

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

**OROSTREAM LLC,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**DROPBOX, INC.,**

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:16-cv-1207

**PATENT CASE**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

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**ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Orostream LLC files this Original Complaint for Patent Infringement against Dropbox, Inc., and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

**I. THE PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Orostream LLC (“Orostream” or “Plaintiff”) is a Texas limited liability company with its principal place of business in the Eastern District of Texas at 3401 Custer Road, Suite 125-B, Plano, Texas 75023.

2. On information and belief, Defendant Dropbox, Inc. (“Defendant”), is a Delaware corporation with a place of business at 760 Market Street, Suite 1150, San Francisco, CA 94102.

**II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

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 such action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. On information and belief, Defendant is subject to this Court’s specific and general personal jurisdiction, pursuant to due process and the Texas Long Arm Statute, due at

least to its substantial business in this forum, including at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein.

5. Without limitation, on information and belief, within this state, Defendant has used the patented inventions thereby committing, and continuing to commit, acts of patent infringement alleged herein. In addition, on information and belief, Defendant has derived substantial revenues from its infringing acts occurring within the State of Texas and this District. Further, on information and belief, Defendant is subject to the Court's general jurisdiction, including from regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to persons or entities in the State of Texas and in this District. Further, on information and belief, Defendant is subject to the Court's personal jurisdiction at least due to its sale of products and/or services within the State of Texas and within this District. Defendant has committed such purposeful acts and/or transactions in the State of Texas and in this District such that it reasonably should know and expect that it could be haled into this Court as a consequence of such activity.

6. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(c) and 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendant has sufficient contacts with the State of Texas and this District such that this Court is a fair and reasonable venue for the litigation of this action. On information and belief, from and within this District Defendant has committed at least a portion of the infringements at issue in this case. In addition, on information and belief, Defendant has derived substantial revenues from its infringing acts and is subject to personal jurisdiction in this District for at least the reasons identified above, including due at least to its sale of products and/or services within the State of Texas and from this District.

7. For these reasons, personal jurisdiction exists and venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) and 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b).

**III. COUNT I**  
**(PATENT INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 5,768,508)**

8. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference.

9. On June 16, 1998, United States Patent No. 5,768,508 (“the ‘508 Patent”) was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The ‘508 Patent is titled “Computer Network System and Method for Efficient Information Transfer.” The application leading to the ‘508 Patent was filed on April 11, 1997. A true and correct copy of the ‘508 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

10. Orostream is the assignee of all right, title and interest in the ‘508 patent, including all rights to enforce and prosecute actions for infringement and to collect damages for all relevant times against infringers of the ‘508 Patent. Accordingly, Plaintiff possesses the exclusive right and standing to prosecute the present action for infringement of the ‘508 Patent by Defendant.

11. The ‘508 patent has been cited as prior art during the prosecution history of over 100 subsequently-issued United States patents, including patents assigned to IBM, Intel, Facebook, Gateway, Hitachi, Microsoft, Nokia, Oracle, and Veritas Software.

12. **Direct Infringement.** Upon information and belief, Defendant has been and now is directly infringing at least claim 26 of the ‘508 patent in the State of Texas, in this District, and elsewhere in the United States, by making and/or using a content distribution and backup system over the Internet, including the system and application for the Dropbox service (“Accused Instrumentality”), which performs a method of connecting an information provider and a user node of a computer network. Defendant registers a user when the user signs up for the Accused

Instrumentality and also registered a user node when a client device installs the Accused Instrumentality on the user's device or accesses the Accused Instrumentality using a web browser. The Accused Instrumentality receives a node ID (*e.g.*, an IP address or device information) from the user node. The Accused Instrumentality accesses its master database for the profile information corresponding to the node ID. The names of a files and folders (for a user) are target information references that correspond to a user profile and are transmitted to the user node through the master node (Defendant's access to its online servers). The target information references are pointers to target information to be delivered to the user node, for example the files and folders to be synced (downloaded/transferred) to the user node. In order to allow non target information to transfer without causing additional communication delay, the Accused Instrumentality master program is smart about the amount of bandwidth it uses and is configured (to use by default, downloading using up to 70% of the available bandwidth) so that non-target information can be transferred without communication delays (by default, the Accused Instrumentality only uses on 70% of the available bandwidth to avoid interfering with transfers of non-target information).

13. Plaintiff has been damaged as a result of Defendant's infringing conduct. Defendant is thus liable to Plaintiff for damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiff for such Defendant's infringement of the '508 patent, *i.e.*, in an amount that by law cannot be less than would constitute a reasonable royalty for the use of the patented technology, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

14. On information and belief, Defendant will continue its infringement of one or more claims of the '508 patent unless enjoined by the Court. Each and all of the Defendant's

infringing conduct thus causes Plaintiff irreparable harm and will continue to cause such harm without the issuance of an injunction.

15. On information and belief, Defendant has had at least constructive notice of the '508 patent by operation of law, and there are no marking requirements that have not been complied with.

#### **VI. JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

#### **VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

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

- a. Judgment that one or more claims of United States Patent No. 5,768,508 have been infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by Defendant;
- b. Judgment that Defendant account for and pay to Plaintiff all damages to and costs incurred by Plaintiff because of Defendant's infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein;
- c. That Plaintiff be granted pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages caused by Defendant's infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein;
- d. That Defendant be permanently enjoined from any further activity or conduct that infringes one or more claims of United States Patent No. 5,768,508; and
- e. That Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: October 28, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David R. Bennett

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