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Plaintiff Carol Hill Castagnola, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated persons, brings this action, by and through her undersigned counsel, and alleges as follows:

## INTRODUCTION

- 1. Defendant Hewlett-Packard Company dba Snapfish.com ("Snapfish") has stolen money from its own customers by transferring its customers' credit card information to third party Regent Group, Inc. dba Encore Marketing International, Inc. ("Regent"). Regent then used the customers' credit card information, along with a misleading website, to deceive Snapfish's customers into enrolling in a fee-based membership.
- 2. Snapfish markets and sells photograph-related goods and services on its Internet website, located at <www.snapfish.com> (the "Snapfish Website"). Primarily, Snapfish allows consumers to publish their personal photographs on various tangible goods.
- When purchasing a Snapfish product through the Snapfish Website, a 3. consumer selects the product, and then proceeds through several checkout screens, where the consumer enters his or her billing information.
- 4. Defendants have used this checkout process to deceive consumers into enrolling in a fee-based membership.
- 5. After consumers completed the checkout process on the Snapfish Website, and without the consumers' knowledge or consent, Snapfish transferred consumers' contact and billing information to Regent.
- 6. At the same time, the Snapfish Website sent the consumers to a different website, operated by Regent. Neither Snapfish nor Regent informed the consumers that they had been taken to another company's website. To the contrary, Regent designed its website to deceive consumers into believing they were still viewing the Snapfish Website by displaying the Snapfish trademark and using the Snapfish layout and color scheme (the "Regent Website").

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- 8. The Regent Website asked consumers to enter their email address and zip code to enroll in the Snapfish Valuepass program. However, the Regent Website did not ask consumers to enter any payment information or other contact information before enrolling the consumers in the Snapfish Valuepass program.
- 9. Only in small print, on the far left side of the Regent Website, designed not to be noticed by the consumer, did the Regent Website disclose that consumers would be charged a \$1.95 activation fee and then billed \$14.95 per month thereafter for the Snapfish Valuepass program.
- 10. As a result of Snapfish's disclosure of consumers' billing information to Regent, and as a result of Regent's deceptive website, Plaintiff and numerous other consumers similar to Plaintiff were involuntarily enrolled in the Snapfish Valuepass program and were wrongfully charged membership fees.
- Defendants' misconduct has harmed Plaintiff and those similarly situated to 11. Plaintiff.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 12. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this matter under 28 U.S.C. §1332(d)(2) because this is a civil action in which the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is a class action in which a member of the class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from Defendants.
- 13. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because a substantial part of Defendants' misconduct that gave rise to this action occurred in California, including because Plaintiff resides in California and was harmed in California. Moreover, Defendant Snapfish is a corporation registered with the California Secretary of State and based in Palo Alto, California.

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14. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1391(a)(2) because this is a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred. To wit, Snapfish is located in this district, Snapfish's terms and conditions specify California as the appropriate forum to resolve disputes relating to its services, Plaintiff resides in this district and was harmed in this district, and on information and belief, numerous other Class members reside in this district.

## INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT

15. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 3-2(c), this action should be assigned to the San Francisco Courthouse because a substantial part of the events or omissions that gave rise to the claims occurred in Sonoma County, California.

# **PARTIES**

- 16. Plaintiff Carol Hill Castagnola is an individual over the age of 65 residing in Monte Rio, California.
- 17. Defendant Hewlett-Packard Company is a Delaware corporation based in Palo Alto, California. On information and belief, Hewlett-Packard Company conducts business using the fictitious business name Snapfish.com.
- 18. On information and belief, Defendant Regent Group, Inc. is a Delaware corporation based in Lanham, Maryland. On information and belief, in December 2010, Regent changed its name from Encore Marketing International, Inc. to Regent Group, Inc. On information and belief, despite this name change, Regent has continued to conduct business under the name Encore Marketing International, Inc. and various permutations and combinations thereof.
- 19. On information and belief, Defendants conspired with each other to commit the misconduct described in this complaint.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

20. Snapfish markets and sells photograph-related goods and services on its Internet website, located at <www.snapfish.com>.

