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JACKSONVILLE DIVISION**

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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

PATENT ASSET LICENSING, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. **3:15-cv-742-J-32MCR**

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Patent Asset Licensing, LLC ("PAL") sues defendant Bright House Networks, LLC ("BHN") for infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,764,777 ("the '777 Patent"); 8,155,298 ("the '298 Patent"); and 8,457,113 ("the '113 Patent") (collectively, the "Patents-in-Suit"), and alleges:

1. PAL is a Florida limited liability company with its principle place of business at 220 East Forsyth St., Suite 100, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

2. BHN is a Delaware limited liability company, with its principal place of business at 5823 Widewaters Parkway, East Syracuse, NY 13057.

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

4. This Court has general and specific personal jurisdiction over BHN, and venue is proper, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b). BHN has substantial contacts with this forum, including (1) regularly conducting and soliciting business from

residents of the State of Florida and this District; (2) engaging in other persistent courses of conduct in the State of Florida and this District; (3) deriving substantial revenue from goods and/or services provided to individuals residing in the State of Florida and this District; and/or (4) committing infringement, in whole or in part, as alleged below, including making, using, selling and/or offering to sell products, systems and/or services that infringe one or more claims of the Patents-in-Suit in the State of Florida and this District. The Florida Department of State issued BHN a certificate of authority to transact business in Florida, beginning in 2002.

COUNT 1 – INFRINGEMENT OF THE ‘777 PATENT

5. PAL incorporates the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 4, above.

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

7. On July 27, 2010, the ‘777 Patent, entitled “Branch Calling and Caller ID Based Call Routing Telephone Features,” was duly and legally issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code. The ‘777 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

8. The ‘777 Patent is valid and enforceable.

9. PAL is the exclusive licensee of the ‘777 Patent with ownership of all pertinent rights in the ‘777 Patent, including the right to exclude others and to enforce, sue and recover damages for past and future infringement.

10. BHN has infringed, and continues to infringe, claims of the '777 Patent by making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale or use telephony products and services that embody the claimed inventions, including (for example) at least claim 17 by importing, making, using, selling and/or offering for sale, in the United States, products, systems, and/or services that allow a user to select calling features via the Internet that cause incoming calls to be routed to additional destinations (e.g., call forwarding, simultaneous ring).

11. PAL has been damaged as a result of BHN's infringing conduct. BHN is liable to PAL in an amount that adequately compensates PAL for BHN's infringements, 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.

COUNT 2 – INFRINGEMENT OF THE '298 PATENT

12. PAL incorporates the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 4, above.

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

14. On April 10, 2012, the '298 Patent, entitled "Tandem Access Controller Within the Public Switched Telephone Network," was duly and legally issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code. A copy of the '298 Patent is attached as Exhibit B.

15. The '298 Patent is valid and enforceable.

16. PAL is the exclusive licensee of the '298 Patent with ownership of all pertinent rights in the '298 Patent, including the right to exclude others and to enforce, sue and recover damages for past and future infringement.

17. BHN has infringed, and continues to infringe, claims of the '298 Patent by making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale or use telephony products and services that embody the claimed inventions, including (for example) at least claim 20 by importing, making, using, selling and/or offering for sale, in the United States, products, systems, and/or services that execute calling features (e.g., call forwarding, simultaneous ring) enabled by a user via a website.

18. PAL has been damaged as a result of BHN's infringing conduct. BHN is liable to PAL in an amount that adequately compensates PAL for BHN's infringements, 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.

COUNT 3 – INFRINGEMENT OF THE '113 PATENT

19. PAL incorporates the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 4, above.

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

21. On June 4, 2013, the '113 Patent, entitled "Branch Calling and Caller ID Based Call Routing Telephone Features," was duly and legally issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code. A copy of the '113 Patent is attached as Exhibit C.

22. The '113 Patent is valid and enforceable.

23. PAL is the exclusive licensee of the '113 Patent with ownership of all pertinent rights in the '113 Patent, including the right to exclude others and to enforce, sue and recover damages for past and future infringement.

24. BHN has infringed, and continues to infringe, claims of the '113 Patent by making, using, selling, and/or offering for sale or use telephony products and services that embody the claimed inventions, including (for example) at least claim 1, by importing, making, using, selling and/or offering for sale, in the United States, products, systems, and/or services that enable completion of a telephone call across a circuit switched network (e.g., the PSTN) and a packet switched network (e.g., a VoIP network).

25. PAL has been damaged as a result of BHN's infringing conduct. BHN is liable to PAL in an amount that adequately compensates PAL for BHN's infringements, 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

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

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

PAL requests that the Court grant PAL the following relief:

- a. judgment that one or more claims of each of the Patents-in-Suit have been infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by BHN;
- b. judgment that BHN account for and pay to PAL all damages to and costs incurred by PAL because of BHN's infringing activities and other conduct alleged above;
- c. that PAL be granted pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages caused by BHN's infringing activities and other conduct alleged above;

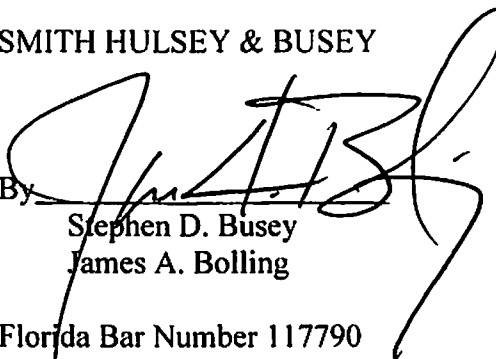
- d. that this Court declare this an exceptional case and award PAL its reasonable attorney's fees and costs in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
- e. that PAL be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances, including any increase in damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284 to which the Court assesses as appropriate to compensate for BHN's conduct.

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