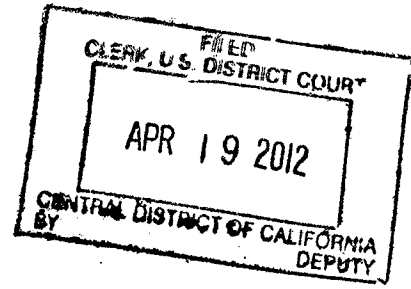


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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
11 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 LIBERTY MEDIA HOLDINGS, LLC )  
13 )  
14 Plaintiff, )  
15 vs. )  
16 JOHN DOE and DAVID MASTRON, )  
17 Defendants )  
18 )

Case No. **CV 12-3425** *mmm*  
**COMPLAINT** *(EA)*

- (1) DIRECT COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT – 17 U.S.C. § 106(1)
- (2) DIRECT COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT – 17 U.S.C. § 106 (3)
- (3) CONTRIBUTORY COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT
- (4) NEGLIGENCE

**BY FAX**

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20 Plaintiff, Liberty Media Holdings (hereinafter “Liberty” or the “Plaintiff”) files this  
21 complaint against Defendants John Doe and David Mastron and alleges as follows:

22 **I. NATURE OF THE CASE**

23 1. Plaintiff is the registered owner of the copyright to a motion picture, “Down on  
24 the Farm” (hereinafter the “Motion Picture”). A true and correct copy of the Certificate of  
25 Registration for the Motion Picture is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

26 2. Defendants John Doe and David Mastron acted in a collective and interdependent  
27 manner with other internet users in the unlawful reproduction and distribution of Plaintiff’s  
28 Motion Picture using BitTorrent file transfer protocol.

1 3. Each time an individual unlawfully distributes a copy of Plaintiff's copyrighted  
2 Motion Picture to others over the Internet, particularly via BitTorrent, each recipient can then  
3 distribute that unlawful copy of the Motion Picture to others without degradation in sound or  
4 picture quality. Thus, Defendants' distribution of even a single unlawful copy of the Motion  
5 Picture can result in the nearly instantaneous worldwide distribution of that single copy to a  
6 limitless number of people. In this case, Defendants' copyright infringement built upon the prior  
7 infringements, in a cascade of infringement.

8 4. Plaintiff seeks redress for the Defendants' rampant infringement of its exclusive  
9 rights in the Motion Picture, for injunctive relief to stop Defendants from continuing to infringe  
10 upon Plaintiff's copyrighted works, and for compensation for Mastron's negligence.

## 11 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

12 5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims for copyright  
13 infringement and related claims pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 101, et. seq., and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331  
14 and 1338(a).

15 6. Defendants either reside in, solicit, transact, or are doing business within the  
16 Jurisdiction; the I.P. (Internet Protocol) address that the Defendants used to illegally distribute  
17 the Plaintiff's copyrighted works was located in this district. As such, Defendants have  
18 sufficient contacts with this judicial district to permit the Court's exercise of personal  
19 jurisdiction.

20 7. Plaintiff's claims arise out of the Defendants' conduct which occurred within this  
21 district and gives rise to personal jurisdiction over Defendants.

22 8. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(2) and 1400(a).  
23 On information and belief, Defendants may be found in this District and/or a substantial part of  
24 the infringing acts complained of herein occurred in this District, and Defendants can reasonably  
25 anticipate being hauled into court in this District.

## 26 **III. THE PARTIES**

### 27 **A. The Plaintiff, Liberty Media Holdings, LLC**

28 9. Liberty is a California limited liability company with an address of 4262 Blue  
Diamond Road, Suite 102-377, Las Vegas, NV 89139. Plaintiff Liberty produces high-quality,  
adult-themed motion pictures, which it sells to adults only.

1 **B. The Defendants, John Doe and David Mastron**

2 10. Defendant Doe used IP address 71.108.152.109 to illegally republish and illegally  
3 distribute copies of the Plaintiff's copyrighted Motion Picture through the use of the AE3 Hash  
4 to an unknown number of other individuals over the Internet.

5 11. This IP address belonged to and was registered with Defendant Mastron.

