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#### TO THE DEFENDANT AND ITS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on October 7, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 740 of the above-referenced Court, located at 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, Plaintiff LegalZoom.com, Inc. ("LegalZoom") will and hereby does move for summary judgment on its claims. Specifically, LegalZoom moves this Court to enter summary judgment declaring that Defendant Rocket Lawyer Incorporated ("Rocket Lawyer") is liable for False Advertising pursuant to the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a), False Advertising pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 17500, and Unfair Competition pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq. as a matter of law, leaving only the amount of LegalZoom's damages to be determined at trial.

This Motion is made pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and is based upon this Notice of Motion, the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declaration of Mary Ann T. Nguyen, the Separate Statement of Undisputed Material Facts, all papers and pleadings in the Court's file, and upon such oral argument as may be made at the hearing on this Motion. This Motion is made following the conference of counsel pursuant to L.R. 7-3, which took place on August 28, 2013.

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#### **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

#### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

This is a straightforward case about false advertising by an online company that purports to provide "free" online legal products. Defendant Rocket Lawyer Incorporated ("Rocket Lawyer") tells consumers that "Zoom Charges \$99. Rocket Lawyer is Fast, Easy, & Free. Incorporate Your Business Today," that consumers can "incorporate for free… pay no fees (\$0)," and that consumers can get "free… LLCs," "free help from local attorneys," "free legal review," and "free" trials of Rocket Lawyer's "Basic Legal Plan" and "Pro Legal Plan." However, as demonstrated below, each of these online advertising claims is literally false.

Given Rocket Lawyer's use of false factual statements in its online advertisements, Rocket Lawyer has engaged in false advertising and unfair competition in violation of the Lanham Act and California Professions and Business Code, and an award of summary judgment on these claims for LegalZoom is appropriate.

#### II. STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS NOT IN DISPUTE

#### A. The Parties And The Products

LegalZoom and Rocket Lawyer are both providers of online legal products. (LegalZoom's Separate Statement of Undisputed Material Facts "SS," ¶ 1, Rocket Lawyer's Answer to Amended Complaint and Amended Counterclaims ("Rocket Lawyer's Answer and Amended Counterclaims"), ECF No. 17, 12:2-3 ("Rocket Lawyer and LegalZoom compete with one another... in the legal services industry...").) LegalZoom and Rocket Lawyer compete with one another in the online legal products industry. (SS,  $\P$  2, id.) LegalZoom and Rocket Lawyer both offer incorporation and formation services and other online legal products. (SS,  $\P$  3, id. at 13:1-2.) On its website, Rocket Lawyer touts to provide affordable legal services to individuals, families and business owners. (SS,  $\P$  4, Declaration of Mary Ann T. Nguyen ("Nguyen Decl."),  $\P$  3, Exhibit A, a true and correct copy of Rocket

Lawyer's "About Us" webpage.)

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#### B. Rocket Lawyer's Online Advertisements

#### 1. "Free" corporations and LLCs

At least in 2011, 2012 and 2013, Rocket Lawyer advertised "free" incorporation and "free" limited liability companies (LLCs). (SS, ¶ 5, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 4, Exhibit B, true and correct copies of screen grabs of Rocket Lawyer's advertisements.) For example, Rocket Lawyer has advertised "Zoom Charges \$99. Rocket Lawyer is Fast, Easy, & Free. Incorporate Your Business Today," "Incorporate for Free... Pay No Fees \$0," "Incorporate Your Business at Rocket Lawyer Free," "Form Your LLC Free at Rocket Lawyer" and "Free... LLCs." (SS, ¶ 6, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 4, Exhibit B, true and correct copies of screen grabs of Rocket Lawyer's advertisements.) However, Rocket Lawyer's customers cannot incorporate or form an LLC for "free" through Rocket Lawyer's services. Indeed, customers seeking to incorporate or form an LLC through Rocket Lawyer's services are nonetheless required to pay the state fees associated with incorporation and formation. (SS, ¶ 7, Nguyen Decl., ¶¶ 2, 5, Exhibit C, true and correct copies of screen grabs of state filing options through Rocket Lawyer's services on Rocket Lawyer's website.) Even more, customers who access the Rocket Lawyer link to the "Incorporate for Free... Pay No Fees \$0," "Incorporate Your Business at Rocket Lawyer Free," "Form Your LLC Free at Rocket Lawyer" or "Free... LLCs" do not discover that they must actually pay the state filing fees until after they have accessed the Rocket Lawyer website, completed a "company setup" and filled out information relating to the "company details." (SS, ¶ 8, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 6, Exhibit D, true and correct copies of screen grabs of Rocket Lawyer's "interview" for "company set up" and "company details" prior to "state filing option.") Rocket Lawyer subsequently changed the language of these advertisements after LegalZoom filed its original Complaint. (SS,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nonetheless, liability for false advertising under the Lanham Act may not be avoided by removing false statements from later advertising. *Skydrive Arizona, Inc. v. Quattrocchi*, 2009 WL 6597892,

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¶ 9, Rocket Lawyer's Answer and Amended Counterclaims, ECF No. 17, 2:26-3:1 ("Rocket Lawyer admits that it has produced new advertisements regarding its business and a variety of services it offers since the service of the original complaint....").)

#### 2. "Free help from local attorneys" and "Free legal review"

At least in 2012, Rocket Lawyer advertised "Free help from local attorneys" and "Free legal review." (SS, ¶ 10, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 7, Exhibit E, true and correct copies of screen grabs of Rocket Lawyer's advertisements.) However, Rocket Lawyer's customers could not access "help from local attorneys" or "legal review" for free. Customers could access the "free help from local attorneys" and the "free legal review" *only* if they were "Eligible Members" who had either (a) purchased three consecutive months of Rocket Lawyer's monthly Legal Plan, or (b) purchased a Rocket Lawyer annual Legal Plan. (SS, ¶ 11, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 8, Exhibit F, a true and correct copy Rocket Lawyer's On Call Terms of Services, dated July 2012, as printed on November 27, 2012). This paid membership requirement for access to the purported "free help from local attorneys" and "free legal review" was not disclosed in close proximity to the advertisements on Rocket Lawyer's website. (SS, ¶ 12, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 9, see http://www.rocketlawyer.com/on-call-terms-of-service.rl.) Indeed, this requirement was only disclosed in Rocket Lawyer's "On Call Terms of Service," which was accessible to customers on a separate link found at http://www.rocketlawyer.com/on-call-terms-of-service.rl. (SS, ¶ 13, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 9, see http://www.rocketlawyer.com/on-call-terms-of-service.rl.) Rocket Lawyer subsequently changed the language of its "On Call Terms of Service," to provide that "Customers who enter into a one week (seven (7) calendar days) free trial are eligible

 <sup>25 (</sup>D. Ariz. Feb. 2, 2009). In Skydrive Arizona v. Quattrocchi, the defendants argued that they had removed the claimed objectionable language from their websites, but the court nevertheless held that "those statements are indeed relevant to establish false advertising," and reasoned that the court had come across no authority providing that removal of false statements from later advertising could

shield a party from liability. *Id*.

to receive one (1) free legal matter consultation..." after LegalZoom filed its original Complaint. (SS, ¶ 14, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 10, Exhibit G, a true and correct copy of Rocket Lawyer's On Call Terms of Service, dated November 2012, as printed on November 27, 2012.) This access during a "free trial" was not available before LegalZoom's filing of the original Complaint. (SS, ¶ 15, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 10, Exhibits F and G.) In any event, even with Rocket Lawyer's recent change, access to the advertised "free help from local attorneys" and the "free legal review" was still conditioned upon customers actively enrolling in Rocket Lawyer's trial membership and negative option program and providing Rocket Lawyer with their credit card information. (SS, ¶ 16, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 11, Exhibit G.) As provided in Federal Trade Commission v. Willms, 2011 WL 4103542, \*4 (W.D. Wash. Sept. 13, 2011), a "free" offer subject to enrollment in a negative option program is not "free" and violates the Federal Trade Commission Act.

