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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 DECKERS OUTDOOR CORPORATION,)
12 a Delaware Corporation,)
13 Plaintiff,)
14 v.)
15 SHEEPSKIN AND ALPACA)
16 SPECIALTIES, an unknown business)
17 entity; DENIS MUNSTERMAN, an)
18 individual; DENISE MUNSTERMAN, an)
19 individual; FRANCIS ENTERPRISES,)
20 INC., a Florida Corporation; and DOES 1-)
21 10, inclusive,)
22 Defendants.)

CASE NO. **CV 13-00528** MRW

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES:
1. PATENT INFRINGEMENT;
2. COMMON LAW UNFAIR COMPETITION

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

20 Plaintiff **Deckers Outdoor Corporation** for its claims against Defendants
21 **Sheepskin and Alpaca Specialties, Denis Munsterman, Denise Munsterman, and**
22 **Francis Enterprises, Inc.** (collectively "Defendants") respectfully alleges as follows:

23 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 24 1. Plaintiff files this action against Defendants for patent infringement
25 arising under the patent laws of the United States. This Court has subject matter
26 jurisdiction over the claims alleged in this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338.
27 2. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants
28 do business within this judicial district.

1 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that at all
2 relevant times herein, Defendants and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, knew or
3 reasonably should have known of the acts and behavior alleged herein and the damages
4 caused thereby, and by their inaction ratified and encouraged such acts and behavior.
5 Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, have a
6 non-delegable duty to prevent or not further such acts and the behavior described
7 herein, which duty Defendants and DOES 1 though 10, inclusive, failed and/or refused
8 to perform.

9 **ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION**

10 **A. Deckers' UGG® Brand**

11 10. Deckers has become well known throughout the United States and
12 elsewhere as a source of high quality footwear products identified at least by its
13 UGG® brand of premium footwear.

14 11. Deckers' UGG® products are distributed and sold to consumers through
15 retailers throughout the United States at point of sale and on the Internet, including
16 through its website www.uggaustralia.com.

17 12. Deckers has spent substantial time, effort, and money in designing,
18 developing, advertising, promoting, and marketing its famous UGG® Australia line of
19 footwear. Deckers' efforts have been successful and Deckers has sold a substantial
20 amount of UGG® Australia footwear.

21 13. Many of Deckers' UGG® footwear designs are protected by design
22 patents issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Amongst the many
23 UGG design patents owned by Deckers is one for the "Ultimate Outsole" which was
24 registered on October 5, 2004 under U.S. Reg. No. US D496,778 ("UGG Footwear
25 Outsole Design"). Attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1 is a true and
26 correct copy of the design patent for the above-referenced footwear outsole.

27 14. Deckers is the lawful assignee of all right, title, and interest in and to its
28 design patents.

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B. Defendants’ Infringement of the UGG Footwear Outsole Design

15. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff hereon avers that Defendant Sheepskin and Alpaca Specialties advertises, offers for sale, and sells footwear on its website – www.sheepskinandalpaca.com. Consumers nationwide, including those in this judicial district, can purchase Defendants’ products via said website.

16. Plaintiff and its representatives have recently discovered the sale of footwear bearing an outsole that infringes upon Deckers’ federally registered UGG Footwear Outsole Design at www.sheepskinandalpaca.com.



Ugg Design Patent No. D496,778

Outsole of Boot from Sheepskin & Alpaca

17. Upon information and belief, Defendant Francis Enterprises, Inc. is the supplier, source, and/or manufacturer of the infringing boots obtained from Defendant Sheepskin and Alpaca Specialties.

18. Upon information and belief, Defendants Dennis Munsterman and Denise Munsterman are the active, moving, conscious forces behind the infringing activities of Defendant Sheepskin and Alpaca Specialties alleged herein.

19. Deckers has not granted a license or any other form of permission to Defendants with respect to any of its registered design patents, including the UGG Footwear Outsole Design.

