# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS TYLER DIVISION

SFA SYSTEMS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

**Civil Action No. . 6:11-cv-00560** 

v.

RIGHTNOW TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

**Defendant** 

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

#### COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

For its Complaint against RightNow Technologies, Inc. ("RightNow"), Plaintiff SFA Systems, LLC ("SFA") alleges as follows:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. SFA is a Texas Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business at 719 W. Front Street, Suite 242, Tyler, Texas 75702.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant RightNow is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business located at 136 Enterprise Boulevard, Bozeman, Montana 59718. RightNow may be served with process through its registered agent, CT Corporation System, 350 N Saint Paul Street, Suite 2900, Dallas, Texas 75201-4234. Upon information and belief, Defendant RightNow announced the acquisition of SalesNet, Inc. in May 2006.

#### **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 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

- 4. On information and belief, Defendants are subject to this Court's specific and general personal jurisdiction pursuant to due process and/or the Texas Long Arm Statute, due at least to their substantial business in this forum, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in Texas and in this Judicial District.
- 5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b). On information and belief, each Defendant has a regular and established place of business in this district, has transacted business in this district and has committed and/or induced acts of patent infringement in this district.

## **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,941,341**

- 6. SFA is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 7,941,341 ("the '341 patent") entitled "Sales Force Automation System and Method," a true copy of which is attached as Exhibit A. The '341 patent was issued on May 10, 2011.
- 7. Defendant RightNow has been and now is directly infringing, and indirectly infringing by way of inducing infringement by others and/or contributing to the infringement by others of the '341 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States. Among other things, RightNow has been making, using, selling and offering to sell in the United States, without license, computer implemented sales systems and methods for facilitating processes relating to the sale and provision of products and services, including, but not limited to, its "RightNow CX" solution and its "Intent Guide," "Web Self-Service," "Chat," "Email Response Management," "Cloud Monitor," "Dynamic Desktop Agent," "Customer Feedback," "Service," and "App Builder" products and modules which are covered by one or more claims of the '341 patent. RightNow has also otherwise been making and using, without license, supply chain methods, sales methods, sales systems, marketing methods, marketing systems, and inventory systems covered by one or more claims of the '341 patent. RightNow has indirectly infringed the '341 patent by inducing its licensed customers and third party users

of its solutions and products to use and practice the computer implemented sales systems and methods covered by the claims of the '341 patent. Defendant RightNow is thus liable for infringement of the '341 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

- 8. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that RightNow's infringement of the '341 patent is or has been willful, SFA reserves the right to request such a finding at time of trial.
- 9. As a result of the above RightNow's infringement of the '341 patent, SFA has suffered monetary damages that are compensable under 35 U.S.C. § 284 in an amount not yet determined, and will continue to suffer such monetary damages in the future unless RightNow's infringing activities are permanently enjoined by this Court.
- 10. Unless a permanent injunction is issued enjoining RightNow and its agents, servants, employees, attorneys, representatives, affiliates, and all other acting on its behalf from infringing the '341 patent, SFA will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

## **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,067,525**

- 11. SFA is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 6,067,525 ("the '525 patent") entitled "Integrated Computerized Sales Force Automation System," a true copy of which is attached as Exhibit B. The '525 patent was issued on May 23, 2000.
- 12. Defendant RightNow has been and now is directly infringing, and indirectly infringing by way of inducing infringement by others and/or contributing to the infringement by others of the '525 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States. Among other things, RightNow has been making, using, selling and offering to sell in the United States, without license, computer implemented sales systems and methods for facilitating processes relating to the sale and provision of products and services, including, but not limited to, its "RightNow CX" solution and its "Intent Guide," "Web Self-Service," "Chat," "Email Response Management," "Cloud Monitor," "Dynamic Desktop Agent," "Customer Feedback," "Service," and "App Builder" products and modules which are covered by one or

more claims of the '525 patent. RightNow has also otherwise been making and using, without license, supply chain methods, sales methods, sales systems, marketing methods, marketing systems, and inventory systems covered by one or more claims of the '341 patent. RightNow has indirectly infringed the '525 patent by inducing its licensed customers and third party users of its solutions and products to use and practice the computer implemented sales systems and methods covered by the claims of the '525 patent. Defendant RightNow is thus liable for infringement of the '525 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

- 13. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that RightNow's infringement of the '525 patent is or has been willful, SFA reserves the right to request such a finding at time of trial.
- 14. As a result of the above RightNow's infringement of the '525 patent, SFA has suffered monetary damages that are compensable under 35 U.S.C. § 284 in an amount not yet determined, and will continue to suffer such monetary damages in the future unless RightNow's infringing activities are permanently enjoined by this Court.
- 15. Unless permanent injunctions are issued enjoining RightNow and its agents, servants, employees, attorneys, representatives, affiliates, and all other acting on its behalf from infringing the '525 patent, SFA will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, SFA requests that this Court enter:

- 1. A judgment in favor of SFA that RightNow has infringed the '341 patent, directly and indirectly, by way of inducing and/or contributing to the infringement of the '341 patent;
- 2. A judgment in favor of SFA that RightNow has infringed the '525 patent, directly and indirectly, by way of inducing and/or contributing to the infringement of the '525 patent;
- 3. A permanent injunction, enjoining RightNow and its officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in

concert therewith from infringement, inducing the infringement of, or contributing to the

infringement of the '341 patent;

4. A permanent injunction, enjoining RightNow and its officers, directors, agents,

servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in

concert therewith from infringement, inducing the infringement of, or contributing to the

infringement of the '525 patent;

5. A judgment and order requiring RightNow to pay SFA its damages, costs,

expenses and prejudgment and post-judgment interest for RightNow's infringement of the '341

patent as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284;

6. A judgment and order requiring RightNow to pay SFA its damages, costs,

expenses and prejudgment and post-judgment interest for RightNow's infringement of the '525

patent as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284; and

7. Any and all other relief for which the Court may deem SFA entitled.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

Plaintiff SFA, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by

jury of any issues so triable by right.

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Respectfully submitted,

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