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| 11 | Secured Mail Solutions, LLC | | | | |
| 13 | UNITED STATES DI | UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT | | | |
| 14 | CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA | | | | |
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| 16 | SECURED MAIL SOLUTIONS, LLC, | Case No. | | | |
| 17 | Plaintiff, | COMPLAINT FOR PATENT | | | |
| 18 | V. | INFRINGEMENT, INJUNCTION, AND DAMAGES | | | |
| 19 | Universal Wilde, Inc., | DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL | | | |
| 20 | Defendant. | | | | |
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| 23 | Plaintiff, Secured Mail Solutions, LLC ("SMS"), alleges: | | | | |
| 24 | JURISDICTION AND VENUE | | | | |
| 25 | 1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this case under 28 U.S.C. §§ | | | | |
| 26 | 1338(a), because this case arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. | | | | |
| 27 | §§ 1 et seq. Venue is proper in this district un | der 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)-(c) and 1400(b) | | | |
| 28 | in that a substantial part of the events giving r | rise to the claims occurred in this district. | | | |
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SMS is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant, Universal Wilde, Inc. ("UW"), has a regular and established practice of business in this district 2 and has committed acts of infringement in this district. 3

THE PARTIES

2. SMS is a limited liability company duly organized under the laws of the state of Nevada. SMS also does business in this judicial district.

3 SMS was founded by Todd Fitzsimmons to pursue the using and licensing of his inventions in the field of mail and mail information services and technology. Mr. Fitzsimmons's inventions resulted in each of the seven United States patents that are asserted in this case.

11 3. SMS is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant UW is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of 12 Massachusetts, with its principal place of business at 26 Dartmouth Street, Westwood, 13 MA 02090. 14

15 4 UW describes its business as "provid[ing] technology-enabled, datadriven marketing communication solutions from thought to distribution." UW says on 16 17 its website that its "full-service capabilities include offset and digital print – variable 18 print and print-on-demand; direct mail services; automated fulfillment and distribution programs; and agency services." UW further says that it "service[s] a wide range of 19 20 industries including Financial Services, Healthcare, Pharmaceutical, Insurance, Education, Large Commercial and Retail." 21

22 5. SMS alleges below that Defendant UW infringes numerous claims of 23 SMS's seven patents in suit.

SMS'S PATENTS AND UW'S INFRINGEMENT

Overview

Todd Fitzsimmons is an electrical engineer and a patent attorney who 26 6. previously worked in the shipping and courier industry. After the September 11 27 28 terrorist attacks, and the anthrax attacks via U.S. mail thereafter, Mr. Fitzsimmons

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began developing new technologies to identify, track, and provide information on mail objects, such as letters and packages.

7. On October 16, 2001, Mr. Fitzsimmons filed a provisional patent
application, followed by a non-provisional patent application on October 15, 2002, and
an ongoing series of continuation applications thereafter. After years of examination
by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mr. Fitzsimmons has received the
following seven patents, all of which he has assigned to SMS:

| | Patent Number | Title | Issued | Copy Attached to Complaint as |
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| | 7,814,032 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAIL VERIFICATION | Oct. 12, 2010 | Exhibit A |
| | 7,818,268 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAIL VERIFICATION | Oct. 19, 2010 | Exhibit B |
| | 8,073,787 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAIL VERIFICATION | Dec. 6, 2011 | Exhibit C |
| | 8,260,629 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING AN ADVERTISEMENT TO A RECIPIENT OF A PHYSICAL MAIL OBJECT | Sept. 4, 2012 | Exhibit D |
| | 8,429,093 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION TO A RECIPIENT OF A PHYSICAL MAIL OBJECT | Apr. 23, 2013 | Exhibit E |
| | 8,910,860 | SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION TO A RECIPIENT OF A PHYSICAL MAIL OBJECT | Dec. 16, 2014 | Exhibit F |
| | 9,105,002 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION TO A RECIPIENT OF A PHYSICAL MAIL OBJECT | Aug. 11, 2015 | Exhibit G |
| 27 28 | | MAIL OBJECT | | Ì |

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8. These seven patents in suit disclose and claim various systems and 2 methods for processing, verifying, or authenticating mail data. In some embodiments 3 of the claimed inventions, mail data is affixed to a mail object and includes (or is linked to) information related to the mail object (for example, information on the 4 5 sender of the mail object or the contents of the mail object). This information can then 6 be used by various individuals or entities (for example, a mailing service, a mail carrier, or a recipient) to ensure that the mail object is secure and can safely be 7 8 processed, routed and opened. In fact, the Patent Office granted special examination 9 status to the application for U.S. Patent No. 7,818,268, because it related to "counter 10 terrorism" technology that "reduces the risk of [a] terrorist attack." In addition to ensuring safety and security of mail, mail data claimed in the patents in suit can be used by mailing services to more effectively process and route mail objects and can also be used by recipients to obtain additional information related to mail objects. 13

Intelligent Mail Barcodes

15 9. SMS's patents in suit contain claims that cover technology used by UW in 16 connection with what the United States Postal Service calls "Intelligent Mail 17 Barcodes" (IMb's). The Postal Service adopted IMb's in 2009, long after Mr. 18 Fitzsimmons invented the subject matters of the patents in suit and long after he filed his initial patent application in 2001. SMS's patents containing claims related to IMb 19 20 technology include U.S. Patents Nos. 7,814,032, 7,818,268, and 8,073,787 (collectively, the "IMb-Related Patents").

One example of the IMb-Related Patents' claims, and UW's infringement 10. of those patents, is provided by Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,818,268. That claim reads as follows (with bracketed letters added for reference):

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A method of verifying mail identification data, comprising:

affixing mail identification data to at least one mail object, said mail [a] identification data comprising a single set of encoded data that includes at least a unique identifier, sender data, recipient data and shipping method data, wherein

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