1 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

2 **(Patent Infringement – 35 U.S.C. § 271)**

3 20. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference the averments of the preceding
4 paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

5 21. Plaintiff Deckers Outdoor Corporation is the owner by assignment of all
6 right, title and interest in and to the UGG Footwear Outsole Design.

7 22. Defendants have knowingly and intentionally manufactured, caused to be
8 produced, distributed, advertised, marketed, offered for sale, and/or sold footwear that
9 infringes upon the UGG Footwear Outsole Design in direct violation of 35 U.S.C. §
10 271.

11 23. Defendants' use of the UGG Footwear Outsole Design is without
12 Plaintiff's permission or authority and is in total disregard of Plaintiff's right to control
13 its intellectual property.

14 24. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' infringing conduct,
15 Plaintiff has been injured and will continue to suffer injury to its business and
16 reputation unless Defendants are restrained by this Court from infringing Plaintiff's
17 design patents.

18 25. Defendants' acts have damaged and will continue to damage Plaintiff, and
19 Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

20 26. On information and belief, Defendants' acts herein complained of
21 constitute willful acts and intentional infringement of the UGG Footwear Outsole
22 Design.

23 27. In light of the foregoing, Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief
24 prohibiting Defendants from using the UGG Footwear Outsole Design and to recover
25 from Defendants all damages, including attorneys' fees, that Plaintiff has sustained and
26 will sustain as a result of such infringing acts, and all gains, profits and advantages
27 obtained by Defendants as a result thereof, in an amount to be determined, which
28 amount can be trebled under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

1 agents, employees, and attorneys, and all those persons or entities in active concert or
2 participation with them from:

3 (a) manufacturing, importing, advertising, marketing, promoting,
4 supplying, distributing, offering for sale, or selling any products that infringe upon the
5 UGG Footwear Outsole Design, including the Infringing Products;

6 (b) engaging in any other activity constituting unfair competition with
7 Plaintiff, or acts and practices that deceive consumers, the public, and/or trade,
8 including without limitation, the use of designations and design elements used or
9 owned by or associated with Plaintiff; and

10 (c) committing any other act which falsely represents or which has the
11 effect of falsely representing that the goods and services of Defendants are licensed by,
12 authorized by, offered by, produced by, sponsored by, or in any other way associated
13 with Plaintiff;

14 3. Ordering Defendants to recall from any distributors and retailers and to
15 deliver to Plaintiff for destruction or other disposition all remaining inventory of all
16 Infringing Products and related items, including all advertisements, promotional and
17 marketing materials therefore, as well as means of making same;

18 4. Ordering Defendants to file with this Court and serve on Plaintiff within
19 thirty (30) days after entry of the injunction a report in writing, under oath setting forth
20 in detail the manner and form in which Defendants have complied with the injunction;

21 5. Ordering an accounting by Defendants of all gains, profits and advantages
22 derived from their wrongful acts;

23 6. Awarding Plaintiff all of Defendants' profits and all damages sustained by
24 Plaintiff as a result of Defendants' wrongful acts, and such other compensatory
25 damages as the Court determines to be fair and appropriate;

26 7. Increasing the damages up to three times the amount found or assessed
27 under 35 U.S.C. § 284;

28 8. Awarding applicable interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees;

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9. Finding that this is an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding attorneys' fees there under;

10. Awarding Plaintiff's punitive damages in connection with its claims under California law; and

11. Such other relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: January 23, 2013

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all claims in this litigation.

