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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CODING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,  
  
                  Plaintiff,  
  
                  vs.  
  
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,  
  
                  Defendant.  
  
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Case No.: 1:17-cv-07785

COMPLAINT

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF DEMANDED

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Plaintiff, CODING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, sues Defendant, METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, and alleges as follows:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is an action for infringement of United States Patent No. 8,540,159 under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. § 271, *et seq.*, based on Defendant’s unauthorized commercial manufacture, use, importation, offer for sale, and sale of infringing products and services in the United States.

**PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff, CODING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, is a foreign limited liability company, organized under the laws of the State of Texas.

3. Defendant, METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, is a foreign

1 corporation with its headquarters located in New York, New York. Defendant uses, sells, and/or  
2 offers to sell products and services in interstate commerce that infringe the '159 Patent.

3 **SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION**

4 4. This court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, pursuant  
5 to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a), because this action involves a federal question relating to  
6 patents.

7 **PERSONAL JURISDICTION**

8 5. The court has general *in personam* jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant  
9 is a citizen of the State of Florida and is found in this state.

10 **VENUE**

11 6. Venue is proper in this court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b), because Defendant  
12 has committed acts of infringement in this district and has a regular and established place of  
13 business in this district.

14 **COUNT I**  
15 **PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

16 7. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges paragraphs 2 through 6 by reference, as if fully set  
17 forth herein.

18 8. On September 24, 2013, the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)  
19 duly and legally issued the '159 Patent, entitled "Method for Providing Mobile Service Using  
20 Code Pattern." A true and authentic copy of the '159 Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**  
21 and incorporated herein by reference.

22 9. The '159 Patent teaches a method and apparatus for providing a mobile service  
23 with the use of code pattern.

24 10. The '159 Patent is directed to computerized decoding technologies to provide  
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1 users with access to and use of various content more conveniently. Traditionally, companies  
2 simply provided their URL information to the consuming public, but this is effective only if a  
3 consumer memorized the name and spelling of the URL. Thus, there was a need in the art to  
4 provide an effective product or method to assist consumers with recalling website or URL  
5 information.

6 11. The '159 Patent claims, among other things, a method of providing content with  
7 the use of code pattern by a user terminal; a user terminal for providing content with the use of  
8 code pattern; a non-transitory machine-readable storage medium having encoded thereon  
9 program code; and, a method of providing content with the use of an image captured by a user  
10 terminal.

11 12. Collectively, the claimed embodiments in the '159 Patent provide new solutions  
12 to problems related to transmitting information from a mobile service provider to a mobile  
13 device.

14 13. The '159 Patent solves a problem with the art that is rooted in computer  
15 technology that uses mobile service providers. The '159 Patent does not merely recite the  
16 performance of some business practice known from the pre-Internet world along with the  
17 requirement to perform it on the Internet.

18 14. Plaintiff is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the '159 Patent at  
19 the USPTO, including the right to assert causes of action arising under the '159 Patent.

20 15. Upon information and belief, Defendant has and continues to directly infringe,  
21 contributorily infringe, or actively induce the infringement of the '159 Patent by making, using  
22 (including by at least internally testing the Accused Products as defined herein), selling, offering  
23 for sale, importing in the United States, including this judicial district, a user terminal designed  
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1 to capture certain code pattern information and convert same into embedded content, which  
2 embodies or uses the invention claimed in the ‘159 Patent (the “Accused Products”), all in  
3 violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

4 16. The Accused Products infringe at least claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, and 16 of the  
5 ‘159 Patent.

6 ***Claim 1***

7 17. Through claim 1, the ‘159 Patent claims a method of providing content with the  
8 use of a code pattern by a user terminal, the method comprising: obtaining a photographic image  
9 of a code pattern by a camera of the user terminal; processing, by a processor of the user  
10 terminal, the photographic image of the code pattern to extract the code pattern from the  
11 photographic image; decoding the extracted code pattern by the processor of the user terminal  
12 into code information; transmitting a content information request message to a server based on  
13 the code information; and receiving content information from the server in response to the  
14 content information request message.  
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16 18. Defendant infringes claim 1.

17 19. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, practices a method of providing  
18 content (*e.g.*, a web page associated with the defendant) with the use of a code pattern (*e.g.*, a QR  
19 code) by a user terminal (*e.g.*, a smartphone), as demonstrated in the following images:  
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21 Scan this QR code with your Smartphone or Tablet to view an  
22 educational video and learn more about life insurance as an asset.