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- 21. Primarily. Snapfish allows consumers to publish their personal photographs on various tangible goods.
- To use this Snapfish service, consumers first select the tangible product 22. they are interested in purchasing, such as a greeting card, calendar, photo book, mouse pad, or poster. Consumers next upload their personal photographs to the Snapfish Website, so that Snapfish can integrate the photographs onto the tangible product. For example, consumers can upload photographs to be integrated into a holiday greeting card. In some situations, the Snapfish Website enables consumers to tailor the product further, for example, by adding text, altering the layout, or adding a background color.
- When a consumer has finished uploading photographs and tailoring the 23. product, he or she proceeds through a sequence of typical website checkout screens.
- 24. A consumer begins the checkout process by clicking on the "Check out" button on the last product configuration webpage.
- 25. When a consumer clicks on the "Check out" button, he or she is taken to the Delivery & Coupon webpage of the Snapfish Website. On this webpage, the consumer is asked to insert any coupon code and to select a method for shipping the product.
- 26. Nothing on the Delivery & Coupon webpage discloses that Snapfish will transfer consumers' billing information to Regent or that Regent will use that information to enroll consumers in the Snapfish Valuepass program. In fact, nothing on the Delivery & Coupon webpage mentions Regent or Snapfish Valuepass at all. A screenshot of the Delivery & Coupon webpage is set forth below.

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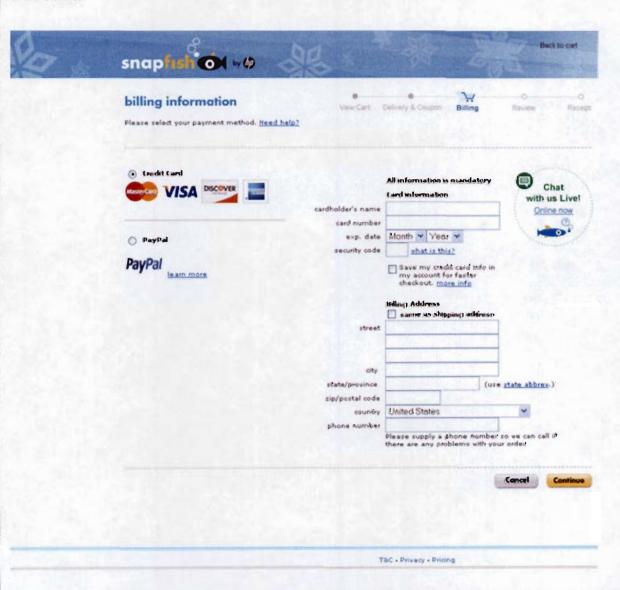
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- 27. As displayed above, the Delivery & Coupon webpage contains hyperlinks to "T&C," "Privacy," and "Pricing." None of these linked documents refers to Regent or Snapfish Valuepass.
- 28. After a consumer has selected the shipping method on the Delivery & Coupon webpage, the consumer is invited to click on the "Continue" button.
- 29. Upon clicking the "Continue" button, the consumer is taken to the Billing webpage of the Snapfish Website. The Billing webpage is a typical e-commerce webpage, which asks the consumer to enter his or her name, credit card information, phone number, and address.

30. Nothing on the Billing webpage discloses that Snapfish will transfer consumers' billing information to Regent or that Regent will use that information to enroll consumers in the Snapfish Valuepass program. In fact, nothing on the Billing webpage mentions Regent or Snapfish Valuepass at all. A screenshot of the Billing webpage is set forth below.