Dated: January 23, 2013

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Deckers Outdoor Corporation



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(12) **United States Design Patent** (10) **Patent No.:** **US D496,778 S**
Le (45) **Date of Patent:** **** Oct. 5, 2004**

(54) **PORTION OF A FOOTWEAR SOLE**
(75) **Inventor:** **Tuan Le, Portland, OR (US)**
(73) **Assignee:** **Deckers Outdoor Corporation, Goleta, CA (US)**
(**) **Term:** **14 Years**
(21) **Appl. No.:** **29/203,667**
(22) **Filed:** **Apr. 15, 2004**
(51) **LOC (7) Cl.** **02-04**
(52) **U.S. Cl.** **D2/959; D2/953; D2/954**
(58) **Field of Search** **D2/947, 949, 951, D2/953-960; 36/3 B, 22 R, 24.5, 25 R, 32 A, 32 R, 103, 104, 117.3, 117.4**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a portion of a footwear sole, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a bottom perspective view of a portion of a footwear sole, showing my new design;
FIG. 2 is a right side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a left side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a front elevational view thereof; and,
FIG. 7 is a rear elevational view thereof.
The broken line showing a footwear upper throughout the views illustrates the portion of the design that forms no part of the claim. The broken rectangular line in FIG. 4 forms the boundary of the design, with the broken line, and the area within, forming no part of the claim.