6 12. Defendant Mastron allowed Defendant Doe to utilize their internet connection to  
7 distribute Plaintiff's work. In the alternative, Doe and Mastron are the same person and will be  
8 revealed as such in discovery.

9 13. The Plaintiff's investigation detected this illegal activity on November 15, 2010 at  
10 09:09:14 PM GMT. However, the conduct took place both before and after this date and time.

11 14. Furthermore, the Defendant Doe was not necessarily at his computer at this date  
12 and time, as the illegal distribution through Bit Torrent takes place on an ongoing and automated  
13 basis, once commenced by the user.

14 15. The Defendant Doe was part of a group of BitTorrent users or peers whose  
15 computers are collectively interconnected for the sharing of a particular unique file, otherwise  
16 known as a "swarm". The particular file a BitTorrent swarm is associated with has a unique  
17 "hash" (a file identifier generated by an algorithm developed and implemented by the National  
18 Security Agency). The hash value in this case is identified as  
19 AE340D0560129AFEE8D78CE07F2394C7B5BC9C05 (hereinafter the "AE3 Hash").

20 16. Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that the Defendants named herein  
21 performed, participated in, or abetted in some manner, the acts alleged herein, proximately  
22 caused the damages alleged and are liable to Plaintiff for the damages and relief sought herein.

23 **IV. COPYRIGHT AND BITTORRENT**

24 17. BitTorrent is a peer-to-peer file sharing protocol used for distributing and sharing  
25 data on the Internet, including files containing digital versions of motion pictures. A protocol is  
26 a type of language that one computer uses to communicate with another computer over a  
27 network. Many protocols exist that allow one computer to download materials from another  
28 computer. One common example is HyperText Transfer Protocol, represented by the <http://>  
before the "www" in a website address.

1 18. BitTorrent protocols, however, are different and substantially more powerful than  
2 the HyperText Transfer. Rather than downloading a file from a single source, like the server of a  
3 website, the BitTorrent protocol allows users to join a “swarm,” or group, of computers  
4 connected through the protocol to download and upload from each other simultaneously.

5 19. To participate in a BitTorrent swarm, a user must intentionally download and  
6 install a specialized piece of software called a BitTorrent client.

7 20. A user must then locate and download a .torrent file. These torrent files are not  
8 the entirety of the work the user seeks to acquire. The .torrent file contains a unique hash code  
9 known as the SHA-1 hash – a unique identifier generated by a mathematical algorithm developed  
10 by the National Security Agency.

11 21. This file contains a “roadmap” to the IP addresses of other users who are sharing  
12 the media file identified by the unique hash value, as well as specifics about the media file.  
13 These torrent files do not contain audio or visual media, but instruct the user’s BitTorrent client  
14 where to go and how to obtain the desired file. The media file could be any large file, such as a  
15 digital motion picture, music file, or even an entire run of a television show.

16 22. After locating the desired torrent file, the user opens the file with a BitTorrent  
17 client. These programs are capable of reading the roadmap encoded in the torrent file. This  
18 client program, after reading the roadmap, connects “uploaders” of the file (i.e. those that are  
19 distributing the content) with “downloaders” of the file (i.e. those that are copying the content).  
20 During this process, the client reaches out to one or more “trackers” that are identified on the  
21 roadmap.

22 23. The downloading user’s BitTorrent client then extracts a list containing one or  
23 more tracker locations, which it uses to connect to at least one tracker that will identify IP  
24 addresses where the file is available. A tracker is an Internet server application that records the  
25 IP addresses associated with users who are currently sharing any number of media files identified  
26 by their unique hash values and then directs the BitTorrent client to other users who have the  
27 particular file each user is seeking to download.

28 24. Each IP address identifies an uploading user who is currently running a BitTorrent  
client on his or her computer and who is currently offering the desired motion picture file for  
download. The downloading user’s BitTorrent software then begins downloading the motion

1 picture file without any further effort from the user, by communicating with the BitTorrent client  
2 programs running on the uploading users' computers.

3 25. As such, joining a swarm and obtaining an audiovisual work through the  
4 BitTorrent system is no simple matter. It is a complex procedure requiring conscious  
5 deliberation and choice that, by its very nature, cannot be accomplished by accident.