#### 3. "Free trial"

At least in 2012 and 2013, Rocket Lawyer advertised on its website "free" trials of its "Basic Legal Plan" and "Pro Legal Plan." (SS, ¶ 17, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 12, **Exhibit H**, a true and correct copy of Rocket Lawyer advertisement ("Try it Free").) However, Rocket Lawyer's customers cannot "try" Rocket Lawyer's "Basic Legal Plan" or "Pro Legal Plan" for "free." Customers who sign up for a one-week free trial membership under the "Basic Legal Plan" or "Pro Legal Plan" must first provide Rocket Lawyer with their credit card information and enroll in Rocket Lawyer's "negative option" program – *i.e.*, a program in which customers are automatically enrolled and billed and must contact Rocket Lawyer to opt out of. (SS, ¶ 18, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 13, **Exhibit I**, a true and correct copy of Rocket Lawyer's "free" trial enrollment page after the outset of the offer.) As stated above, a "free" offer subject to enrollment in a negative option program is not "free." See *FTC v. Willms*, 2011 WL 4103542, \*4. A disclosure of Rocket Lawyer's negative option is found in standard font only upon the customer being directed to enroll in the "free trial." (SS,

¶ 19, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 13, see Exhibit I.) However, no further acknowledgement regarding the negative option is provided. (SS,  $\P$  20, Nguyen Decl.,  $\P$  13, see Exhibit I.)

#### C. LegalZoom's Prior Efforts To Resolve Matters Outside Of Court

In an attempt to resolve this matter amicably outside the courts, on October 13, 2011, LegalZoom's Chairman, Brian Liu, contacted Rocket Lawyer's CEO, Dan Nye, stating that there were "important issues that [LegalZoom's] legal department has brought up regarding [Rocket Lawyer's] advertising." (SS, ¶ 21, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 14, **Exhibit J**, a true and correct copy of the email exchange between Brian Liu and Dan Nye, dated October 13, 2011.) Mr. Nye responded by stating that Mr. Liu should discuss this issue with Charley Moore, Rocket Lawyer's founder and Chairman, and copied Mr. Moore on the email exchange. (SS, ¶ 22, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 14, **Exhibit J**.)

On October 14, 2011, Mr. Liu had a telephone conversation with Mr. Moore, stating that LegalZoom took issue with Rocket Lawyer's ads, which promised "Set up a Free LLC... Totally Free," and "100% Free," since state filing fees must *always* be paid when setting up an LLC through Rocket Lawyer. (SS, ¶ 23, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 15, **Exhibit K**, a true and correct copy of the email from Brian Liu to Charley Moore, dated October 14, 2011.) Mr. Liu also implored Mr. Moore to read and follow the Federal Trade Commission's guidelines regarding the use of the word "free" in advertising, which requires, among other things, that "all terms, conditions and obligations upon which receipt and retention of the "Free" item are contingent should be set forth clearly and conspicuously *at the outset of the offer* so as to leave no reasonable probability that the terms of the offer might be misunderstood." (SS, ¶ 24, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 15, **Exhibit K** (*emphasis added*).) Mr. Liu requested that Rocket Lawyer immediately take down these and other misleading advertisements. (SS, ¶ 25, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 15, **Exhibit K**.)

One month later, the misleading Rocket Lawyer advertising still had not been changed or removed. (SS, ¶ 26, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 16, Exhibit L.) Beginning

November 15, 2011, in a series of emails, Mr. Liu repeatedly requested that Rocket Lawyer discontinue its false advertising and unfair competition practices to no avail. (SS, ¶ 27, Nguyen Decl., ¶ 16, Exhibit L.)

Thus, LegalZoom respectfully requests that this Court hold that Rocket Lawyer's advertisements constitute false advertising under the Lanham Act and false adverting and unfair competition under California law as a matter of law.

#### III. ARGUMENT

#### A. Legal Standard For Summary Judgment

Summary judgment shall be granted "if the movant shows that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(a); see also *Green v. Sun Life Assur. Co.*, 383 F. Supp. 2d 1224, 1226 (C.D. Cal. 2005). A "genuine issue" exits if "a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the nonmoving party" and a fact is material if it "might affect the outcome of the suit under the governing law." *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986). The Court shall determine, if practicable, what material facts exist without substantial controversy. *Fleener v. Trinity Broadcasting Network*, 203 F. Sup. 2d 1142, 1147 (C.D. Cal. 2001).

The initial burden is on the moving party to establish the absence of any genuine issues of material fact and, thereby, establishing entitlement to judgment as a matter of law. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c); see also *Celotex Corp. v. Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986); *Anderson*, 477 U.S. at 250. After the moving party has sustained its initial burden, the nonmoving party must come forth with enough evidence to demonstrate the existence of a "genuine issue" of material fact for trial. *Anderson*, 477 U.S. at 256; Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e). The nonmoving party's burden is such that it must do more than simply show there is some metaphysical doubt as to the material facts. *Matsushita Elec. Industrial Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp.*, 475 U.S. 574 (1986); see also *Triton Energy Corp. v. Square D. Co.*, 68 F.3d 1216, 1221 (9th Cir. 1995) (providing that "It]he mere existence of a scintilla of evidence in support of the

nonmoving party's position is not sufficient" to prevent summary judgment).

# B. Rocket Lawyer's Advertisements Constitute False Advertising Under The Lanham Act

"The purpose of the [Lanham] Act is to insure truthfulness in advertising and to eliminate misrepresentations with reference to the inherent quality or characteristics of another's product." *Coca-Cola Co. v. Tropicana Products, Inc.*, 690 F.2d 312, 318 (2d Cir. 1982). The Lanham Act is designed and should be enforced to protect the public from deception by deterring deceivers. *Monsanto Chemical Co. v. Perfect Fit Products Mfg. Co.*, 349 F.2d 389, 395-96 (2d Cir. 1965), *cert. denied*, 383 U.S. 942 (1966). The Ninth Circuit too has stressed that the trial court's primary function should center on making violations of the Lanham Act unprofitable. *Maier Brewing Co. v. Fleischmann Distilling Corp.*, 390 F.2d 117 (9th Cir. 1968); *Playboy Enterprises, Inc. v. Baccarat Clothing Co.*, 692 F.2d 1272, 1274 (9th Cir. 1982).

