defendant's wrongful acts 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.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court find in its favor and against Defendant, and that the Court grant Plaintiff the following relief:

- A. An adjudication that one or more claims of the '085 patent have been infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by Defendant;
- B. An award to Plaintiff of damages adequate to compensate Plaintiff for the Defendant's acts of infringement together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;
- C. Any further relief that this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: May 18, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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