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20. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, obtains a photographic image of a code pattern (e.g., QR code) by a camera of the user terminal (e.g., smartphone), as shown below:



21. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, processes by a processor of the user

1 terminal (e.g., smartphone), the photographic image of the code pattern (e.g., QR code) to view  
2 and extract the code pattern from the photographic image, as shown below:

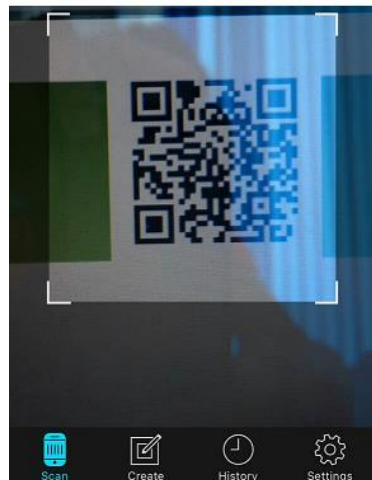
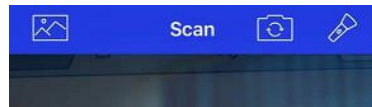
## iPhone 7

Overview

### Chip



A10 Fusion chip with 64-bit architecture  
Embedded M10 motion coprocessor



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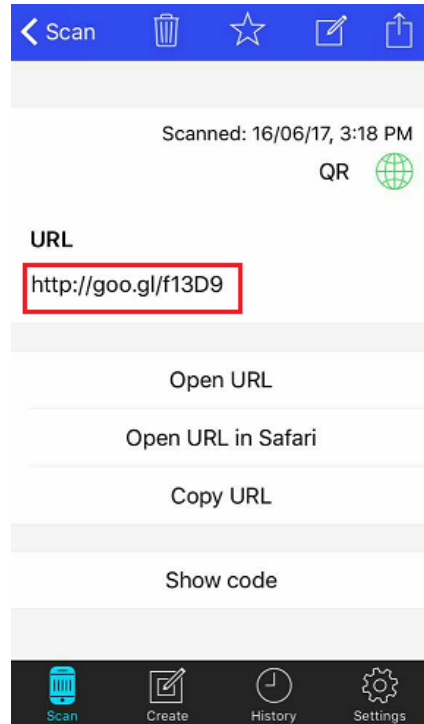
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22. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, decodes the extracted code pattern by the processor of the user terminal from the QR code into code information (e.g., URL of web page associated with the defendant), as shown below:

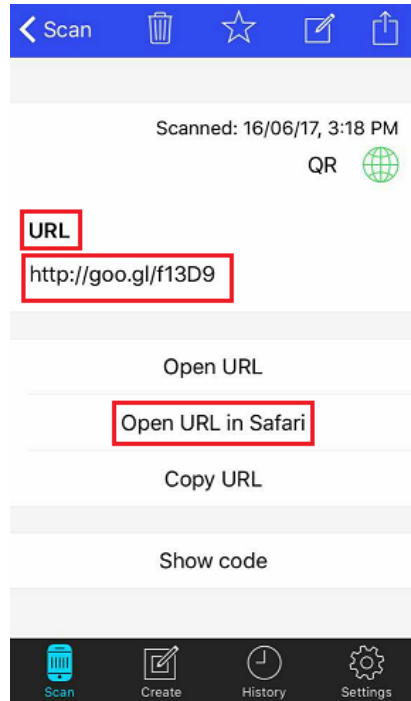




23. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, transmits a content information request message (*e.g.*, http request message for accessing the webpage associated with Defendant) to a server (*e.g.*, Defendant's server) based on the code information (*e.g.*, URL of the webpage associated with Defendant). As shown below, once the URL is decoded from the extracted QR code, a request for accessing a webpage associated with Defendant is sent to Defendant's server.



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24. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, receives content information (e.g., a web page associated with Defendant) from the server (e.g., Defendant’s server) in response to the content information request message (e.g., http request message for accessing the webpage associated with Defendant). As shown below, the terminal (e.g., smartphone) receives content information (e.g., webpage associated with Defendant).



**Claim 2**

25. Through claim 2, the '159 Patent claims the method of claim 1, wherein the content information comprises at least one of the following: image, sound, moving picture, and text data.

26. Defendant infringes claim 2.

27. Defendant uses a user terminal to receive content information that comprises

1 image and text data, as shown below:



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***Claim 3***

28. Through claim 3, the '159 Patent claims the method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting a content information request message includes: extracting a uniform resource locator (URL) of the server from the code information; and transmitting the content information request message to the server based on the extracted URL.

29. Defendant infringes claim 3.

30. Defendant transmits a content information request message (*e.g.*, http request message for accessing the webpage associate with Defendant) which includes extracting URL of the server and transmitting the content information request message (*e.g.*, http request message for accessing the webpage associate with Defendant) to the server (*e.g.*, Defendant's server) based on the extracted URL.