To establish a false advertising claim under the Lanham Act<sup>2</sup>, a plaintiff must show: (1) false statement of fact by the defendant in a commercial advertisement about its own or another's product; (2) the statement actually deceived or has the tendency to deceive a substantial segment of its audience; (3) the deception is material, in that it is likely to influence the purchasing decision; (4) the defendant caused its false statement to enter interstate commerce; and (5) the plaintiff has been or is likely to be injured as a result of the false statement, either by direct diversion of sales from itself to defendant or by a lessening of the goodwill associated with its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, codified at 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a) provides in pertinent part:

<sup>(</sup>a) Any person who, on or in connection with any goods or services, or any container for goods, uses in commerce any... false or misleading representation of fact, which—

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<sup>(</sup>B) in commercial advertising or promotion, misrepresents the nature, characteristics, qualities, or geographic origin of his or her or another person's goods, services, or commercial activities, shall be liable in a civil action by any person who believes that he or she is or is likely to be damaged by such act. 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a) (1988).

products. Southland Sod Farms v. Stover Seed Co., 108 F.3d 1134, 1139 (9th Cir. 1997).

LegalZoom can show by undisputed facts that Rocket Lawyer has engaged in each element of a Lanham Act false advertising claim, and therefore is entitled to summary judgment on this claim, as a matter of law.

# 1. Rocket Lawyer's Advertisements are False Commercial Advertisements

#### a. Rocket Lawyers advertisements are literally false.

Whether a statement is literally false is a determination to be made as a matter of law. *Allsup, Inc. v. Advantage 2000 Consultants Inc.*, 428 F.3d 1135, 1138 (8th Cir. 2005). Therefore this determination is appropriate for summary judgment.

To demonstrate falsity within the meaning of the Lanham Act, a plaintiff may show that the statement was literally false, either on its face or by necessary implication, or that the statement was literally true, but likely to mislead or confuse consumers. Southland Sod Farms v. Stover Seed Co., 108 F.3d at 1139. The test for literal falsity is simple: "if a defendant's claim is untrue, it must be deemed literally false." Castrol Inc. v. Pennzoil Co., 987 F.2d 939, 944 (3d Cir. 1993); see also 16 C.F.R. § 251.1 (2009) ("FTC Guide Concerning The Use of the Word 'Free' And Similar Representations") (false advertising occurs where the "free" offer is not accompanied by a sufficient disclaimer making clear that the offer is not actually free).

As stated above, Rocket Lawyer's advertisements – "Zoom Charges \$99.

Rocket Lawyer is Fast, Easy, & Free. Incorporate Your Business Today,"

"incorporate for free... pay no fees (\$0)," "form your LLC free at Rocket Lawyer,"

"free help from local attorneys," "free legal review," and "free" trials of Rocket

Lawyer's "Basic Legal Plan" and "Pro Legal Plan" – are literally false. Rocket

Lawyer customers cannot incorporate, form an LLC, get help from local attorneys,

get legal review or get trials of Rocket Lawyer's plans for "free." Rather, Rocket

Lawyer customers seeking to incorporate or form an LLC for "free" through Rocket Lawyer's services are nonetheless required to pay the state fees associated with incorporation or formation, customers could access Rocket Lawyer's "free help from local attorneys" and the "free legal review" only if they were <u>paid</u> members of Rocket Lawyer's "Basic Legal Plan" or "Pro Legal Plan," and customers who signed up for a one-week free trial membership under Rocket Lawyer's "Basic Legal Plan" or "Pro Legal Plan" were required to enroll in Rocket Lawyer's "negative option" program. See *Spiegel, Inc. v. Fed. Trade Comm'n*, 494 F.2d 59 (7th Cir. 1974) ("free trial" offers conditioned on customer's meeting retailer's credit criteria were not truly free). Accordingly, Rocket Lawyer's advertisements are literally false as a matter of law.

# b. Rocket Lawyers advertisements are commercial advertisements.

Commercial advertisements, for purposes of the Lanham Act are: (i) commercial speech; (ii) by a defendant who is in commercial competition with plaintiff; (iii) for the purpose of influencing consumers to buy defendant's goods or services; and (iv) must be disseminated sufficiently to the relevant purchasing public to constitute "advertising" or "promotion" within that industry. *Coastal Abstract Serv. Inc. v. First Am. Title Ins. Co.*, 173 F.3d 725, 735 (9th Cir. 1999), citing 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(B).

#### (i) Commercial speech.

The Supreme Court has recognized that "expression related solely to the economic interests of the speaker and its audience" will be considered commercial speech. *Oxycal Lab. v. Jeffers*, 909 F. Supp. 719, 724 (S.D. Cal. 1995) (citing *Cincinnati v. Discovery Network*, 507 U.S. 410, 422 (1993)). Rocket Lawyer's advertisements to customers and potential customers regarding the cost of Rocket Lawyer's products are purely economic in nature and therefore constitute commercial speech.

#### (ii) Parties in commercial competition.

Commercial competitors, for purposes of the Lanham Act, are "persons endeavoring to do the same thing and each offering to perform the act, furnish the merchandise, or render the service better or cheaper than his rival." *Summit Tech. v. High-line Med. Instruments. Co.*, 933 F. Supp. 918, 939 (C.D. Cal. 1996). Since both LegalZoom and Rocket Lawyer are providers of online legal products, they are in commercial competition with each other.

#### (iii) Purpose of influencing customers.

To be considered a statement made "for the purpose of influencing consumers to buy the defendant's goods and services," the statement must propose a commercial transaction. If it does not, it is not advertising and cannot be the subject of a Lanham Act "false advertising" claim. See, e.g., Rice v. Fox Broadcasting Co., 330 F.3d 1170, 1180-81 (9th Cir. 2003). Because Rocket Lawyer directs its advertisements to individuals, families and business owners looking for affordable legal services and products, the purpose of its false advertisements concerning the costs of Rocket Lawyer's products is to influence customers to purchase Rocket Lawyer's products.

# (iv) Dissemination sufficiently to the relevant purchasing public.

Advertisements on the internet have been found to be disseminated sufficiently to the relevant purchasing public for purposes of the Lanham Act. See Healthport, 563 F. Supp. 2d at 1179; see also Certain Teed Corp. v. Seattle Roof Brokers, 2010 WL 2640083, \*5 (W.D. Wash. June 28, 2010) (providing that statements on websites draw interstate audience and come within the ambit of the Lanham Act); Thermal Design, Inc. v. Guardian Bldg. Products, Inc., 2009 WL 1181327, \*2 (E.D. Wis. Apr. 29, 2009) (marketing materials, including those on the internet, meet the commercial advertising requirement because they are "disseminated sufficiently to the relevant purchasing public.") Since Rocket Lawyer's advertisements were on the internet, the advertisements are disseminated sufficiently to the relevant purchasing public.

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# 2. Rocket Lawyer's Advertisements Are Presumed to Have Deceived and Have the Tendency to Deceive a Substantial Segment of its Audience

Rocket Lawyer's advertisements are likely to deceive their intended audience, the users of online legal help, because they are likely to cause confusion or mistake as to the actual cost of the purportedly "free" Rocket Lawyer services. In any event, if an advertisement is literally false, or if a defendant intentionally misleads customers, a presumption arises that customers were in fact deceived and the burden shifts to the defendant to prove otherwise. Pom Wonderful LLC v. Coca Cola Co., 727 F. Supp. 2d 849, 869 (C.D. Cal. 2010) (aff'd in part, vacated in part, remanded sub nom. Pom Wonderful LLC v. Coca-Cola Co., 679 F.3d 1170 (9th Cir. 2012)) ("if [the defendant has intentionally misled consumers, [the court will presume that] consumers were in fact deceived and [the defendant] would have the burden of demonstrating otherwise"); Southland Sod Farms v. Stover Seed Co., 108 F.3d at 1146; see also The William H. Morris Co. v. Group W, Inc., 66 F.3d 255, 258 (9th Cir. 1995); United Indus. Corp. v. Clorox Co., 140 F.3d 1175, 1180 (8th Cir. 1998) ("If a plaintiff proves that a challenged claim is literally false, a court may grant relief without considering whether the buying public was actually misled; actual consumer confusion need not be proved"); Western States Wholesale, Inc. v. Synthetic Inds., Inc., 206 F.R. D. 271, 275 (C.D. Cal. 2002) ("When a plaintiff shows that the defendant's false advertising was intentional, the plaintiff is entitled to a presumption that customers were deceived."). Since Rocket Lawyer's advertisements are literally false and Rocket Lawyer was made aware of the literal falsity of its advertisements, but nonetheless intentionally continued to use such false advertisements to confuse and deceive customers into believing that its products and services were somehow "free," it can be presumed that customers were in fact confused and deceived. Given such legal presumption in LegalZoom's favor, LegalZoom is entitled to summary judgment on this element.