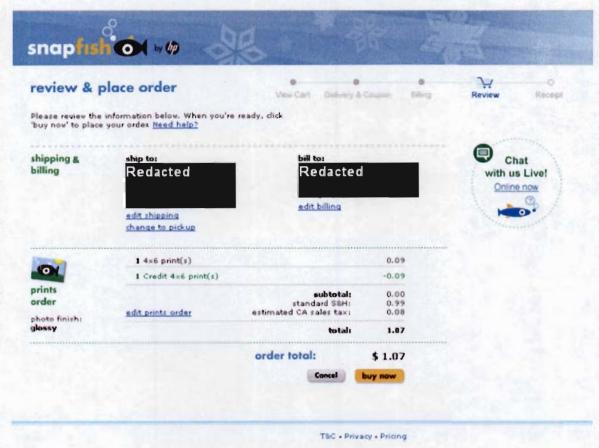


- 31. When a consumer enters the requested information on the Billing webpage, the consumer is invited to click on the "Continue" button.
- 32. Upon clicking the "Continue" button, the consumer is taken to the Review webpage on the Snapfish Website. The Review webpage provides a summary of the

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33. Nothing on the Review webpage discloses that Snapfish will transfer consumers' billing information to Regent or that Regent will use that information to enroll consumers in the Snapfish Valuepass program. In fact, nothing on the Review webpage mentions Regent or Snapfish Valuepass at all. A screenshot of the Review webpage is set forth below.



- 34. The Review webpage invites the consumer to click on the "buy now" button.
- 35. Upon clicking the "buy now" button, Snapfish completes the purchase and charges the consumer's credit card or other payment method. The Snapfish website then

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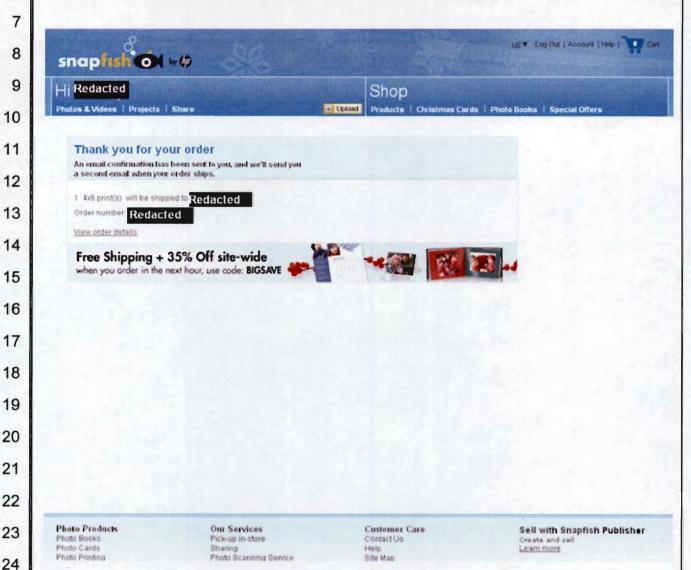
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36. Nothing on the Receipt webpage discloses that Snapfish will transfer consumers' data to Regent or that Regent will use that data to enroll consumers in the Snapfish Valuepass program. In fact, nothing on the Review webpage mentions Regent or Snapfish Valuepass at all. A screenshot of the Review webpage is set forth below.



