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

BETTER BROWSING LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD. AND SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 2:23-cv-00302

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Better Browsing LLC ("Better Browsing" or "Plaintiff") files this Complaint against Defendants Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. and Samsung Electronics America, Inc., (collectively "Defendants" or "Samsung") alleging, based on its own knowledge as to itself and its own actions, and based on information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is a patent infringement action against Defendant for infringement of the following United States Patents (the "Asserted Patents") issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO").

	U.S. Patent No.	Title	Available At
A.	11,150,779	Systems And Methods For	https://patentcenter.uspto.gov/applica
	("the '779	Providing An Internet	<u>tions/16361020</u>
	patent")	Browser Zoom And Group	
		Bookmark Functions	https://patents.google.com/patent/US
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			<u>79</u>
B.	8,838,736	Internet Browser Zoom	https://patentcenter.uspto.gov/applica
	("the '736	Function	tions/13207333
	patent")		
			https://patents.google.com/patent/US
			8838736B2/en?oq=8%2c838%2c736

2. Plaintiff seeks monetary damages and injunctive relief.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff Better Browsing LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Texas, with its principal place of business in Austin, Texas (Travis County).
- 4. Better Browsing is the owner of the Asserted Patents with all rights to recover for all past, present, and future infringement, including past damages.
- 5. On information and belief, Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. ("SEC") is a corporation organized under the laws of Republic of Korea, with its principal place of business at 129, Samsung-Ro, YeongTong-Gu, Suwon-Si, Gyonggi-Do, 443-742, Republic of Korea.
- 6. On information and belief, Defendant Samsung Electronics America, Inc. ("SEA") is a United States corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, with its principal place of business at 85 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660. SEA is a wholly owned subsidiary of SEC.
- 7. On information and belief, SEA has corporate offices in the Eastern District of Texas at 1303 East Lookout Drive, Richardson, Texas 75082, 2800 Technology Drive, Suite 200, Plano, Texas 75074, and at 6625 Excellence Way, Plano, Texas 75023. On information and belief, SEA may be served with process through its registered agent CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201-3136.
- 8. On information and belief, Defendants are related entities that work in concert to design, manufacture, import, distribute, offer to sell and/or sell devices that infringe the Asserted Patent.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 9. Better Browsing repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as though fully set forth in their entirety.
- 10. This is an action for infringement of a United States patent arising under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, and 284–285, among others. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of the action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 1338(a).
- 11. Each Defendant is subject to this Court's personal jurisdiction consistent with the principles of due process and the Texas Long Arm Statute. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §§ 17.041, et seq.
- 12. On information and belief, jurisdiction and venue for this action are proper in this District.
- 13. This Court has personal jurisdiction over each Defendant because each Defendant, directly or through intermediaries, has committed acts within this District giving rise to this action and/or has established minimum contacts with this District such that the exercise of jurisdiction would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. In particular, each Defendant (i) has a regular and established place of business in the State of Texas and this District; (ii) has purposefully availed itself of the rights and benefits of the laws of the State of Texas and this District; (iii) has done and is doing substantial business in the State of Texas and this District, directly or through intermediaries, both generally and, on information and belief, with respect to the allegations in this Complaint, including its one or more acts of infringement in the State of Texas and this District; (iv) has derived and derives substantial revenues from infringing acts occurring in the State of Texas and this District; (v) maintains continuous and systematic contacts in the State of Texas and this District; and/or (vi) places products alleged to be infringing in this

- Complaint in the stream of commerce with awareness that those products are sold, used, and offered for sale in the State of Texas and this District.
- 14. SEA maintains a regular and established place of business in this District at 6625 Excellence Way, Plano, Texas 75023 and has committed acts of infringement in this District and from its Plano, Texas place of business.
- 15. Samsung has described this 216,000 square foot "flagship" Plano office, with over 1,000 employees, as part of its "longstanding and growing commitment to Texas."
- 16. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)-(c) and 1400(b) at least because SEA has committed acts of infringement and is subject to personal jurisdiction in this District, including by way of maintain a regular and established place of business at 6625 Excellence Way, Plano, Texas 75023. SEA, through its own acts and/or through the acts of each other Defendant acting as its agent, representative, or alter ego, makes, uses, sells, offers to sell, and/or imports infringing products within this District, has a continuing presence within this Judicial District, and has the requisite minimum contacts with this District such that venue is proper.
- 17. Additionally, venue is proper as to SEC under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c)(3) because SEC is a foreign corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of Korea.
- 18. SEC is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district at least because it places products alleged to be infringing in this Complaint in the stream of commerce with the awareness and intention that those products are sold, used, and offered for sale in the State of Texas and this District.

