

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Commercial Recovery Corporation,	)	Court File No. _____
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>COMPLAINT FOR</b>
	)	<b>PATENT INFRINGEMENT</b>
Allen, Maxwell & Silver, Inc.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	<b>JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</b>
	)	

For its Complaint against Defendant Allen, Maxwell & Silver, Inc., Plaintiff Commercial Recovery Corporation (“CRC”), hereby states and alleges as follows:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is a patent infringement action arising under the patent laws of the United States, including 35 U.S.C. §§271 and 281-285, among others.

**PARTIES**

2. The Plaintiff, Commercial Recovery Corporation (“CRC”), is a Minnesota corporation, whose registered address is 2422 Arnold Palmer Drive Blaine, MN 55549.

3. CRC is the assignee and owner, with all right, title and interest, of U.S. Patent No. 7,167,839 (the “CRC Patent”), entitled a “Collection Agency Data Access Method.” The CRC Patent, as described in its Abstract, is an account data access method allowing access to an agency account database, such as that of a collection agency, over a network by agency affiliates and clients of the agency. The subject matter of the CRC Patent, among other things, provides for the secure access to a client’s accounts using a

web browser over the internet as set forth in detail in the claims of the CRC Patent. A true and correct copy of the CRC Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

4. The Defendant, Allen, Maxwell & Silver, Inc. (“Defendant”), is a corporation engaged in the business of debt collection and is located at 190 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. As set forth below, Defendant has infringed and willfully infringed the CRC Patent.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5. This Court has jurisdiction is based on the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 and 281-285, as well as 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

6. On information and belief, Defendant is subject to this Court’s specific and general personal jurisdiction, and venue is appropriate in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(c) and 1400(b). Defendant has substantial business in this forum, including and relating to the infringements alleged herein. Further, upon information and belief, Defendant has interactive websites comprising of infringing methods which are used and/or accessible in this forum. 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/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to persons or entities in this State. Further, on information and belief, Defendant is registered and licensed to do business in this State, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ch. 332. Further, Defendant transacts business in this State and has committed, or has caused to be committed, acts of patent infringement within and/or outside Minnesota that have caused injury to Plaintiff in Minnesota.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

7. Inventor Kevin Layne of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, applied for the CRC Patent on November 5, 1999. Mr. Layne's entire right, title, and interest in the CRC Patent has been assigned to CRC. The CRC Patent application was duly and legally issued by the U.S. Patent Office and as U.S. Patent No. 7,167,839 on January 23, 2007. The CRC Patent is titled a "Collection Agency Data Access Method."

8. The subject matter of the CRC Patent, among other things, provides for the secure access to a client's accounts using a web browser over the internet as set forth in the claims of the CRC Patent.

9. On information and belief, the Defendant named herein has infringed the CRC Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271 through actions comprising the making, using, selling, offering to sell, and/or importing the systems and/or methods which comprise collection agency data access methods covered by one or more claims of the CRC Patent.

**COUNT ONE**

**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,167,839**

10. CRC incorporates by reference all of the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth here.

11. By its acts, Defendant has infringed and continues the CRC Patent.

12. Defendant is now and has been infringing, contributorily infringing, and/or inducing infringement of the CRC Patent, literally and under the doctrine of equivalents.

13. Defendant does not have a license or permission to use the claimed subject matter of the CRC Patent.

14. Defendant's infringement of the CRC Patent has injured CRC and will cause CRC further irreparable injury and damage in the future unless and until Defendant is enjoined from infringing the CRC Patent. Defendant is liable to CRC in an amount that adequately compensates it for its infringement, 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.

15. Defendant's infringement has been willful.

**WHEREFORE**, plaintiff CRC, respectfully requests that the Court enter judgment in its favor, and against Defendant as follows:

1. A judgment in favor of CRC and against Defendant on Count I of this Complaint;

2. A judgment finding that Defendant has infringed, contributorily infringed, and/or induced infringement of the CRC Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271;

3. A judgment that the CRC patent is valid and enforceable;

4. A judgment that Defendant has willfully infringed the CRC patent, and that CRC is entitled to relief provided by 35 U.S.C. § 284, including, but not limited to, treble damages;

5. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendant, and their officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, assigns, and all others acting in concert with Defendant from infringement, inducing infringement of, or contributing to the infringement, directly or indirectly, of the CRC Patent;

6. If a permanent injunction is not granted, a judicial determination of the

conditions for future infringement such as a royalty-bearing license or such other relief as the Court deems appropriate;

7. An award of damages adequate to compensate CRC for the infringement of the CRC patent that has occurred;

8. An order that Defendant make an accounting of its accounts, receivables, revenues, profits, royalties, and damages owed to CRC, including any and all pre- and post-judgment periods of infringement;

9. A determination that this is an exceptional case and an award of CRC's attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285 and any other applicable statute or law, and an award of CRC's costs; and

10. That Defendant pay pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; and

11. Such other relief as the Court deems equitable under the circumstances.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff CRC, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

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