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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH**

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MIKE WILLIAMS, an individual Utah  
resident,

Plaintiff,

v.

DJO GLOBAL, INC., a Delaware corporation,  
and DJO, LLC, a Delaware limited liability  
company,

Defendants.

**FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Case No. 1:17-CV-00162-CW

Judge Clark Waddoups  
Magistrate Judge Paul M. Warner

JURY DEMAND

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Plaintiff Mike Williams (“Mr. Williams”) complains against defendants DJO GLOBAL, INC. and DJO, LLC (“DonJoy”) for the causes of action alleged as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. Mr. Williams is an individual Utah resident with an address of 536 W 1490 N #101, Logan, UT 84381.

2. Mr. Williams alleges that DJO Global, Inc. is a Delaware corporation, and that DJO, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and DJO Global subsidiary (collectively “DonJoy”), both with a principal place of business at 1430 Decision Street, Vista, CA 92083.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. This is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.*, including 35 U.S.C. § 271.

4. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under at least 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over DonJoy because DonJoy has purposely availed itself of the privileges and benefits of the laws of the State of Utah and has committed acts of patent infringement within this judicial district.

6. DonJoy does and has done substantial business in this judicial District, including: (i) committing acts of patent infringement in this judicial District and elsewhere in Utah; (ii) regularly doing business or soliciting business by virtue of DonJoy's nationwide, interactive and commercial website(s) *www.djoglobal.com* and/or *www.donjoyperformance.com*, and numerous regional and national distributors and retailers which direct DonJoy's services products to Utah residents; and (iii) engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and/or deriving substantial revenue from products and/or services provided to persons in this District and State.

7. This Court's exercise of personal jurisdiction over DonJoy is consistent with the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Utah.

8. Venue is proper in this judicial district under at least 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 & 1400.

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

9. Mr. Williams is the inventor of unique supports including patellar knee braces known by various names including “Cross Strap Patellar Tendon Strap” and “Cross Strap.”

10. Mr. Williams’ technological innovations are protected by a portfolio of design patents, including United States Design Patent Nos. D503,806 and D751,720. This action is based on D503,806 (“the Asserted Patent”), attached hereto as Exhibit A.

11. DonJoy is in the business of globally manufacturing, marketing, and selling athletic accessories, including knee braces. DonJoy uses, sells, and offers for sale knee braces that embody the claimed designs of the Asserted Patent, specifically the “Donjoy Cross Strap” and “Donjoy Patella X Strap” (the “Accused Products”).

12. The designs of the Accused Products are substantially the same as the designs that are the subject matter of the Asserted Patent.

13. Furthermore, the designs of the Accused Products are so substantially similar to the designs that are the subject matter of the Asserted Patent that customers are likely to be deceived and persuaded to buy the Accused Products thinking they are actually buying products protected by the Asserted Patent.

14. DonJoy has had pre-suit knowledge of the Asserted Patent since at least as early as its issuance date of April 5, 2005.

15. In particular, DonJoy formally licensed Mr. Williams’ rights previous to, and concurrent with, the Asserted Patent from March 13, 2004 to April 11, 2015 in order to market the DonJoy Cross Strap.

16. In 2015, instead of continuing a contractual licensing relationship with Mr. Williams, DonJoy informed him that it was discontinuing the DonJoy Cross Strap.

17. DonJoy did not discontinue its Cross Strap until at least as late as 2017, but continued to widely manufacture it, offer it for sale, and sell it without permission. DonJoy also developed, marketed, and sold the “DonJoy Patella X Strap”—again, without permission.

### CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (Infringement of U.S. Patent No. D503,806)

18. Mr. Williams realleges and incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

19. DonJoy has infringed and continues to infringe the ‘806 Patent by offering to sell, selling, or importing the Accused Products in this District, and elsewhere in the United States, the designs of which are substantially the same as the ornamental design of the ‘806 Patent.

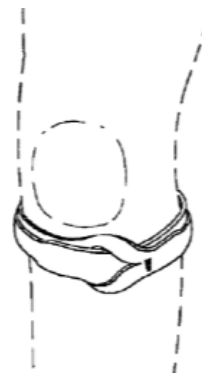
20. The Accused Products are identical and/or so substantially similar to the design of the ‘806 Patent as to deceive an ordinary observer. They have the same and/or highly similar shape and dimensions, and the unique “strap-through” feature of the ‘806 Patent’s design:



*DonJoy Cross Strap*



*DonJoy Patella X Strap*



*Fig. 1, US D503,806*

21. The Accused Products incorporate other specific features of the '806 Patent, including opposing end fastener tabs, wider straps with a slit adjacent to only one end, and a protruding, wider and roughly centered middle portion:



*DonJoy Cross Strap*

*DonJoy Patella X Strap*

*Figs. 2 & 3, US D503,806*

22. DonJoy's actions constitute infringement of the '806 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

23. Mr. Williams has sustained damages and will continue to sustain damages as a result of DonJoy's acts of infringement.

24. Mr. Williams is entitled to recover damages sustained as a result of DonJoy's wrongful acts in an amount to be proven at trial.

25. DonJoy's infringement of Mr. Williams' rights under the '806 Patent will continue to damage Mr. Williams' business, causing irreparable harm, for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless DonJoy is enjoined by this Court.

26. DonJoy has willfully infringed the '806 Patent, entitling Mr. Williams to increased damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and to attorneys' fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

27. Alternatively, Mr. Williams is entitled to recover DonJoy's total profits from its sale of the Accused Products under 35 U.S.C. § 289.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Mr. Williams prays for judgment as follows:

A. A judgment finding DonJoy liable for infringement of the claims of the Asserted Patent;

B. An order requiring DonJoy to make an accounting for all Accused Products it made, used, sold, offered for sale, or imported in the United States;

C. Orders of this Court temporarily, preliminarily, and permanently enjoining DonJoy, its agents, servants, and any and all parties acting in concert with any of them, from directly or indirectly infringing in any manner any of the claims of the Asserted Patent, pursuant to at least 35 U.S.C. § 283;

D. An award of damages adequate to compensate Mr. Williams for DonJoy's infringement of the Asserted Patent, in an amount to be proven at trial, or in the alternative, an award of DonJoy's total profits under 35 U.S.C. § 289;

E. An award of treble Mr. Williams' damages, pursuant to at least 35 U.S.C. § 284;

F. A declaration that this is an exceptional case and that Mr. Williams be awarded its attorney fees and expenses, pursuant to at least 35 U.S.C. § 285;

G. An award of Mr. Williams' costs in bringing this action, pursuant to all applicable state statutory and common law, including at least 35 U.S.C. § 284;

H. An award of Mr. Williams' attorney fees, pursuant to all applicable state statutory and common law.

I. Prejudgment interest, pursuant to at least 35 U.S.C. § 284;

J. Post-judgment interest, pursuant to at least 28 U.S.C. § 1961(a); and

K. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Mr. Williams demands trial by jury on all claims and issues so triable.

DATED: January 30, 2018

*/s/ Preston P. Frischknecht* \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on January 30, 2018, I caused the foregoing FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT to be filed using the courts CM/ECF electronic filing system, which sent electronic notice to all counsel of record, and also sent copy via e-mail, with prior, written consent of counsel.

*/s/ Preston P. Frischknecht* \_\_\_\_\_

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