¹ See https://news.samsung.com/us/samsung-electronics-america-open-flagship-north-texas-campus/.

THE ACCUSED PRODUCTS

- 19. Better Browsing repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as though fully set forth in their entirety.
- 20. Samsung makes, has made, uses, causes to be used, imports, provides, supplies, distributes, or offers computer products, including, but not limited to, the Galaxy Chromebook, Galaxy Chromebook 2 360, Galaxy Chromebook Go, Chromebook 4, Chromebook 4+, and Chromebook Plus, all of which come preloaded with the Google Chrome internet browser software.

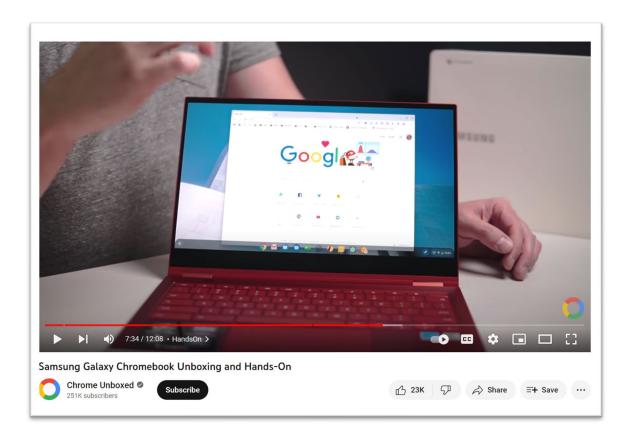


Fig. 1. Screenshot of user review of the Samsung Galaxy Chromebook displaying the Google Chrome software preloaded on the device.²

² The user review can be accessed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ktSE3Q4vdQ (last visited June 13, 2023).

21. Based upon public information, Samsung owns, operates, advertises, controls, sells, imports, and/or offers for sale, and instructs its subsidiaries, affiliates, and end users to use the hardware, software, and functionality that allows users to use the Google Chrome internet browser to operate and display web browser functions, including group bookmarking and web page zooming ("Accused Products").

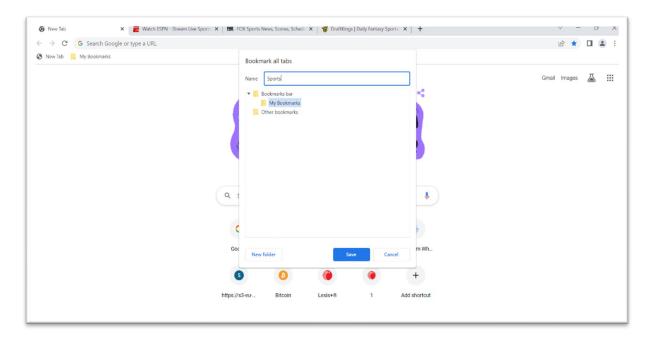


Fig. 2A. Screenshot of Google Chrome user interface for group bookmarking all presently open tabs.

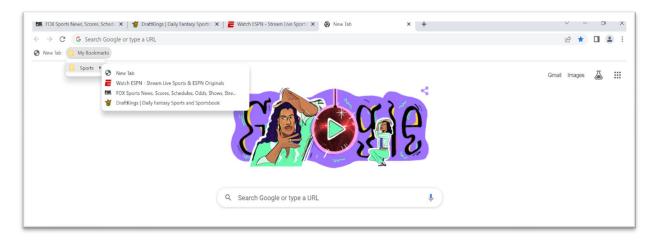


Fig. 2B. Screenshot of shortcut icon for group bookmark created in Figure 2A.

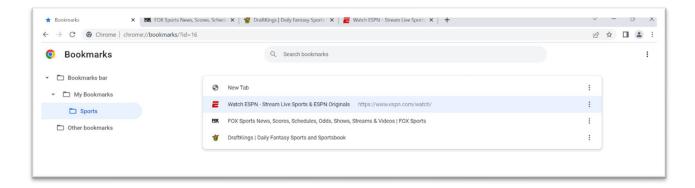


Fig 2C. Screenshot of additional group bookmarking functionalities found in the group bookmark manager tab in Google Chrome.