1 Claim, 7 Drawing Sheets



EXHIBIT 1

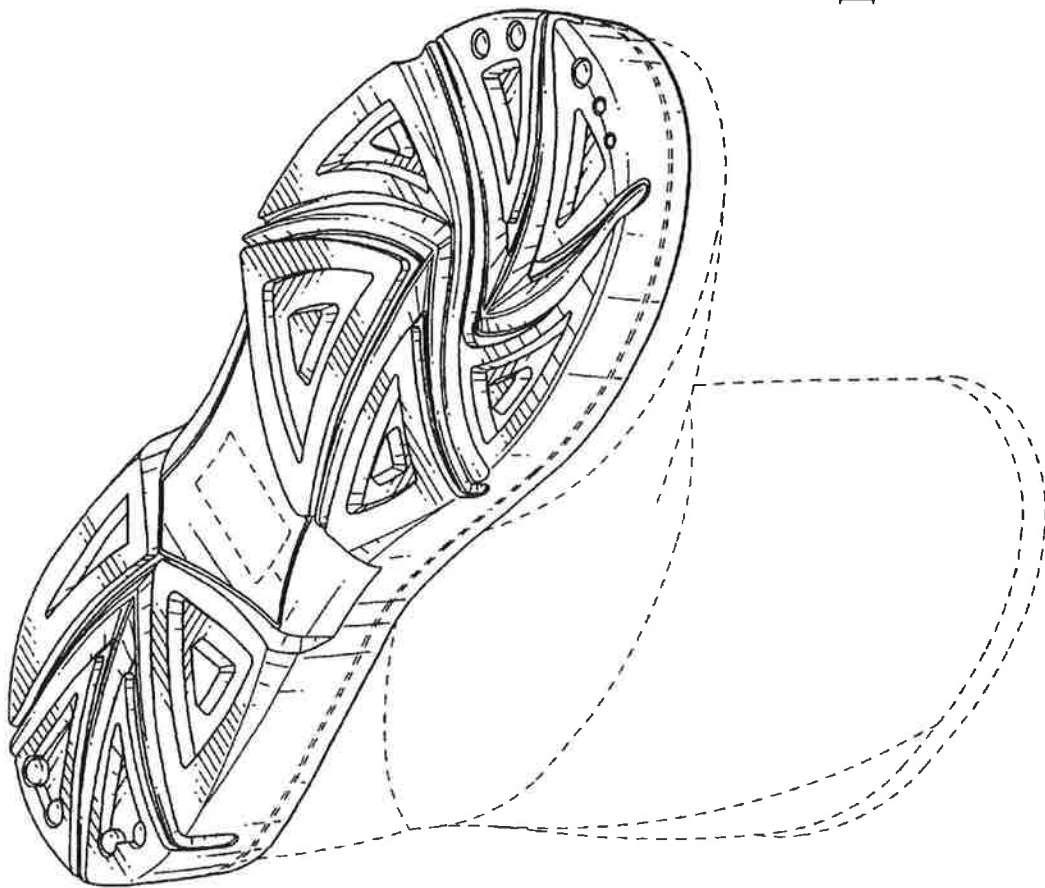
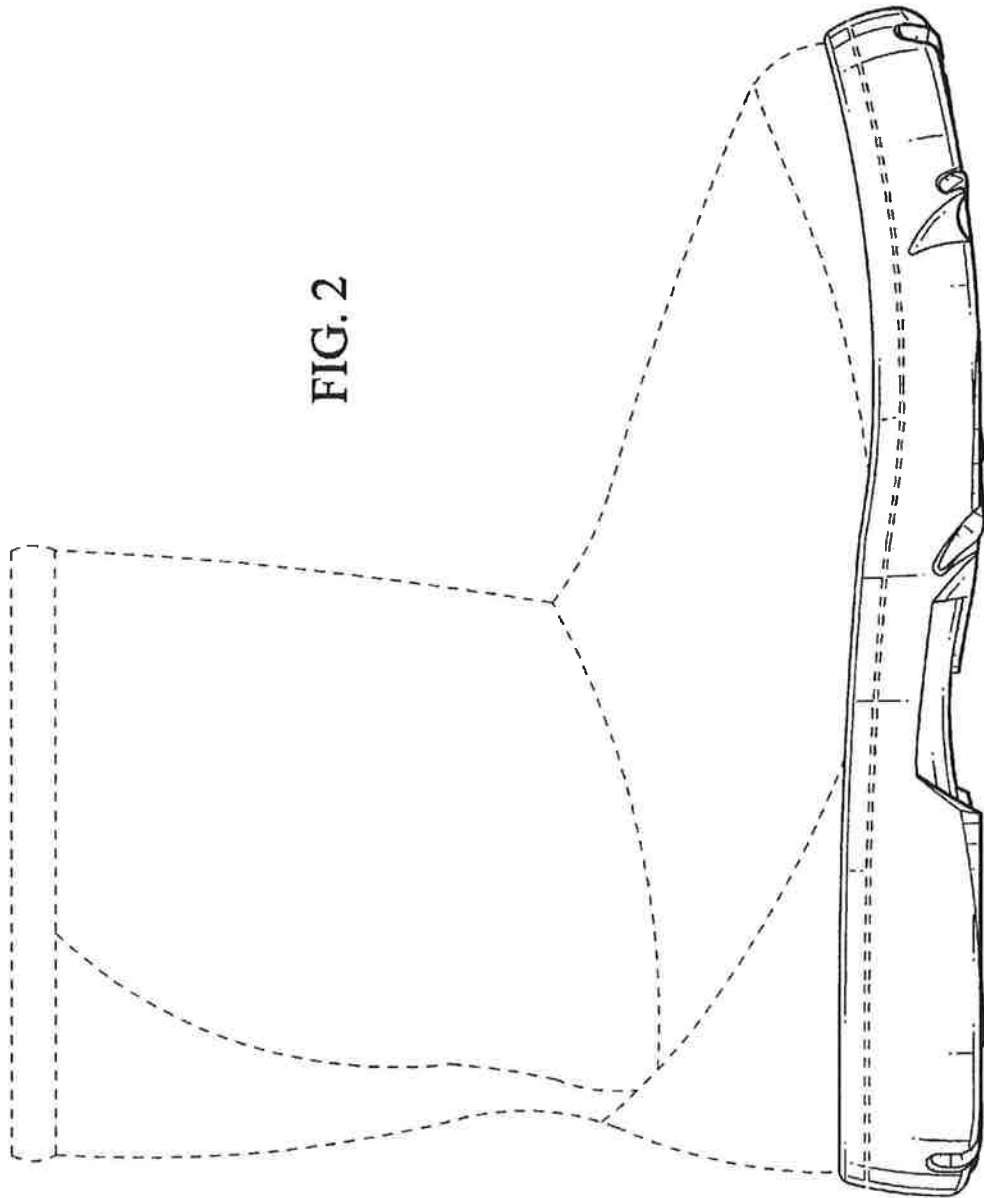


