

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

**TEJAS RESEARCH, LLC,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**THE NEIMAN-MARCUS GROUP, INC.;**  
**AND NEIMAN MARCUS, INC.,**  
Defendants.

**Civil Action No.**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

This is an action for patent infringement in which Tejas Research, LLC. (“Tejas Research” or “Plaintiff”) makes the following allegations against The Neiman-Marcus Group, Inc. and Neiman Marcus, Inc. (collectively, “Neiman Marcus” or “Defendants”):

**PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Tejas Research is a Texas limited liability company having a principal place of business of 719 West Front Street, Suite 174, Tyler, Texas 75702.

2. On information and belief, Defendant The Neiman-Marcus Group, Inc. is a Delaware Corporation, with its principal place of business located at One Marcus Square, 1618 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75201. The Neiman-Marcus Group, Inc. has appointed The Corporate Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, as its agent for service of process.

3. On information and belief, Defendant Neiman Marcus, Inc. is a Delaware Corporation, with its principal place of business located at One Marcus Square, 1618 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75201. Neiman Marcus, Inc. has appointed The Corporate Trust Company,

Corporation Trust Center 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, as its agent for service of process.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4. 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).

5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 (b), (c), (d) and 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendants have transacted business in this district, and have committed and/or induced acts of patent infringement in this district.

6. 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 its 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.

### **COUNT I**

#### **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,006,231**

7. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 6,006,231 ("the '231 Patent") entitled "File format for an image including multiple versions of an image, and related system and method." A true and correct copy of the '231 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

8. Upon information and belief, Defendants have been and are now infringing the '231 Patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States, by, among other things, directly or through intermediaries, making, using, importing, providing,

supplying, distributing, selling, and/or offering for sale apparatuses and systems and providing methods practiced on Neiman Marcus's various websites (including, without limitation, <http://www.neimanmarcus.com> and related internal systems supporting the operation of said websites) covered by one or more claims of the '231 Patent to the injury of Tejas Research. Neiman Marcus is directly infringing, literally infringing, and infringing the '231 Patent under the doctrine of equivalents. Neiman Marcus is thus liable for infringement of the '231 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

9. Defendants have also been inducing infringement of the '231 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) by intentionally and knowingly inviting and instructing the users of websites supported by Neiman Marcus's software to perform the claimed methods and by supplying software modules or components used to directly infringe.

10. Defendants have also been contributing to the infringement of the '231 Patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) by selling or offering to sell in the United States the software that powers the accused websites with knowledge that the software is especially made or adapted for use in a way that infringes. The software that Defendants provide is a significant part of the inventions of the claims of the '231 Patent and has no significant non-infringing use.

11. On information and belief, to the extent any marking was required by 35 U.S.C. §287, all predecessors in interest to the '231 Patent complied with any such requirements.

12. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that Defendants' infringement of the '231 Patent is, or has been willful, Plaintiff reserves the right to request such a finding at the time of trial.

13. As a result of Defendants' infringement of the '231 Patent, Plaintiff has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendants' infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Defendants, together with interest and costs as fixed by the court, and Plaintiff will continue to suffer damages in the future unless Defendants' infringing activities are enjoined by this Court.

14. Unless a permanent injunction is issued enjoining Defendants and their agents, servants, employees, representatives, affiliates, and all others acting on in active concert therewith from infringing the '231 Patent, Plaintiff will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter:

1. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendants have infringed, directly, jointly and/or indirectly, by way of inducing and/or contributing to the infringement of the '231 Patent;
2. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendants and their officers, directors, agents servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringement, inducing the infringement of, or contributing to the infringement of the '231 Patent, or such other equitable relief the Court determines is warranted;
3. A judgment and order requiring Defendants pay Plaintiff its damages, costs, expenses, and prejudgment and post-judgment interest for Defendants' infringement of the '231 Patent as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284, and an accounting of ongoing post-judgment infringement;

4. Any and all other relief, at law or equity, to which Plaintiff may show itself to be entitled.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Tejas Research, 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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