# 3. Rocket Lawyer's Advertisements are Materially Deceptive in that it They Are Likely to Influence Purchasing Decisions

Whether for online legal products or other consumer products, use of the word "free" is a highly effective tactic used by retailers to lure customers to their stores and websites. *In re Samuel Stores*, 27 F.T.C. 882 (1938). Rocket Lawyer's use of the term "free" in its advertising is no different. Rocket Lawyer's advertisements are likely to cause confusion or mistake as to the true costs of Rocket Lawyer products and services. Given that Rocket Lawyer's products and services are directed towards economical individuals and small to medium sized businesses, cost is a key factor in such customers' purchasing decisions. In any event, where defendant's advertising claims are literally false, such false statements are presumed to be material. See *POM Wonderful LLC v. Purely Juice, Inc.*, 2008 WL 4222045, \*11 (C.D. Cal. July 17, 2008) aff'd, 362 F. App'x 577 (9th Cir. 2009) (actually false claims are presumed material). Accordingly, Rocket Lawyer's advertisements are materially deceptive.

# 4. Rocket Lawyer Caused its False Advertisements to Enter Interstate Commerce

An advertisement enters into interstate commerce for purposes of the Lanham Act where the advertisement is widely disseminated to the purchasing public. See *Gordon & Breach Science Publishers, Ltd. v. American Institute of Physics*, 859 F. Supp. 1521, 1535-36 (S.D.N.Y. 1994) ("[w]hile the advertising need not be made in a 'classic advertising campaign,' but may consist instead of more informal types of 'promotion,' the representations... *must be disseminated sufficiently to the relevant purchasing public....*") (emphasis added).

"As both a means to engage in commerce and the method by which transactions occur, 'the Internet is an instrumentality and channel of interstate commerce." *United States Sutcliffe*, 505 F.3d 944, 953 (9th Cir. 2007) (quoting *United States v. Trotter*, 478 F.3d 918, 921 (8th Cir. 2007)); see also *Healthport Corp. v. Tanita Corp. of America*, 563 F. Supp. 2d at 1179, 1180-81 (providing that

statements on the internet constitute advertisements in interstate commerce for purposes of the Lanham Act). Therefore, to prove that a defendant promoted false statements in interstate commerce, the plaintiff can show that a defendant made false statements on the internet. *Del Webb Cmtys.*, *Inc. v. Partington*, 2009 WL 3053709, \*11, \*16 (D. Nev. Sept. 18, 2009).

By placing its false advertisements on the Internet (via search engines such as Google, Yahoo and Bing as well as on its own and other websites), Rocket Lawyer clearly caused its false advertisements to enter interstate commerce.

# 5. Rocket Lawyer's False Advertising Caused Actual Injury to LegalZoom

It is well established that "a competitor need not prove injury when suing to enjoin conduct that violates section 43(a)" of the Lanham Act. *Harper House, Inc. v. Thomas Nelson, Inc.*, 889 F.2d 197, 210 (9th Cir. 1989); see also Southland Sod Farms v. Stover Seed Co., 108 F.3d at 1146. Indeed, "an inability to show actual damages does not alone preclude recovery" and the district court may "award the plaintiff any just monetary award so long as it constitutes 'compensation' for the plaintiff's losses or the defendant's unjust enrichment and is not simply a 'penalty for the defendant's conduct." Southland Sod Farms v. Stover Seed Co., 108 F.3d at 1146 (citations omitted).

Given that LegalZoom and Rocket Lawyer are direct competitors for online legal products and Rocket Lawyer's advertisements are literally false, injury to LegalZoom is presumed and LegalZoom is injured by Rocket Lawyer's false advertising as a matter of law.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In any event, direct diversion of sales from a plaintiff to a defendant constitutes actual injury under the Lanham Act. *Southland Sod*, 108 F.3d at 1139. LegalZoom has lost business and continues to lose business caused by Rocket Lawyer's false and misleading advertisements and unfair competition practices as a result of at least one customer being diverted to the Rocket Lawyer

website and/or refusing to do business with LegalZoom due to the fact that the Rocket Lawyer advertisements falsely state that Rocket Lawyer offers "free" incorporation," "free" LLCs, "free help from local attorneys," "free legal review," and "free" trials of Rocket Lawyer's "Basic Legal Plan" and "Pro Legal Plan," in an amount to be determined at trial.

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# C. Rocket Lawyer's Advertising Constitutes False Advertising Under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500

Because the evidence shows that LegalZoom is entitled to summary judgment on its false advertising claim under the Lanham Act, summary judgment should likewise be granted on LegalZoom's false advertising claim under California's false advertising law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 et seq. See, e.g., J.K. Harris & Co., LLC v. Kassel, 253 F. Supp. 2d 1120, 1130, n.9 (N.D. Cal. 2003). California's false advertising law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 et seq., makes advertising products or services by "untrue or misleading" statements unlawful. See Brockey v. Moore, 107 Cal. App. 4th 86, 98 (2003), citing Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500. "Section 17500 has been broadly construed to proscribe 'not only advertising which is false, but also advertising which[,] although true, is either actually misleading or which has a capacity, likelihood or tendency to deceive or confuse the public." Colgan v. Leatherman Tool Group, Inc., 135 Cal.App.4th 663, 679 (2006), quoting Kasky v. Nike, Inc., 27 Cal.4th 939, 951 (2002). A claim for false or misleading advertising in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code Section 17500 requires proof that: (a) defendant intentionally or negligently disseminated an untrue or misleading statement with an intent to dispose of goods or services; (b) the statement was made in California and disseminated to the public in any state; and (3) the statement deceived and harmed the plaintiff.