FIG. 1

FIG. 2



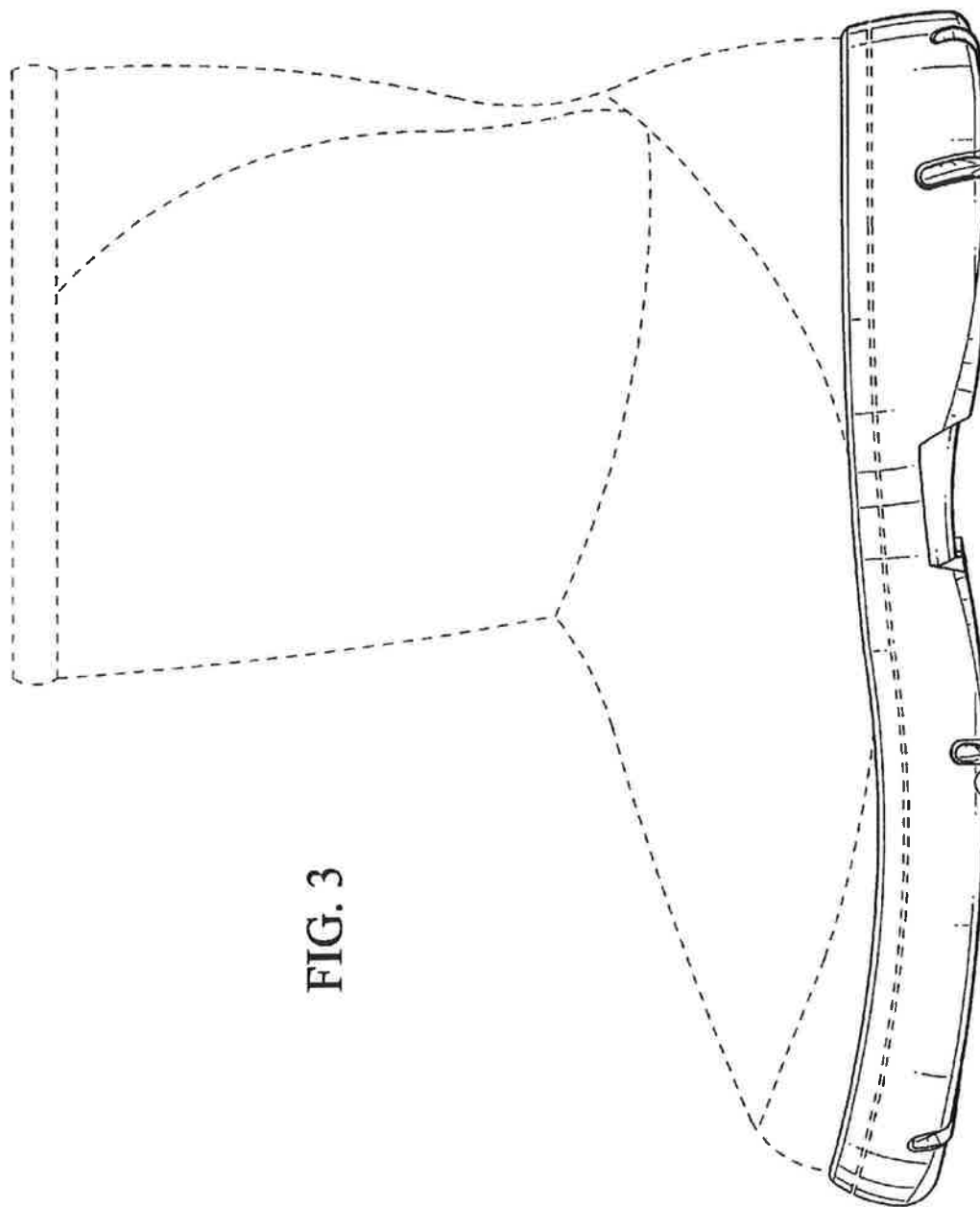