37. From the Receipt webpage, the Snapfish Website presents consumers with a new website, operated by Regent.

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- 38. While the Regent Website is not operated by Snapfish, it looks like a continuation of the Snapfish Website where it prominently displays the Snapfish trademark and uses the same layout, color scheme, and font as the Snapfish Website.
- 39. Based on the continuity from the Snapfish Website to the Regent Website, and based on the similar looks of the Snapfish Website and the Regent Website, a reasonable consumer would think that the Regent Website is operated by Snapfish, and that Snapfish is marketing and offering the Snapfish Valuepass program on this website.
- Prominent text at the top of the Regent Website identifies the webpage as 40. "Snapfish Valuepass<sup>SM.</sup>" Next to this title, the Regent Website states in prominent text, "Claim your \$10 \$5 off gift code now!" In the center of the Regent Website, prominent text states: "Claim your gift code below! JUST ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE AS YOUR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND CLICK THE YES BUTTON BELOW TO ACTIVATE YOUR SNAPFISH VALUEPASSSM MEMBERSHIP AS DESCRIBED IN **OFFER DETAILS** ON THIS PAGE."
- 41. Below this text, the Regent Websites states, "Click 'yes' to join Snapfish Valuepass<sup>SM</sup> and claim your savings! I want my \$10 gift code now!"
- The Regent Website invites consumers to enter their email address and zip 42. code and to click on the bright yellow "yes" button.
  - 43. A screenshot of the Regent Website is set forth below.

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44. Unbeknownst to consumers, by the time they are shown the Regent Website, Snapfish has transferred their billing information (including their credit card numbers and addresses) to Regent. Defendants engaged in this data transfer so that Regent could use consumers' billing information to enroll consumers in the fee-based Snapfish Valuepass membership. Neither Snapfish nor Regent notified the consumers about the transfer of their billing information.

45. Regent also hides the fact that the Snapfish Valuepass program is a feebased membership, only disclosing this fact inconspicuously on the Regent Website. Specifically, in much smaller text than used to present the Snapfish Valuepass offer, and

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below the bright yellow "yes" button used to draw-in the consumer's attention, the Regent Website states:

> By entering my email address and zip code and clicking the yes button above, I am a activating my membership in Snapfish Valuepass<sup>SM</sup> and authorizing Snapfish® to securely send my name, address and credit card information to Snapfish Valuepass<sup>SM</sup> in accordance with the OF-FER DETAILS on this page.

> Encore Marketing International (EMI) is the offerer and administrator of Snapfish Valuepass<sup>SM</sup>, A BRANDED MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM OF-FERED TO SNAPFISH® CUSTOMERS.

- 46. On the left side of the Regent Website, again in much smaller text than used to present the Snapfish Valuepass offer, the Regent Website states if the consumer clicks on the "yes" button and enrolls in Snapfish Valuepass, Regent will charge the consumer a \$1.95 activation fee and then bill the consumer \$14.95 per month thereafter.
- 47. The Regent Website was designed to draw the consumer's attention to the marketing of the perks, and to distract the consumer from the statements that he or she will be charged for the Snapfish Valuepass program
- 48. Thus, the Regent Website uses large bold fonts, bright colors, and vibrant pictures to advertise the perks of the Snapfish Valuepass program.
- 49. By comparison, the Regent Website obscures the fact that the Regent Website is operated by Regent and not Snapfish, that the Snapfish Valuepass program is offered by Regent and not Snapfish, and that Regent will charge consumers a monthly fee to enroll in the Snapfish Valuepass program. To wit, the billing terms for the Snapfish Valuepass program are in small black text against a gray background. The terms are presented on the far left side and in the bottom-center of the Regent Website, below where the Regent Website uses bright colors and large texts to distract the consumer from these payment terms.
- When a consumer clicks on the bright yellow "yes" button, Regent enrolls 50. the consumer in the Snapfish Valuepass program and charges the consumer a \$1.95 activation fee and then \$14.95 per month thereafter.

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- 51. The Regent Website does not ask the consumer to enter his or her billing information before enrolling the consumer in the Snapfish Valuepass program. Rather, Regent uses the consumer's billing information that it received from Snapfish to charge the consumer for the program.
- 52. A reasonable consumer viewing the Regent Website would not understand that he or she will be charged for enrolling in the Snapfish Valuepass program because the payment terms are not clearly or conspicuously disclosed to consumers on the Regent Website. Rather, a reasonable consumer would believe that Snapfish Valuepass is a free perks program offered by Snapfish.
- 53. Defendants' misconduct has damaged numerous consumers in the form of membership fees, which were not adequately disclosed to consumers, and which were charged using consumers' billing information that had been transferred from Snapfish to Regent without the consumers' knowledge or consent.