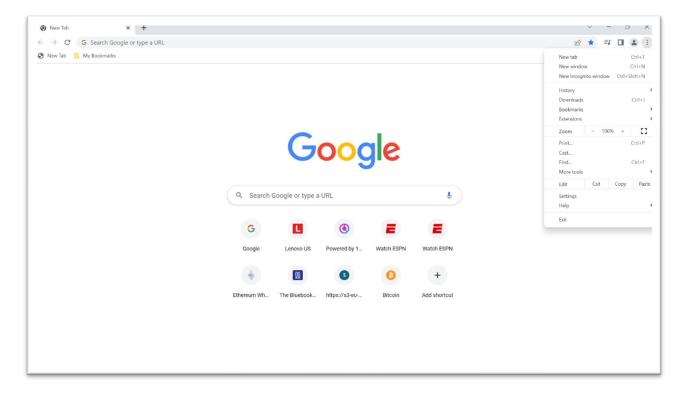


Fig. 2D. Screenshot of zoom icon in Google Chrome, which enables zoom functionality.

22. The Accused Products are available for sale at https://www.samsung.com/us/computing/#chromebooks, in addition to various retailers, including, but not limited to, Best Buy, Walmart, Staples, and Microcenter. Users may begin using the Google Chrome internet browser immediately after purchase.

COUNT I: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 11,150,779

- 23. Better Browsing repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as though fully set forth in their entirety.
- 24. The USPTO issued the '779 patent on October 19, 2021, after full and fair examination of Application No. 16/361,020 which was filed on March 21, 2019. *See* '779 patent at p.1.
- 25. Better Browsing owns all rights, interest, and title in and to the '779 patent, including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce the '779 patent against infringers, and to collect damages for all relevant times.
- 26. The claims of the '779 patent are not directed to an abstract idea. For example, claim 1 of the '779 patent recites a specific and multi-step method to operate zoom and group bookmarking functions in a web browser concurrently connected to a plurality of website domains via a network. The claimed inventions of the '779 patent are not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed inventions include inventive components that improve upon the experience of accessing and viewing pages on the Internet and operating a web browser concurrently connected to a plurality of website domains.
- 27. The written description of the '779 patent describes in technical detail each of the limitations of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.
- 28. Samsung has directly infringed the '779 patent by making, having made, using, testing, providing, supplying, distributing, selling, marketing, or offering the Accused Products to customers.

- 29. Samsung has directly infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '779 patent.
- 30. The method performed and supplied by the Accused Products includes the steps of: A computerized method for operating zoom and group bookmarking functions in a web browser concurrently connected to a plurality of website domains via a network, the computerized method comprising: loading, by the web browser, in a web browser instance, a plurality of webpages comprising text and image content, each webpage corresponding to a website from the plurality of website domains to which the browser is concurrently connected; receiving a user indication of a selection of a webpage, from among the plurality of webpages, and in response to receipt of such indication, causing the web browser to display the selected webpage in an active window of the web browser instance; displaying a zoom icon in a web browser display, wherein said zoom icon directly controls a zoom function for the selected webpage displayed in the active window of the web browser, wherein appearance of the zoom icon indicates a current zoom factor for said webpage; receiving a user indication of a selection of said zoom icon and, in response to receipt of such indication causing the web browser to perform the following actions for the selected webpage displayed in the active window of the web browser: change the current zoom factor for the selected webpage displayed in the active window without altering another of said plurality of webpages; and change appearance of the zoom icon to indicate the changed zoom factor for said selected webpage; wherein changing the zoom factor enlarges or makes smaller the selected webpage displayed in the active window without altering another of said plurality of webpages; displaying a selectable group bookmark icon in the web browser display, wherein said group bookmark icon controls a group bookmarking

function for the plurality of webpages associated with the plurality of website domains to which the browser is concurrently connected; receiving a user indication of a selection of said group bookmark icon and, in response to receipt of such indication, causing the web browser to perform the following actions: generate a group bookmark comprising a data structure storing at least the plurality of uniform resource locators associated with the plurality of website domains to which the web browser is concurrently connected; and save the generated group bookmark in memory.