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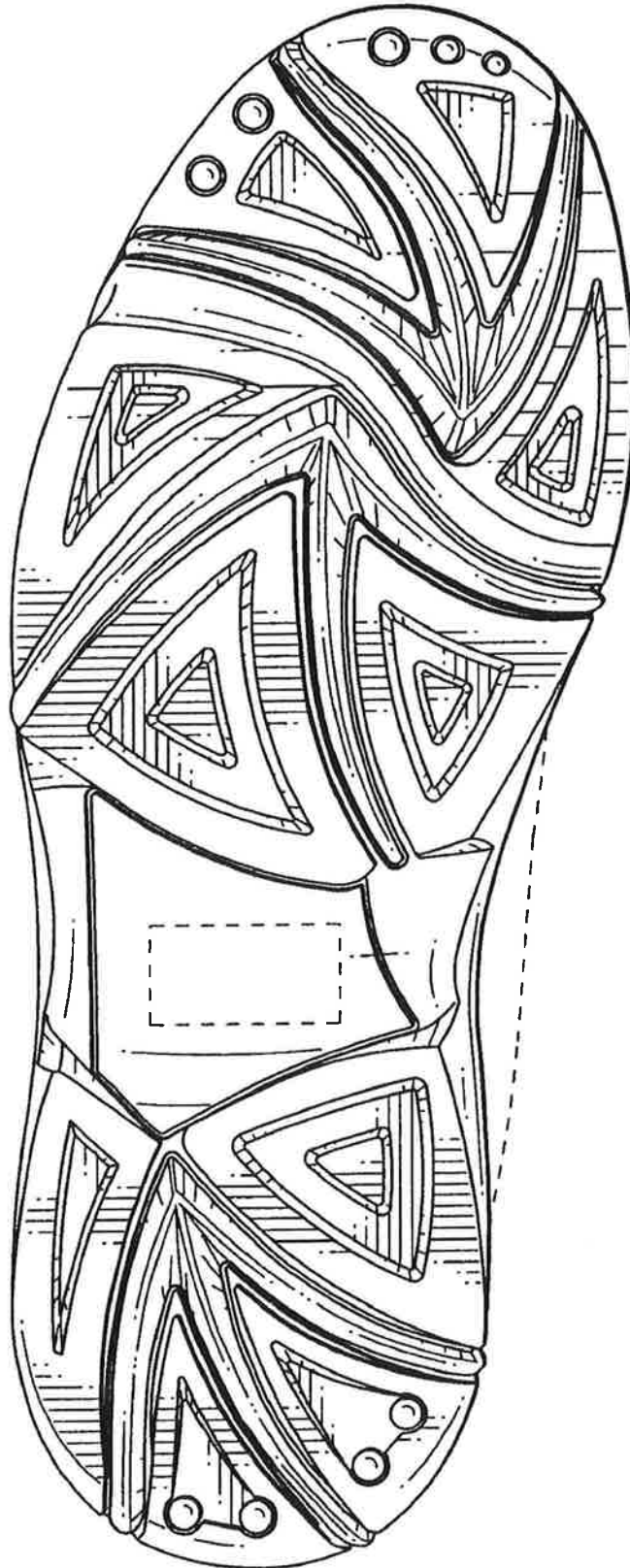