Rocket Lawyer, acting directly or indirectly with the intent to induce members of the public to engage Rocket Lawyer's services and purchase Rocket Lawyer's products, made or caused to be made, false and misleading statements in the state of California via the internet that Rocket Lawyer offered "free" incorporation, "free" LLCs, "free help from local attorneys," "free legal review" and "free" trials of Rocket Lawyer's Basic Legal Plan" and "Pro Legal Plan." As stated above, these advertisements are false because customers seeking to "incorporate for free" for form an LLC for "free" through Rocket Lawyer's services are nonetheless required to pay

the state fees associated with incorporation or formation, customers can access Rocket Lawyer's "free help from local attorneys" and the "free legal review" only if they are **paid** members of Rocket Lawyer's "Basic Legal Plan" or "Pro Legal Plan," and customers who sign up for a one-week free trial membership under Rocket Lawyer's "Basic Legal Plan" or "Pro Legal Plan" must nonetheless enroll in Rocket Lawyer's negative option program. Rocket Lawyer was made fully aware that its advertisements were false and misleading and so acted in violation of Section 17500 of the California Business & Professions Code. Rocket Lawyer's advertising further violates Section 17509 and Section 17600 *et seq.* in that the advertisements require, as a condition of the "free" services, the payment of state fees, the purchase of paid membership and/or the enrollment in a trial membership plan subject to a negative option without adequate disclosure to customers. For these reasons, Rocket Lawyer's advertising constitutes false advertising under California Business & Professions Code Section 17500, *et seq.* 

# D. Rocket Lawyer's False Advertising Constitutes Unfair Competition Under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200

California's unfair competition law prohibits "any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business practice and unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Under California's Negative Option Law (the "California Negative Option Rule"). Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17600 et seq., an offer which includes an automatic renewal provision must include a clear and conspicuous disclosure that: (1) the subscription will continue until the customer terminates the contract; (2) the cancellation policy of the offer; (3) the amount of the recurring charges that the customer's credit card will be charged, and if the amount will change, and if so, the amount that the charge will be changed by, if known; (4) the duration of the automatic renewal term or that the subscription is continuous; and (5) if there is any minimum purchase requirement. The statute spells out the requirements of "clear and conspicuous" and provides that to qualify as "clear and conspicuous, a disclosure must be in larger type than the surrounding text, or in contrasting type, font or color to the surrounding text of the same size, or set off from the surrounding text of the same size by symbols or other marks, in a manner that clearly calls attention to the language." In addition, the statute requires that the customer be provided with an acknowledgement that includes the automatic renewal or continuous service offer terms, cancellation policy and information regarding how to cancel in a manner that is capable of being retained by the customer. As discussed above, Rocket Lawyer's negative option disclosure appears in standard font only upon the customer being directed to enroll in the "free trial." Accordingly, the disclosure is not clearly and conspicuously disclosed.

Cal. Bus. & Prof. § 17200. "An unlawful business practice within the meaning of [California's unfair competition law] is one that is forbidden by law, whether civil or criminal, federal, state, or municipal, statutory, regulatory, or court-made." *People v. Servantes*, 86 Cal.App.4th 1081, 1087 (2001). Rocket Lawyer's false and misleading advertising practices have violated numerous aspects of California's unfair competition law.

First, an "unlawful" business act or practice is an act or practice that is undertaken pursuant to business activity and also forbidden by law. See People v. E.W.A.P., Inc., 106 Cal.App.3d 315, 319 (1980). The "unlawful" act can be any act or practice forbidden by civil, criminal, federal, state, municipal, statutory, regulatory or court-made law. Id. As explained above, Rocket Lawyer's false and misleading advertising violates the Lanham Act and the California false and misleading advertising law and, thus, constitutes "unlawful" conduct under California's unfair competition law.

Rocket Lawyer's use of the term "free" in the aforementioned advertisements not only violates the Lanham Act, but also violates Section 251.1 of the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC") Guide<sup>5</sup> concerning the use of the word "free," which requires, among other things, that "all terms, conditions and obligations upon which receipt and retention of the "free" item are contingent should be set forth clearly and conspicuously *at the outset of the offer* so as to leave no reasonable probability that the terms of the offer might be misunderstood." (*Emphasis added*). Consistent with the clear language of the "Free" Guide, the FTC has repeatedly taken enforcement actions against false "free" claims with automatic renewals that are not adequately disclosed at the outset of an advertisement, but are hidden in footnotes and fine print.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See *Waul v. Circuit City Stores, Inc.*, WL 1535825, \*7 (Cal. App. July 9, 2004) (providing that the guide is an advisory guide suggesting a procedure that will prevent the use of the term "free" from being misleading when there are terms and conditions that must be fulfilled before a customer can receive the "free" product or service.)

See, e.g., In the Matter of Prodigy Servs. Corp., 125 F.T.C. 430, 434 (Mar. 16, 1998) (Prodigy liable for advertising "free" Internet service but failing to disclose at the outset that customers would be charged if they did not cancel during the trial period); In the Matter of America Online, Inc., 125 F.T.C. 403, 406 (Mar. 16, 1998) (same re. AOL). Stated differently, all of the terms, conditions and obligations should appear in close proximity with the offer of "free" merchandise or service. 16 C.F.R. § 251.1 (1998). For example, disclosure of the terms of the offer set forth in a footnote of an advertisement to which reference is made by an asterisk or other symbol placed next to the offer, is not regarded as making disclosure at the outset. Id. As indicated above, the terms, conditions and obligations upon which receipt of Rocket Lawyer's purportedly "free" services and products are contingent are not conspicuously and clearly set forth at the outset of the offer.

Second, in cases between competitors, an act or practice is "unfair" when it "threatens an incipient violation of an antitrust law, or violates the policy or spirit of one of those laws because its effects are comparable to or the same as a violation of the law or otherwise significantly threatens or harms competition. *Cel-Tech Communications, Inc. v. Los Angeles Cellular, Tel. Co.*, 20 Cal.4th 163, 187 (1999). As explained above, Rocket Lawyer's false and misleading advertising has met this standard – Rocket Lawyer's false and misleading advertisements aim to deceive customers in an attempt to gain a competitive advantage for Rocket Lawyer over LegalZoom.

Third, a business act or practice is "fraudulent" if members of the public are likely to be deceived." See Committee on Children's Television v. General Foods Corp., 35 Cal.3d 197, 211 (1983). Rocket Lawyer's advertisements deceive and/or attempt to deceive customers as to the cost of Rocket Lawyer's services and products. As explained above, such advertisements are false and misleading, and the public likely will be deceived by such advertisements.

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#### IV. CONCLUSION

Rocket Lawyer's false advertising constitutes false advertising under the Lanham Act and false advertising and unfair competition under California law. LegalZoom, as Rocket Lawyer's direct competitor, has suffered damages as a result of Rocket Lawyer's false advertising. Therefore, LegalZoom respectfully requests that this Court grant LegalZoom summary judgment on the liability element of its false advertising and unfair competition claims, leaving only computation of damages to be determined at trial.

DATED: September 4, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **DECLARATION OF MARY ANN T. NGUYEN**

I, MARY ANN T. NGUYEN, declare and state as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice before all courts of the State of California and am an Associate of the law firm of Glaser Weil Fink Jacobs Howard Avchen & Shapiro LLP, attorneys of record herein for Plaintiff LegalZoom.com, Inc. ("LegalZoom"). I make this declaration in support of Plaintiff LegalZoom's Motion for Summary Judgment. The facts set forth herein are true of my own personal knowledge, and if called upon to testify thereto, I could and would competently do so under oath.
- 2. The following is a list of corporation and limited liability company (LLC) filing fees by state. As shown below, every state has a filing fee for corporation and LLC filings. Accordingly, Rocket Lawyer's advertisements regarding "free" incorporation or LLC formation are false since state filing fees must always be paid when setting up a corporation or LLC.