- 31. For instance, Samsung, using the Accused Products, makes, has made, uses, provides, supplies, distributes, sells, markets, or offers the Google Chrome browser that performs a method of operating zoom and group bookmarking functions in a web browser concurrently connected to a plurality of website domains via a network.
- 32. Better Browsing has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Samsung alleged above. Samsung is liable to Plaintiff in an amount that compensates it for such 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.
- 33. Better Browsing or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for infringement of the '779 patent.
- 34. Since at least the time of receiving this Complaint, Samsung has also indirectly infringed and continues to indirectly infringe the '779 patent by inducing others to directly infringe the '779 patent. Samsung has induced and continues to induce end-users, including Samsung's customers, as well as affiliates, subsidiaries, franchisees, and Samsung's employees, to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '779

patent by downloading and/or using the Accused Products. Samsung took active steps, directly or through contractual relationships with others, with the specific intent to cause them to use the Accused Products in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the '779 patent, including, for example, claim 1 of the '779 patent. Such steps by Samsung include, among other things, advising or directing personnel, contractors, affiliates, subsidiaries, franchisees, or end-users to make or use the Accused Products in an infringing manner; advertising and promoting the use of the Accused Products in an infringing manner; or distributing instructions that guide users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. Samsung is performing these steps, which constitutes induced infringement with the knowledge of the '779 patent and with the knowledge that the induced acts constitute infringement. Samsung is aware that the normal and customary use of the Accused Products by others would infringe the '779 patent. Samsung's inducement is ongoing.

Samsung has also indirectly infringed by contributing to the infringement of the '779 patent. Samsung has contributed to the direct infringement of the '779 patent by its personnel, contractors, and customers. The Accused Products have special features that are specially designed to be used in an infringing way and that have no substantial uses other than ones that infringe one or more claims of the '779 patent, including, for example, claim 1 of the '779 patent. The special features include, for example, the method recited in claim 1, including all the intermediary steps, that allow the claimed method to operate zoom and group bookmarking functions in a web browser concurrently connected to a plurality of website domains via a network. The special features constitute a material part of the invention of one or more of the claims of the '779 patent and are not staple articles

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- of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Samsung's contributory infringement is ongoing.
- 36. Samsung has had knowledge of the '779 patent at least as of the date when it was notified of the filing of this action.
- 37. Furthermore, on information and belief, Samsung has a policy or practice of not reviewing the patents of others (including instructing its employees to not review the patents of others), and thus has been willfully blind of Better Browsing's patent rights.
- 38. Samsung's actions are at least objectively reckless as to the risk of infringing a valid patent and this objective risk was either known or should have been known by Samsung.
- 39. Samsung's direct and indirect infringement of the '779 patent is, has been, and continues to be willful, intentional, deliberate, or in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights under the patent.
- 40. Better Browsing has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Samsung alleged above. Thus, Samsung is liable to Better Browsing in an amount that compensates it for such 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.
- 41. Better Browsing has suffered irreparable harm, through its loss of market share and goodwill, for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Better Browsing has and will continue to suffer this harm by virtue of Samsung's infringement of the '779 patent. Samsung's actions have interfered with and will interfere with Better Browsing's ability to license technology. The balance of hardships favors Better Browsing's ability to commercialize its own ideas and technology. The public interest in allowing Better

Browsing to enforce its right to exclude outweighs other public interests, which supports injunctive relief in this case.

COUNT II: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,838,736

- 42. Better Browsing repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as though fully set forth in their entirety.
- 43. The USPTO issued the '736 patent on September 16, 2014, after full and fair examination of Application No. 13/207,333, filed on August 10. 2011. *See* '736 patent at p.1.
- 44. Better Browsing owns all rights, interest, and title in and to the '736 patent, including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce the '736 patent against infringers, and to collect damages for all relevant times.
- 45. The claims of the '736 patent are not directed to an abstract idea. For example, claim 1 of the '736 patent recites a method to operate zoom function on a web browser. The claimed inventions of the '736 patent are not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed inventions include inventive components that improve upon the experience of accessing and viewing pages on the Internet and operating a web browser concurrently connected to a plurality of website domains.
- 46. The written description of the '736 patent describes in technical detail each of the limitations of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

- 47. Samsung has directly infringed the '736 patent by making, having made, using, testing, providing, supplying, distributing, selling, marketing, or offering the Accused Products to customers.
- 48. Samsung has directly infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '736 patent.
- 49. The methods performed and supplied by Samsung includes a method for a zoom function on a web browser, comprising: presenting to a user an icon shown on a web browser display wherein said icon directly controls a zoom function (hereinafter: the zoom icon) for webpages displayed in at least an active window, wherein appearance of the zoom icon indicates a current zoom factor; wherein a selection of said zoom icon directly causes the web browser to perform both the following actions: changing zoom factor for one or more selected webpages displayed in said at least an active window; and changing appearance of the zoom icon to indicate the current zoom factor for said one or more selected webpages..
- 50. For instance, Samsung, using the Accused Products, makes, has made, uses, provides, supplies, distributes, sells, markets, or offers the Google Chrome browser that performs a method of operating zoom and group bookmarking functions in a web browser concurrently connected to a plurality of website domains via a network.
- 51. Better Browsing has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Samsung alleged above. Samsung is liable to Plaintiff in an amount that compensates it for such 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.