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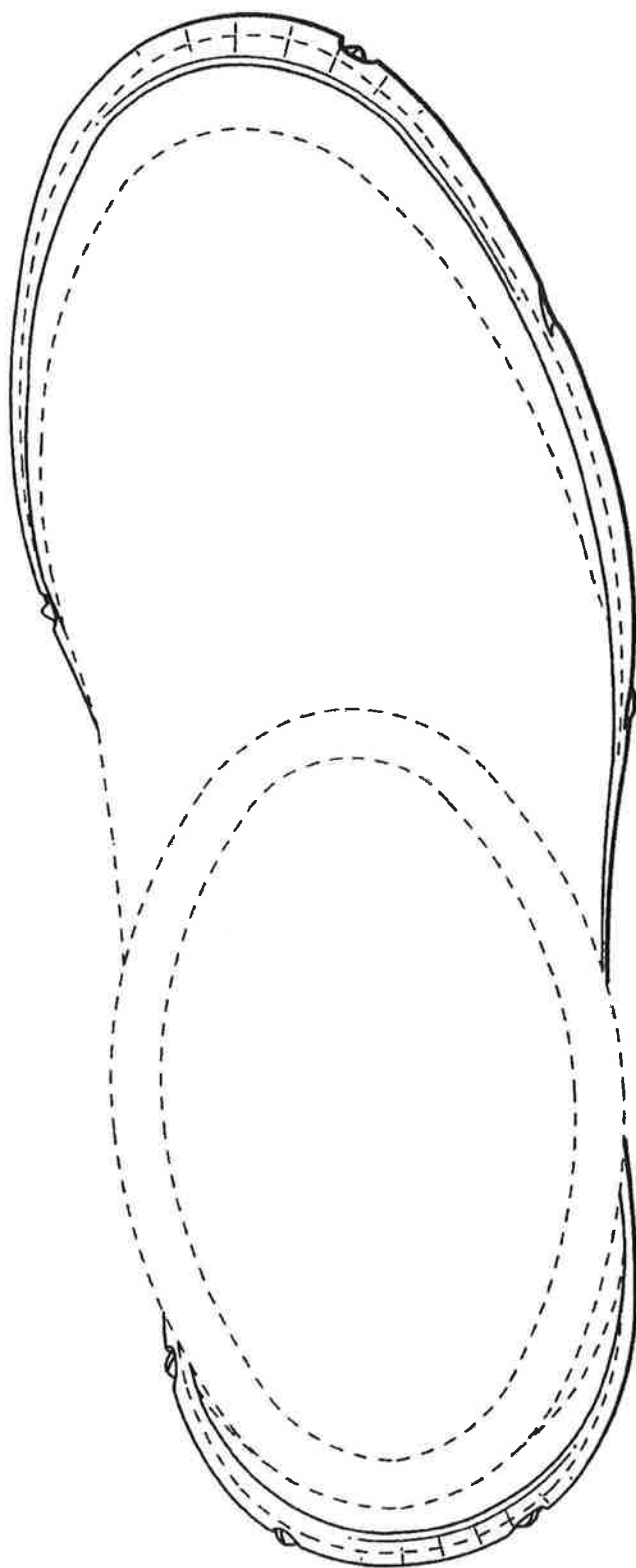
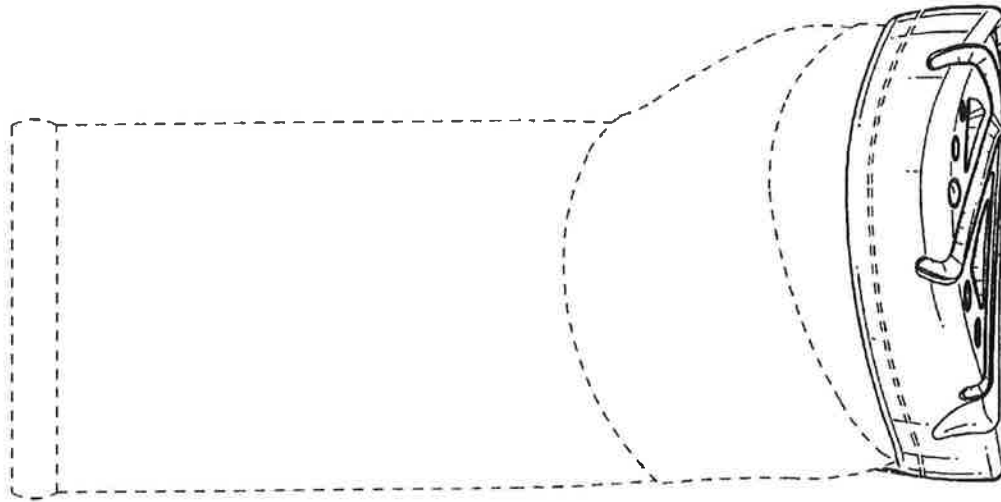