***Claim 8***

1           31. Through claim 8, the '159 Patent claims a user terminal for providing content  
2 with the use of a code pattern, the user terminal comprising: a camera configured to obtain a  
3 photographic image of a code pattern; a processor comprising: an image processor configured to  
4 process the photographic image of the code pattern to extract the code pattern from the  
5 photographic image; and a decoder configured to decode the extracted code pattern into code  
6 information; and a transceiver configured to (i) transmit a content information request message  
7 to a server based on the code information; and (ii) receive content information from the server in  
8 response to the content information request message.  
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10           32. Defendant infringes claim 8.

11           33. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, uses a user terminal (*e.g.*,  
12 smartphone) for providing content (*e.g.*, a web page associated with Defendant) with the use of a  
13 code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code).

14           34. Defendant uses a user terminal comprising a camera configured to obtain a  
15 photographic image of a code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code).

16           35. Defendant uses a user terminal comprising a processor which in turn comprises an  
17 image processor configured to process the photographic image of the code pattern (*e.g.*, QR  
18 code) to extract the code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code) from the photographic image. Once the  
19 photographic image of the QR code is captured by the camera of the smartphone, the  
20 photographic image is processed to retrieve the QR code. The retrieved QR code can be viewed  
21 on the user interface screen of the smartphone.  
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23           36. Defendant uses a user terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone) comprising a decoder that is  
24 configured to decode the extracted code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code) into code information (*e.g.*, URL  
25 of web page associated with Defendant).

37. Defendant uses a user terminal comprising a transceiver (e.g., FDD- LTE/TDD - LTE/CDMA//EDGE transceiver) which is configured to transmit or receive a content information request message (e.g., http request message for accessing the webpage associated with Defendant) to a server (e.g., Defendant’s server) based on the code information (e.g., URL of the webpage associated with Defendant). As shown below, once the URL is decoded from the extracted QR code, a request or response for accessing a webpage associated with Defendant is sent to Defendant’s server by means of transceiver of the smartphone:

iPhone 7

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**Cellular and Wireless**

**Model A1660\***

**Model A1661\***

FDD-LTE (Bands 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30)

TD-LTE (Bands 38, 39, 40, 41)

TD-SCDMA 1900 (F), 2000 (A)

CDMA EV-DO Rev. A (800, 1900, 2100 MHz)

UMTS/HSPA+/DC-HSDPA (850, 900, 1700/2100, 1900, 2100 MHz)

GSM/EDGE (850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz)

**Model A1778\***

**Model A1784\***

Models A1778 and A1784 do not support CDMA networks, such as those used by Verizon and Sprint.

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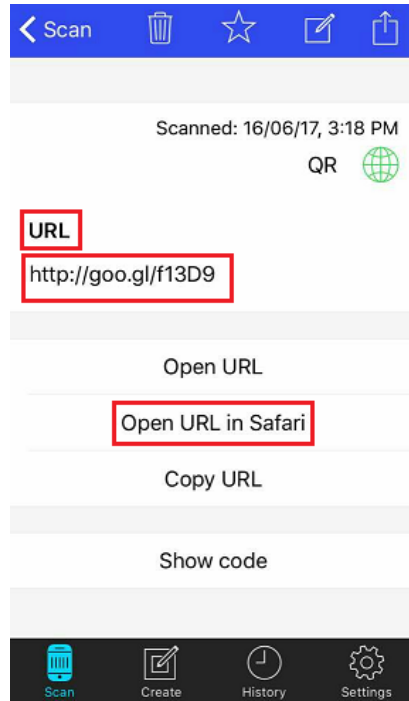
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**Claim 9**

38. Through claim 9, the '159 Patent claims the user terminal of claim 8, wherein the content information comprises at least one of the following: image, sound, moving picture, and text data.

39. Defendant infringes claim 9.

40. Defendant uses a user terminal to receive content information that comprises image and text data.

1 *Claim 10*

2 41. Through claim10, the '159 Patent claims the user terminal of claim 8, wherein:  
3 the processor is further configured to extract a uniform resource locator (URL) of the server from  
4 the code information; and the transceiver is further configured to transmit the content  
5 information request message to the server based on the extracted URL.

6 42. Defendant infringes claim 10.

7 43. Defendant uses a user terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone) that is configured to extract a  
8 uniform resource locator (URL) of the server (*e.g.*, Defendant's server) from the code  
9 information (*e.g.*, URL of web page associated with Defendant).