	Corp Filing	LLC Filing
State Name	Fee	Fee
Alabama	\$100	\$100
Alaska	\$250	\$250
Arkansas	\$45	\$45
Arizona	\$60	\$50
California	\$100	\$70
Colorado	\$50	\$50
Connecticut	\$250	\$120
Delaware	\$89	\$90

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1	Florida \$35	\$100
2	Georgia \$100	\$100
3	Hawaii \$75	\$75
4	Idaho \$100	\$100
5	Illinois \$175	\$500
6	Indiana \$90	\$90
7	Iowa \$20	\$50
8	Kansas \$90	\$165
9	Kentucky \$50 <sup>6</sup>	\$40
10	Louisiana \$75	\$100
11	Maine \$145	\$175
12	Maryland \$120 <sup>7</sup>	\$100
13	Massachusetts \$275	\$500
14	Michigan \$60	\$50
15	Minnesota \$135	\$135
16	Missouri \$50	\$50
17	Mississippi \$50	\$50
18	Montana \$70	\$70
19	Nebraska \$60	\$100
20	Nevada \$75	\$75
21	New Hampshire \$100	\$100
22	New Jersey \$125	\$125
23	New Mexico \$100	\$50
24	New York \$125	\$200
25	North Carolina \$125	\$125
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Includes \$10.00 organization tax fee for 1,000 shares or less.

<sup>7</sup> Includes \$20.00 organization and capitalization fee.

1	North Dakota	\$100	\$125
2	Ohio	\$125	\$125
3	Oklahoma	\$50	\$100
4	Oregon	\$100	\$100
5	Pennsylvania	\$125	\$125
6	Rhode Island	\$230	\$150
7	South Carolina	\$110	\$110
8	South Dakota	\$150	\$150
9	Tennessee	\$100	\$300
10	Texas	\$300	\$300
11	Utah	\$70	\$70
12	Vermont	\$125	\$120
13	Virginia	\$75	\$100
14	Washington	\$180	\$180
15	Washington D.C.	\$220	\$220
16	West Virginia	\$50	\$100
17	Wisconsin	\$100	\$130
18	Wyoming	\$100	\$100

- 3. On Rocket Lawyer's "About Us" webpage, Rocket Lawyer touts to provide affordable legal services to individuals, families and business owners. A true and correct copy of Rocket Lawyer's "About Us" webpage is attached thereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 4. At least in 2011, 2012 and 2013, Rocket Lawyer advertised "Zoom Charges \$99. Rocket Lawyer is Fast, Easy, & Free. Incorporate Your Business Today," "free" incorporation and "free" limited liability companies (LLCs). For example, Rocket Lawyer has advertised "Incorporate for Free... Pay No Fees \$0," "Incorporate Your Business at Rocket Lawyer Free," "Form Your LLC Free at Rocket Lawyer" and "Free... LLCs." A true and correct copy of Rocket Lawyer's

advertisements containing these claims is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- 5. Rocket Lawyer's customers are required to pay the state fees associated with incorporation and formation. A true and correct copy of Rocket Lawyer's state filing options showing the state fee requirement through Rocket Lawyer's services is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.
- 6. Rocket Lawyer customers who access the Rocket Lawyer link to the "Incorporate for Free... Pay No Fees \$0," "Incorporate Your Business at Rocket Lawyer Free," "Form Your LLC Free at Rocket Lawyer" or "Free... LLCs" do not discover that they must actually pay the state filing fees until after they have accessed the Rocket Lawyer website, completed a "company setup" and filled out information relating to the "company details." Indeed, the state filing fees do not appear until after a customer has accessed the Rocket Lawyer website, completed a "company setup" and filled out information relating to the "company details." A true and correct copy of Rocket Lawyer's "Interview" for "Company Set-Up" and "Company Details" is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- 7. At least in 2012, Rocket Lawyer advertised "Free help from local attorneys" and "Free legal review." A true and correct copy of Rocker Lawyer's advertisements containing these claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.
- 8. As provided by Rocket Lawyer's On Call Terms of Service, Rocket Lawyer's customers could access "help from local attorneys" or "legal review" for free only if they were "Eligible Members" who had either (a) purchased three consecutive months of Rocket Lawyer's monthly Legal Plan, or (b) purchased a Rocket Lawyer annual Legal Plan. A true and correct copy of Rocket Lawyer's On Call Terms of Service, dated July 2012, as printed on November 27, 2012, stating this requirement, is attached hereto as **Exhibit F**.
- 9. The paid-membership requirement for access to Rocket Lawyer's purported "free help from local attorneys" and "free legal review" was not disclosed in close proximity to the advertisements on Rocket Lawyer's website. Indeed, the

paid-membership requirement was only disclosed in Rocket Lawyer's "On Call Terms of Service," which was accessible to customers on a separate link. *See* <a href="http://www.rocketlawyer.com/on-call-terms-of-service.rl">http://www.rocketlawyer.com/on-call-terms-of-service.rl</a>.

- 10. Rocket Lawyer subsequently changed the language of its "On Call Terms of Service" to provide that "Customers who enter into a one week (seven (7) calendar days) free trial are eligible to receive one (1) free legal matter consultation..." after LegalZoom filed its original Complaint. The access to "free help from local attorneys" and "free legal review" during a "free trial" was not available before LegalZoom's filing of the original Complaint. True and correct copies of Rocket Lawyer's On Call Terms of Service, dated July 2012, as printed on November 27, 2012 and Rocket Lawyer's On Call Terms of Service, dated November 2012, as printed on November 29, 2012, showing Rocket Lawyer's On Call Terms of Service before service of the Complaint and Rocket Lawyer's On Call Terms of Service after service of the Complaint, are attached hereto as **Exhibits F and G**, respectively.
- 11. As shown in Rocket Lawyer's On Call Terms of Service, dated November 2012, as printed on November 29, 2012, access to the advertised "free help from local attorneys" and the "free legal review" was still conditioned upon customers actively enrolling in Rocket Lawyer's trial membership and providing Rocket Lawyer with their credit card information. See Exhibit G.
- 12. At least in 2012 and 2013, Rocket Lawyer advertised on its website "free" trials of its "Basic Legal Plan" and "Pro Legal Plan." A true and correct copy of Rocket Lawyer's advertisements containing these claims is attached hereto as **Exhibit H**.
- 13. However, as shown in Rocket Lawyer's "Free" Trial Enrollment Page, customers who sign up for a one-week free trial membership under the "Basic Legal Plan" or "Pro Legal Plan" must first provide Rocket Lawyer with their credit card information and enroll in Rocket Lawyer's "negative option" program -i.e., a

program in which customers are automatically enrolled and billed and must contact Rocket Lawyer to opt out of. No further acknowledgement regarding the negative option is provided. A true and correct copy of Rocket Lawyer's "Free" Trial Enrollment Page is attached hereto as **Exhibit I**.

- 14. On October 13, 2011, LegalZoom's Chairman, Brian Liu, contacted Rocket Lawyer's CEO, Dan Nye, stating that there were "important issues that [LegalZoom's] legal department has brought up regarding [Rocket Lawyer's] advertising." Dan Nye responded by stating that Liu should discuss this issue with Charley Moore, Rocket Lawyer's founder and Chairman, and copied Moore on the email exchange. A true and correct copy of this email exchange is attached hereto as **Exhibit J**.
- Moore, stating that LegalZoom took issue with Rocket Lawyer's ads, which promised "Set up a Free LLC... Totally Free," and "100% Free," since state filing fees must always be paid when setting up an LLC through Rocket Lawyer. Brian Liu also asked Charley Moore to read and follow the Federal Trade Commission's guidelines regarding the use of the word "free" in advertising, which requires, among other things, that "all terms, conditions and obligations upon which receipt and retention of the "Free" item are contingent should be set forth clearly and conspicuously *at the outset of the offer* so as to leave no reasonable probability that the terms of the offer might be misunderstood." This conversation was memorialized in an email from Brian Liu to Charley Moore, dated October 14, 2011. A true and correct copy of this email is attached hereto as Exhibit K.
- 16. In November 2011, Rocket Lawyer's advertising regarding "free" trials and services still had not been changed or removed; as a result, beginning November 15, 2011, in a series of emails, Brian Liu repeatedly requested that Rocket Lawyer discontinue its false advertising and unfair competition practices. A true and correct copy of this email is attached hereto as **Exhibit L**.