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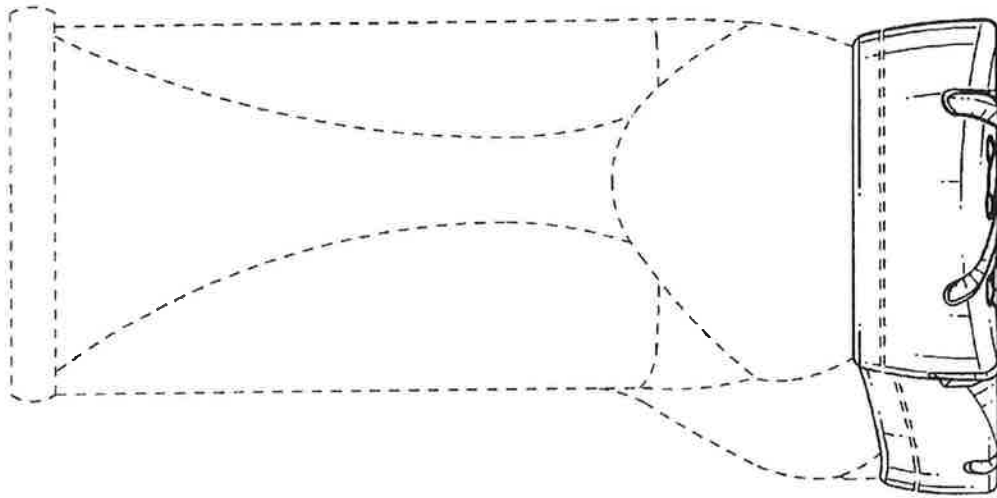


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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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| I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/>) DECKERS OUTDOOR CORPORATION | DEFENDANTS SHEEPSKIN AND ALPACA SPECIALTIES; DENIS MUNSTERMAN; DENISE MUNSTERMAN; FRANCIS ENTERPRISES, INC. |
| (b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.) BLAKELY LAW GROUP 915 North Citrus Avenue, Hollywood, California 90038 Telephone: (323) 464-7400 | Attorneys (If Known) |

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IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

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V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: **JURY DEMAND:** Yes No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint)

CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23: Yes No **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT:** \$ 100,000+

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

Patent Infringement

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET**

VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed? No Yes
If yes, list case number(s): _____

VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case? No Yes
If yes, list case number(s): _____

Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:

- (Check all boxes that apply) A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or
 B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
 C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
 D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

IX. VENUE: (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

(a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides.
 Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff. If this box is checked, go to item (b).

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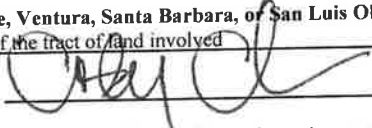
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| | Sheepskin and Alpaca; Denis Munsterman & Denise Munsterman - WASHINGTON Francis Enterprises, Inc. - FLORIDA |

(c) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** claim arose.
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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

| Nature of Suit Code | Abbreviation | Substantive Statement of Cause of Action |
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| 861 | HIA | All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b)) |
| 862 | BL | All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923) |
| 863 | DIWC | All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g)) |
| 863 | DIWW | All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g)) |
| 864 | SSID | All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended. |
| 865 | RSI | All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g)) |