- 52. Better Browsing or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for infringement of the '736 patent.
- 53. Since at least the time of receiving this Complaint, Samsung has also indirectly infringed and continues to indirectly infringe the '736 patent by inducing others to directly infringe the '736 patent. Samsung has induced and continues to induce end-users, including Samsung's customers, as well as affiliates, subsidiaries, franchisees, and Samsung's employees, to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '736 patent by downloading and/or using the Accused Products. Samsung took active steps, directly or through contractual relationships with others, with the specific intent to cause them to use the Accused Products in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the '736 patent, including, for example, claim 1 of the '736 patent. Such steps by Samsung include, among other things, advising or directing personnel, contractors, affiliates, subsidiaries, franchisees, or end-users to make or use the Accused Products in an infringing manner; advertising and promoting the use of the Accused Products in an infringing manner; or distributing instructions that guide users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. Samsung is performing these steps, which constitutes induced infringement with the knowledge of the '736 patent and with the knowledge that the induced acts constitute infringement. Samsung is aware that the normal and customary use of the Accused Products by others would infringe the '736 patent. Samsung's inducement is ongoing.
- 54. Samsung has also indirectly infringed by contributing to the infringement of the '736 patent. Samsung has contributed to the direct infringement of the '736 patent by its personnel, contractors, and customers. The Accused Products have special features that

are specially designed to be used in an infringing way and that have no substantial uses other than ones that infringe one or more claims of the '736 patent, including, for example, claim 1 of the '736 patent. The special features include, for example, the method recited in claim 1, including all the intermediary steps, that allow the claimed method to operate zoom functions in a web browser. The special features constitute a material part of the invention of one or more of the claims of the '736 patent and are not staple articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Samsung's contributory infringement is ongoing.

- 55. Samsung has had knowledge of the '736 patent at least as of the date when it was notified of the filing of this action.
- 56. Furthermore, on information and belief, Samsung has a policy or practice of not reviewing the patents of others (including instructing its employees to not review the patents of others), and thus has been willfully blind of Better Browsing's patent rights.
- 57. Samsung's actions are at least objectively reckless as to the risk of infringing a valid patent and this objective risk was either known or should have been known by Samsung.
- 58. Samsung's direct and indirect infringement of the '736 patent is, has been, and continues to be willful, intentional, deliberate, or in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights under the patent.
- 59. Better Browsing has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Samsung alleged above. Thus, Samsung is liable to Better Browsing in an amount that compensates it for such 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.

60. Better Browsing has suffered irreparable harm, through its loss of market share and goodwill, for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Better Browsing has and will continue to suffer this harm by virtue of Samsung's infringement of the '736 patent. Samsung's actions have interfered with and will interfere with Better Browsing's ability to license technology. The balance of hardships favors Better Browsing's ability to commercialize its own ideas and technology. The public interest in allowing Better Browsing to enforce its right to exclude outweighs other public interests, which supports injunctive relief in this case.

JURY DEMAND

61. Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable by right.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 62. WHEREFORE, Better Browsing requests that the Court find in its favor and against Samsung, and that the Court grant Better Browsing the following relief:
 - Judgment that one or more claims of the Asserted Patents has been infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by Samsung or all others acting in concert therewith;
 - b. A permanent injunction enjoining Samsung and its officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in concert therewith from infringement of the Asserted Patents; or, in the alternative, an award of a reasonable ongoing royalty for future infringement of the Asserted Patents by such entities;

- c. Judgment that Samsung account for and pay to Better Browsing all damages to and costs incurred by Better Browsing because of Samsung's infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein;
- d. Judgment that Samsung's infringements be found willful, and that the Court award treble damages for the period of such willful infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- e. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages caused by Samsung's infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein;
- f. That this Court declare this an exceptional case and award Better Browsing its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
- g. All other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: <u>June 23, 2023</u> Respectfully submitted,

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