I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of California that the foregoing facts are true and correct. Executed on September 4, 2013 at Los Angeles, California. /s/ Mary Ann T. Nguyen MARY ANN T. NGUYEN 

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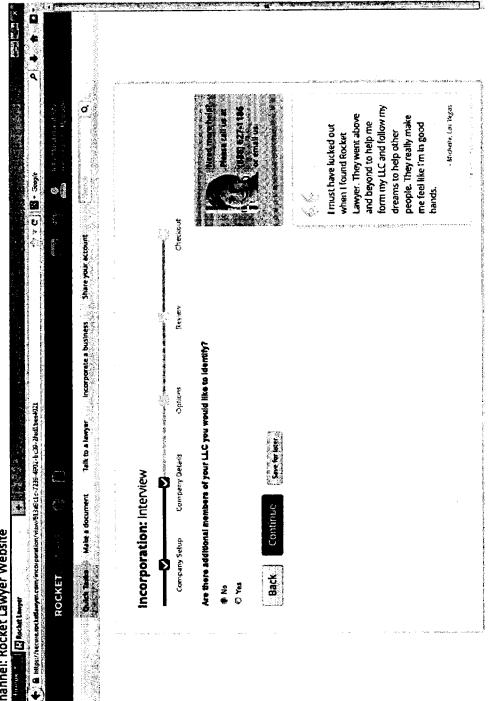
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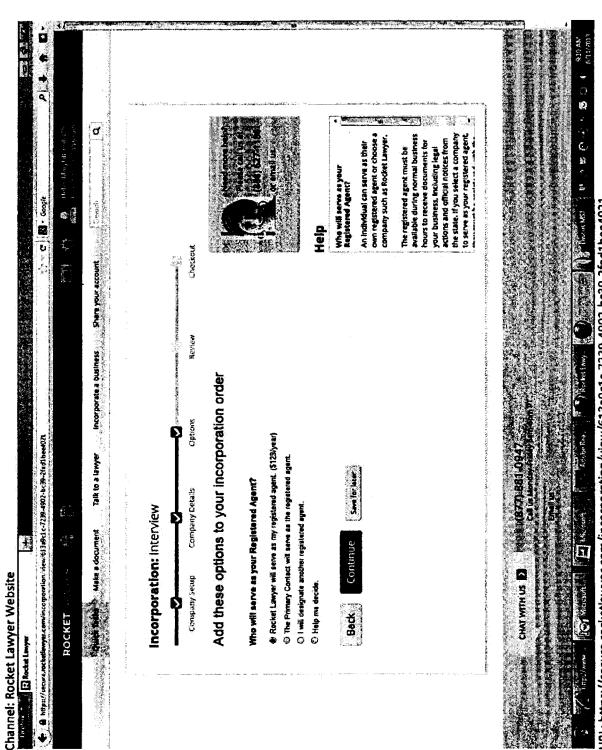
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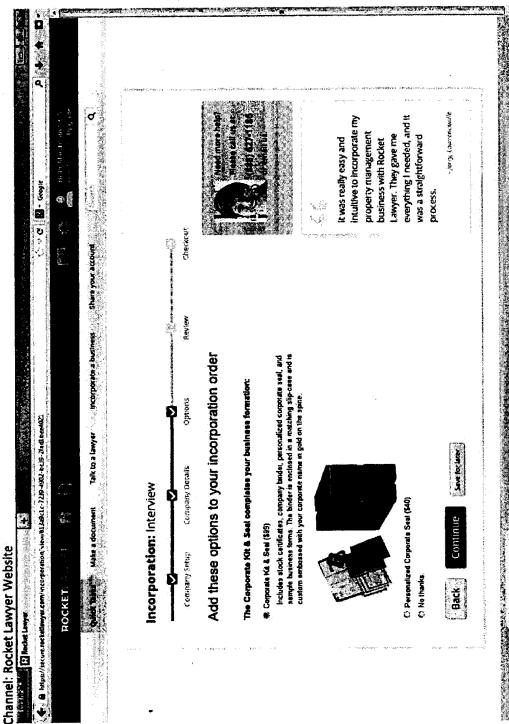
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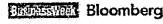
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  maximum requirement and such documents have the same font size and style as
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  documents that do not meet the Legal Document Requirements may be reviewed at the
  Service Provider's discounted rate;
- Review of a Simple Will for the Eligible Member and his or her family, as well as update the
  Will annually for free. A Simple Will is a last will and testament completed on the Rocket
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- Assistance in resolving matters with certain government programs, such as INS and welfare.
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- Additional details about your plan coverage can be found by calling 888-627-1192 or by visiting http://www.rocketlawyer.com/plans-pricing.rl while logged into your account.

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Rocket Lawyer and you agree to arbitrate all disputes and claims between us. This agreement to arbitrate is intended to be broadly interpreted. It includes, but is not limited to:

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- claims that arose before this or any prior agreement (including, but not limited to, claims relating to advertising);
- claims that are currently the subject of purported class action litigation in which you are not a member of a certified class; and

· claims that may arise after the termination of this Agreement.

References to "Rocket Lawyer", "you", and "us" include our respective subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, employees, predecessors in interest, successors, and assigns, as well as all authorized or unauthorized users or beneficiaries of services or devices under this or prior agreements between us. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may bring an individual action in small claims court. This arbitration agreement does not preclude you from bringing issues to the attention of federal, state, or local agencies, including, for example, the Federal Communications Commission. Such agencies can, if the law allows, seek relief against us on your behalf. You agree that, by entering into this Agreement, you and Rocket Lawyer are each waiving the right to a trial by jury or to participate in a class action. This Agreement evidences a transaction in the interstate commerce, and thus the Federal Arbitration Act governs the interpretation and enforcement of this provision. This arbitration provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

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The arbitration will be governed by the Commercial Arbitration Rules and the Supplementary Procedures for Consumer Related Disputes (collectively, "AAA Rules") of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"), as modified by this Agreement, and will be administered by the AAA. The AAA Rules are available online at adr.org, by calling the AAA at 1-800-778-7879, or by writing to the Notice Address. The arbitrator is bound by the terms of this Agreement. All issues are for the arbitrator to decide, including, but not limited to, issues relating to the scope, enforceability, and arbitrability of the arbitration provision. Unless Rocket Lawyer and you agree otherwise, any arbitration hearings will take place in a reasonably convenient location for both parties with due consideration of their ability to travel and other pertinent circumstances. If the parties are unable to agree on a location, the determination shall be made by AAA. If your claim is for \$10,000 or less, we agree that you may choose whether the arbitration will be conducted solely on the basis of documents submitted to the arbitrator, through a telephonic hearing, or by an in-person hearing as established by the AAA Rules. If your claim exceeds \$10,000, the right to a hearing will be determined by the AAA Rules. Regardless of the manner in which the arbitration is conducted, the arbitrator shall issue a reasoned written decision sufficient to explain the essential findings and conclusions on which the award is based. Rocket Lawyer will pay all AAA filing, administration, and arbitrator fees for any arbitration initiated in accordance with the AAA Rules. However, if you initiate an arbitration in which you seek more than \$75,000 in damages, the payment of these fees will be governed by the AAA rules.