6 26. The life cycle of a file shared using BitTorrent begins with just one individual –  
7 the initial propagator, sometimes called a “seed” user or “seeder.” The initial propagator  
8 intentionally elects to share a file with a torrent swarm.

9 27. The original file, in the instant matter, contains a copy of Plaintiff's entire  
10 copyrighted work.

11 28. Other members of the swarm connect to the seed to download the file, wherein  
12 the download creates an exact digital copy of Plaintiff's copyrighted work on the downloaders'  
13 computers. As additional infringers request the same file, each additional infringer joins the  
14 collective swarm, and each new infringer receives the same or different pieces of the file from  
15 each other infringer in the swarm who has already downloaded any part of the file.

16 29. Files downloaded in this method are received in hundreds or even thousands of  
17 individual pieces. Each piece that is downloaded is immediately thereafter made available for  
18 distribution to other users seeking the same complete file. The effect of this technology makes  
19 every downloader also an uploader of the content. This means that every user who has a copy of  
20 the infringing material in a swarm may also be a source for later downloaders of that material.

21 30. In the BitTorrent world, there is “honor among thieves.” Those who merely  
22 download files, without publishing and sharing files, are derisively called “leechers.” Being a  
23 leecher is not only a negative due to the pejorative terminology, but leechers are also punished  
24 by the torrent swarm.

25 31. BitTorrent's protocol stalls the downloads of leechers, in an effort to preserve  
26 network speed for the more prolific copyright infringers – the seeders.

27 32. This distributed nature of BitTorrent leads to a rapid viral sharing of a file  
28 throughout the collective peer users. As more peers join the collective swarm, the frequency of  
successful downloads also increases. Due to the nature of the BitTorrent protocol, any user is

1 automatically a source for any subsequent user. Every infringer is – by design and necessity –  
2 simultaneously copying the Plaintiff’s copyrighted material and redistributing it.

3 33. Plaintiff recorded Defendant Mastron’s IP address being used to publish and  
4 redistribute the Motion Picture via BitTorrent. Therefore, Mastron, Doe, or both were not a  
5 leechers, but a seeders. They seeded to reap the benefits granted to a seeder. This benefit was  
6 not in actual cash, but had substantial pecuniary value: access to volumes upon volumes of  
7 infringing copies of materials. In the online swap meet of pirated motion pictures, sharing is not  
8 just caring; sharing is currency.

9 34. Plaintiff’s Motion Picture is easily discernable as a professional work. Plaintiff  
10 created the works using professional performers, directors, cinematographers, lighting  
11 technicians, set designers and editors. Plaintiff created each work with professional-grade  
12 cameras, lighting, and editing equipment.

13 35. Each of Plaintiff’s works is marked with Plaintiff’s trademark (CORBIN  
14 FISHER®), a copyright notice, a warning that unauthorized copying is illegal and will be  
15 prosecuted, and a statement as required by 18 U.S.C. § 2257 that age verification records for all  
16 individuals appearing in the works are maintained at corporate offices.

17 **V. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
18 **(Copyright Infringement 17 U.S.C. § 106(1))**  
19 **(Reproduction of Copyrighted Work)**  
20 **(Against Defendant John Doe)**

21 36. The Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in  
22 each paragraph above.

23 37. Plaintiff is, and at all relevant times has been, the copyright owner of the  
24 copyrighted work infringed upon by Defendant, ”Down on the Farm.” Exhibit 1.

25 38. Among the exclusive rights granted to each Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are  
26 the exclusive rights to reproduce the Motion Picture – rights which Defendant maliciously and  
27 intentionally infringed upon.

28 39. Defendant illegally obtained a copy of Plaintiff’s Motion Picture “Down on the  
Farm.”

40. This Motion Picture is available for sale through the Plaintiff’s online platform  
CF Select, or through purchase as a DVD.

1 41. Defendant violated Plaintiff's exclusive rights by illegally copying Plaintiff's  
2 Motion Picture to his computer hard drive. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of  
3 Plaintiff's copyrights and exclusive rights under the Copyright Act.