10 44. Defendant uses a user terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone) comprising a transceiver  
11 configured to transmit the content information request message (*e.g.*, http request message for  
12 accessing the webpage associate with Defendant) to the server (*e.g.*, Defendant's server) based  
13 on the extracted URL.  
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15 *Claim 15*

16 45. Through claim 15, the '159 Patent claims a non-transitory machine-readable  
17 storage medium, having encoded thereon program code, wherein, when the program code is  
18 executed by a machine, the machine implements a method for providing content with the use of a  
19 code pattern by a user terminal, comprising the steps of: obtaining a photographic image of a  
20 code pattern by a camera of the user terminal; processing, by a processor of the user terminal, the  
21 photographic image of the code pattern to extract the code pattern from the photographic image;  
22 decoding the extracted code pattern by the processor of the user terminal into code information;  
23 transmitting a content information request message to a server based on the code information;  
24 and receiving content information from the server in response to the content information request  
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1 message.

2 46. Defendant infringes claim 15.

3 47. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, practices a method of providing  
4 content (*e.g.*, a webpage associated with Defendant) with the use of a code pattern (*e.g.*, a QR  
5 code) by a user terminal (*e.g.*, a smartphone).

6 48. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, obtains a photographic image of a  
7 code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code) by a camera of the user terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone).

8 49. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, uses a processor of the user  
9 terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone) to processes the photographic image of the code pattern (*e.g.*, QR  
10 code) to extract the code pattern from the photographic image.

11 50. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, decodes the extracted code pattern  
12 by the processor of the user terminal into code information (*e.g.*, URL of web page associated  
13 with Defendant).

14 51. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, transmits and receives a content  
15 information request message (*e.g.*, http request message for accessing the webpage associated  
16 with Defendant) to and from a server (*e.g.*, Defendant's server) based on the code information  
17 (*e.g.*, URL of the webpage associated with Defendant).  
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19 ***Claim 16***

20 52. Through claim 16, the '159 Patent claims a method of providing content with the  
21 use of an image captured by a user terminal, the method comprising: obtaining a photographic  
22 image by a camera of the user terminal; processing, by a processor of the user terminal, the  
23 photographic image to extract characteristic information from the photographic image;  
24 transmitting a content information request message with the extracted characteristic information  
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1 to a server; and receiving content information from the server in response to the content  
2 information request message.

3 53. Defendant infringes claim 16.

4 54. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, practices a method of providing  
5 content (*e.g.*, a webpage associated with Defendant) with the use of a code pattern (*e.g.*, a QR  
6 code) by a user terminal (*e.g.*, a smartphone).

7 55. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, obtains a photographic image of a  
8 code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code) by a camera of the user terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone).

9 56. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, processes by a processor of the user  
10 terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone), the photographic image of the code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code) to extract  
11 characteristic information from the photographic image.

12 57. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, transmits and receives a content  
13 information request message (*e.g.*, http request message for accessing the webpage associated  
14 with Defendant) to or from a server (*e.g.*, Defendant's server) based on the extracted  
15 characteristic information (*e.g.*, URL of the webpage associated with Defendant).

16 58. Upon information and belief, Defendant has known of the existence of the '159  
17 Patent, and its acts of infringement have been willful and in disregard for the '159 Patent,  
18 without any reasonable basis for believing that it had a right to engage in the infringing conduct.  
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20 59. Defendant's acts of infringement of the '159 Patent have caused and will continue  
21 to cause Plaintiff damages for which Plaintiff is entitled to compensation pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §  
22 284.

23 60. Defendant's acts of infringement of the '159 Patent have caused and will continue  
24 to cause Plaintiff immediate and irreparable harm unless such infringing activities are also  
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1 enjoined by this court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

2 61. Upon information and belief, the '159 Patent, at all times material, was and is in  
3 compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

4 62. Plaintiff retained the law firm of WATSON LLP to represent its interests in this  
5 action, and is obligated to pay such firm reasonable attorneys' fees for its services. Plaintiff may  
6 recover its attorneys' fees and costs from Defendant, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285, because this  
7 case is exceptional.

8 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff, CODING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, demands judgment  
9 against Defendant, METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, and respectfully seeks  
10 the entry of an order (i) adjudging that Defendant has infringed the '159 Patent, in violation of 35  
11 U.S.C. § 271; (ii) granting an injunction enjoining Defendant, its employees, agents, officers,  
12 directors, attorneys, successors, affiliates, subsidiaries and assigns, and all of those in active  
13 concert and participation with any of the foregoing persons or entities from infringing,  
14 contributing to the infringement of, or inducing infringement of the '159 Patent; (iii) ordering  
15 Defendant to account and pay damages adequate to compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's  
16 infringement of the '159 Patent, with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs,  
17 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284; (iv) ordering that the damages award be increased up to three times  
18 the actual amount assessed, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284; (v) declaring this case exceptional and  
19 awarding Plaintiff its reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and, (vi) awarding  
20 such other and further relief as this court deems just and proper.  
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23 **DATED** on September \_\_\_\_, 2017  
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