The arbitrator may make rulings and resolve disputes as to the payment and reimbursement of fees and expenses at any time during the proceeding and upon request from either party made within 14 days of the arbitrator's ruling on the merits.

The arbitrator may award declaratory or injunctive relief only in favor of the individual party seeking relief and only to the extent necessary to provide relief warranted by that party's individual claim.

YOU AND ROCKET LAWYER AGREE THAT EACH MAY BRING CLAIMS AGAINST

THE OTHER ONLY IN YOUR OR ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING. Further, unless both you and Rocket Lawyer agree otherwise, the arbitrator may not consolidate more than one person's claims, and may not otherwise preside over any form of a representative or class proceeding. If this specific provision is found to be unenforceable, then the entirety of this arbitration provision shall be null and void.

Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, we agree that if Rocket Lawyer makes any future change to this arbitration provision (other than a change to the Notice Address) during your Membership, you may reject any such change by sending us written notice within thirty (30) calendar days of the change to the Arbitration Notice Address provided above. By rejecting any future change, you are agreeing that you will arbitrate any dispute between us in accordance with the language of this provision.

Further, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, in the case of any conflict between any other terms and conditions of your use of any Rocket Lawyer website or service, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail.

Eligible Members and Service Providers:

Eligible Members have the right to file a complaint with his or her state's bar association concerning the conduct of a Service Provider.

#### Disclosures and Notices

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Circular 230 Tax Advice Disclosure:

To ensure compliance with requirements imposed by the IRS under Circular 230, we inform you that any U.S. federal tax advice contained in any communication from Rocket Lawyer (including information provided by a Service Provider offering a free consultation) is and was not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of (1) avoiding penalties under the Internal Revenue Code or (2) promoting, marketing, or recommending to another party any matters addressed therein.

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Notices and procedure for making claims of copyright infringement
Pursuant to Title 17, United States Code, Section 512(c)(2), notifications of claimed copyright
infringement under United States copyright law should be sent to Service Provider's Designated
Agent. ALL INQUIRIES NOT RELEVANT TO THE ABOVE PROCEDURE WILL RECEIVE NO
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These Terms and Conditions are an agreement ("Agreement") between you ("Eligible Member") and Rocket Lawyer Incorporated ("Rocket Lawyer") regarding your use of the Rocket Lawyer On Call® ("On Call") benefits and features as set forth below. These On Call Terms and Conditions, and the RocketLawyer.com Terms and Conditions, which covers your use of the information, software, products, and services contained in or available through the RocketLawyer.com website (and together, the "Agreement"), constitute a legal agreement between you and Rocket Lawyer regarding your access to, or use of On Call. On Call is offered to you conditioned on your acceptance of the terms, conditions, and notices contained herein. Your trial membership or purchase of a Rocket Lawyer Legal Plan constitutes your acceptance and agreement to all such terms, conditions, and notices. These Terms and Conditions contain a dispute resolution provision that includes arbitration and that may affect your rights. Please read this entire Agreement carefully.

## Rocket Lawyer On Call®& Legal Plans

You may purchase a monthly or annual Rocket Lawyer Legal Plan. Rocket Lawyer Legal Plans may include certain access to Legal Information, which includes, but is not limited to, questions, answers, articles and legal forms that are available from time to time on the RocketLawyer.com website. For Eligible Members (as defined below), Legal Plans may also include access to legal services from Rocket Lawyer On Call attorneys on the terms and conditions as described herein. You may not transfer or assign your Legal Plan to another party; provided, however, that certain benefits may allow an Eligible Member to extend coverage to your Eligible Family Members (as defined below), or your designated business. The "Effective Date" for each Eligible Family Member shall be the date on which the Eligible Member elects to extend coverage to such family member.

## For the purposes of this Agreement:

- 1. The term "Eligible Member" includes any customer who purchases a Rocket Lawyer Legal Plan Customers who enter into a one week (seven (7) calendar days) free trial are eligible to receive one (1) free legal matter consultation, as described below.
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Sent: To: Subject:

From: Brian Liu

Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 1:43 PM

To: 'Charles Moore' Subject: RE: Follow Up

Charley,

Thanks for getting back to be. If you are available, I can be reached at B18-632-6117 pretty much all afternoon.

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Thanks!

- Brian

From: Charles Moore [mailto:cm@rocketlawyer.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 5:05 PM

To: Brian Liu
Co: Dan Nye

Subject: Re: Follow Up

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It was good speaking with you today. Just wanted to get back to you before you left with some of the ads and landing pages that our guys are having problems with, which are in the attached document.

If you haven't seen the FTC guidance, it's here: <a href="http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/guides/free.htm">http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/guides/free.htm</a> Specifically, "all of the terms, conditions and obligations should appear in close conjunction with the offer of 'Free' merchandise or service..."

As for our own Google ads, it appears that the "don't trust free" language only appears on search terms that include the word "free". We don't offer free documents, so what this ad is telling people is to not trust the concept of free in general (since often, there are strings attached.) However, I did see one ad that linked "don't trust free" to something specific, such as the legality of the document. I agree that is overly aggressive and will ask our guys to take that down.

Thanks for looking into this. When I'm in SF next, it would be good to sit down and grab a drink.

-- Brian

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From: Sent: To: Subject: importance: ——Original Message — From: Brian Liu Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 11:19 AM To: 'Charley Moore' Subject: RE: Google Ads Importance: High Charley, ) I tried calling you but the line isn't going through. Can you call me at 323-790-1358? Thanks --- Brian -Original Message----From: Charley Moore [mailto:cm@rocketlawyer.com] Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 9:00 PM To: Brian Liu Subject: Re: Google Ads Sure, let's talk again. I'll expect your call at 11:15 tomorrow. 415-738-7699. Charley On Nov 17, 2011, at 6:27 PM, Brian Liu <br/>
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Sliu@legalzoom.com> wrote: > Charley, > I can't tell whether you're misinformed, stalling, or something else. Once again, you just don't seem to know the basic facts. You asked me to confirm something that you can easily do yourself and I have done so. Screen shots from today are below. > Here are the three things that you need to do: > 1. There is no possible way to get a truly "free" incorporation or LLC on RocketLawer. You always have to pay filing fees. And even your "no processing fee" offer is conditioned upon joining your legal plan, which you hide. Therefore, any ad that says "Free LLC," "Set up a Free LLC," "Incorporate for Free," "Start an LLC for Free," or any ad that says "Free" without mentioning that you have to pay filing fees + sign up for your legal plan, must be taken down immediately.

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- > I'd still be happy to speak to you tomorrow at 11:15 am, but at this point, I feel like there's little more to say. Even you seemed to think that your ads were wrong, which is why you thought they were taken down. I'll wait until next-Tuesday to see what changes you make. But if you are still running unfair or misleading ads at that time, we will take action.

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same keywords, which violates google SEM rules.
> We're not interested in getting into a pissing match and continue to wish you well.
> This is stuff is not a good use of time for either of us, I suspect.
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 > I don't like to escalate things if there's a better way to get things resolved, so let me know you'd like to deal with
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