4 42. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the foregoing acts  
5 of infringement were willful and intentional.

6 43. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights and exclusive  
7 rights under the Copyright Act, Plaintiff is entitled to either actual or statutory damages pursuant  
8 to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c), and to its attorney fees pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

9 44. The conduct of Defendant is causing and will continue to cause Plaintiff great and  
10 irreparable injury. Such harm will continue unless the Defendant is enjoined from such conduct.  
11 Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

12 45. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502 and 503, Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief  
13 prohibiting Defendant from further infringing Plaintiff's copyrights, and ordering Defendant to  
14 destroy all copies of the Motion Picture made in violation of Plaintiff's exclusive rights under the  
15 Copyright Act.

16 **VI. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
17 **(Copyright Infringement 17 U.S.C. § 106(3))**  
18 **(Distribution of Copyrighted Work)**  
19 **(Against Defendant John Doe)**

20 46. The Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in  
21 each paragraph above.

22 47. Among the exclusive rights granted to each Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are  
23 the exclusive rights to distribute the Motion Picture – rights which Defendant maliciously and  
24 intentionally infringed upon.

25 48. Defendant without the permission or consent of Plaintiff, has used, and continues  
26 to use, the BitTorrent file transfer protocol to distribute the Motion Picture to the public by  
27 publishing it to hundreds of thousands of BitTorrent users from his computer, which acted as, or  
28 is acting as, a distribution server for the film. In doing so, Defendant has violated Plaintiff's  
exclusive rights of reproduction and distribution. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of  
Plaintiff's copyrights and exclusive rights under the Copyright Act.

49. The foregoing acts of infringement were willful and intentional.

1 50. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights and exclusive  
2 rights under the Copyright Act, Plaintiff is entitled to either actual or statutory damages pursuant  
3 to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c), and to its attorney fees pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

4 51. The conduct of Defendant is causing and will continue to cause Plaintiff great and  
5 irreparable injury. Such harm will continue unless the Defendant is enjoined from such conduct.  
6 Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

7 52. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502 and 503, Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief  
8 prohibiting Defendant from further infringing Plaintiff's copyrights, and ordering Defendant to  
9 destroy all copies of the Motion Picture made in violation of Plaintiff's exclusive rights under the  
10 Copyright Act.

11 **VII. THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**(Contributory Copyright Infringement)**  
**(Against Defendant John Doe)**

12 53. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in each  
13 paragraph above.

14 54. It is helpful to think of the process of "torrenting" in the context of a constructed  
15 puzzle. In furtherance of sharing this puzzle, it is deconstructed into tiny pieces. These pieces  
16 are then uploaded and distributed among one or more peers. When an infringer seeks to  
17 download the original file, he downloads a torrent file containing information concerning where  
18 each of the distributed pieces of the file can be found, i.e., how to find and contact each peer.  
19 Each torrent file that contains information about the same original file is contains the same  
20 "hash" value, which is a string of letters and numbers that uniquely identifies the original file  
21 that the torrent file may be used to locate and download. This torrent file is capable of locating  
22 all the unique corresponding pieces that make up the original file (and any additional copies of  
23 each piece that may be available). Once all the pieces are located and downloaded they are  
24 reconstructed back into the original order completing the entire original copyrighted file.

25 55. When users all possess the same infringing work with the same exact hash value  
26 (as in this case), it is because each infringer possesses an exact digital copy, containing the exact  
27 bits unique to that file, of the original work. In essence, although hundred of users may be  
28



1 uploading the copyrighted work, you will receive only the exact parts of a singular upload, not a  
2 compilation of available pieces from various uploads.

3 56. Defendant published the AE3 Hash to the BitTorrent network.

4 57. Defendant downloaded, uploaded and distributed the Motion Picture to other  
5 BitTorrent users through use of the hash-specified protocol.

6 58. BitTorrent users upload infringing works in concert in order to gain access and  
7 ability to download other infringing copyrighted works.

8 59. As each of the thousands of people who illegally downloaded the movie accessed  
9 this illegal publication, they derived portions of their illegal replication of the file from multiple  
10 persons, including but not limited to the Defendant named in this action.

11 60. The Defendant knew of the infringement, was conscious of his own infringement,  
12 and the Defendant was conscious of the fact that multiple other persons derivatively downloaded  
13 the file containing the Plaintiff's Motion Picture.

14 61. The infringement by other BitTorrent users could not have occurred but for the  
15 Defendant's participation in uploading the Plaintiffs protected work. As such, the Defendant's  
16 participation in the infringing activities of others is substantial and contributed, for profit, to the  
17 infringing activity of thousands of other parties, world wide.

18 62. The Defendant profited from this contributory infringement by way of being  
19 granted access to a greater library of other infringing works, some of which belonged to the  
20 Plaintiff and some of which belonged to other copyright owners.

21 **VIII. FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 **(Negligence)**

23 **(Against Defendant David Mastron)**

24 63. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in each  
25 paragraph above.

26 64. Defendant accessed, or controlled access, to the Internet connection used in  
27 performing the unauthorized copying and sharing of Plaintiff's Motion Picture described above,  
28 proximately causing financial harm to Plaintiff.

65. Defendant had a duty to secure his Internet connection. Defendant breached that  
duty by failing to secure his Internet connection.



1 to reproduce (i.e., download) any of Plaintiff's works, to distribute (i.e., upload)  
2 any of Plaintiff's works, or to make any of Plaintiff's works available for  
3 distribution to the public, except pursuant to a lawful license or with the  
4 Plaintiff's express consent. Defendants also shall destroy all copies of  
5 Plaintiff's works that Defendants have downloaded onto any computer hard  
6 drive or server and shall destroy all copies of those downloaded works  
7 transferred onto any physical medium or device in Defendant's possession,  
8 custody, or control.

9 2. For damages for each infringement of the copyrighted work pursuant to 17 U.S.C.  
10 § 504. These damages may be actual or statutory, but if statutory damages are elected, the  
11 Defendants' acts were willful in nature, justifying an award of up to \$150,000 per infringement,  
12 and Plaintiff reserves the right to make such an election.

13 3. For Plaintiff's costs in this action.

14 4. For Plaintiff's attorneys' fees incurred in bringing this action.

15 5. For such other and further relief, either at law or in equity, general or special, to  
16 which the may be entitled.

17 Date: April 18, 2012



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AO 440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Central District of California

Liberty Media Holdings, LLC

Plaintiff

v.

John Doe and David Mastron

Defendant

Civil Action No.

CV12-3425 - MMM  
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SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) David Mastron  
10443 Beach Street  
Bellflower, CA 90706

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

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If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Date: APR 20 2012

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This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
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I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,  
on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* \_\_\_\_\_, who is  
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because \_\_\_\_\_ ; or

Other *(specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0 .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY**

This case has been assigned to District Judge Margaret M. Morrow and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Charles Eick.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

**CV12- 3425 MMM (Ex)**

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

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**NOTICE TO COUNSEL**

*A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).*

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

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CIVIL COVER SHEET**

<b>I (a) PLAINTIFFS</b> (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/> ) Liberty Media Holdings, LLC	<b>DEFENDANTS</b> John Doe and David Mastron
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<b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> (Place an X in one box only.)  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	<b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only</b> (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.) <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:30%;">Citizen of This State</td> <td style="width:10%;">PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="width:10%;">DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="width:40%;">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> <td style="width:10%;">PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="width:10%;">DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td>PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> <td>PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td>DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td>PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td>PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td>DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>	Citizen of This State	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 1	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 4	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 2	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 5	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 3	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 6	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 6
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1 Original Proceeding    
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  3 Remanded from Appellate Court    
  4 Reinstated or Reopened    
  5 Transferred from another district (specify):    
  6 Multi-District Litigation    
  7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge

**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: \$150**

**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.)  
 17 U.S.C. 501

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

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Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609
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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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	Nevada

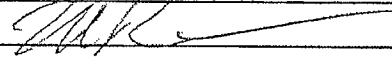
(b) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which EACH named defendant resides.  
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County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
Los Angeles	

(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.  
**Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.**

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Los Angeles	

\* Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties  
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**X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER):**  Date April 19, 2012

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
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))