# Plaintiff Castagnola

- 54. Plaintiff Castagnola is a senior citizen as that term is defined in Civil Code section 1761(f).
- Prior to December 2009, Castagnola had made several purchases on the 55. Snapfish Website.
- 56. In or around December 2009, Castagnola purchased a photograph-related item from the Snapfish Website.
- 57. During the purchase process, Castagnola used the Snapfish Website as she had used it before, selecting the item she wanted to purchase, uploading her photographs to the Snapfish Website, and proceeding through the Snapfish Website's various checkout pages.
- 58. At no time during the checkout process on the Snapfish Website was Castagnola informed about Regent or the Snapfish Valuepass program.
- **59**. At no time during the checkout process was Castagnola informed that Snapfish would transfer her billing information to Regent.

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- 60. After Castagnola finished her purchase on the Snapfish Website, she was taken to a webpage that appeared to be a continuation of the Snapfish Website, as it used the same colors and layout, and prominently displayed the Snapfish trademark. On information and belief, this webpage was part of the Regent Website.
- 61. The Regent Website advertised to Castagnola that she could receive a gift card or other perk if she enrolled in the Snapfish Valuepass program. The Regent Website invited Castagnola to enroll in the Snapfish Valuepass program by entering her email address and zip code and clicking on the "yes" button.
- 62. At no time did the Regent Website ask for Castagnola to enter any billing information or other contact information.
- 63. Castagnola did not see any disclosures that the Regent Website was not affiliated with Snapfish or that the Snapfish Valuepass program was offered by Regent and not Snapfish. Nor did Castagnola see any disclosures that she would be charged for her enrollment in the Snapfish Valuepass program.
- 64. A reasonable customer in Castagnola's position would not have understood that the Snapfish Valuepass program was offered by Regent and not Snapfish, that Regent had obtained the customer's billing information from Snapfish, or that there were any payment obligations associated with the program.
- 65. Castagnola clicked on the "yes" button on the Regent Website to enroll in the Snapfish Valuepass program, believing that the program was provided by Snapfish, and believing that there were no payment obligations associated with the program.
- 66. From January 2010 through September 2010, Regent charged Castagnola \$14.95 per month for a total of \$134.95.
- 67. While, on information and belief, Regent charged Castagnola's credit card, the billing descriptor on Castagnola's credit card statement referred to Snapfish and did not mention Regent.
- 68. Castagnola did not notice these unauthorized charges until late 2010, in part because Castagnola regularly made purchases on Snapfish and in part because

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Regent used a billing descriptor incorporating the Snapfish mark. Thus, these charges did not stand out to Castangola as unauthorized.

69. As a result of Defendants' misconduct, Castagnola has been harmed.

#### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

- 70. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, Plaintiff brings this action on her own behalf and as a representative of all persons who were enrolled in the Snapfish Valuepass program after December 1, 2007 (the "Class").
- 71. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, Plaintiff Castagnola brings this action on her own behalf and as a representative of all persons: a) who were enrolled in the Snapfish Valuepass program after December 1, 2007, and b) who are senior citizens as defined in California Civil Code section 1761(f) (the "Senior Subclass").
- 72. A class action is appropriate here because there exists an ascertainable class and a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved.
  - 73. The Class is readily ascertainable from Defendants' records.
- A class action is the superior method for adjudicating this controversy 74. because: a) the Class is so numerous that the joinder of all members is impracticable, b) questions of law and fact common to the Class predominate over any question affecting only individual Class members, and c) the claims of the representative Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Class, and the representative Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class.
  - 75. The common questions of law and fact include:
    - Whether Snapfish, as an initial merchant, disclosed billing information that had been used to charge Snapfish customers, to Regent, a post-transaction third party seller, for Regent to use in an Internet-based sale of goods or services, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §8402(b).
    - Whether Regent, as a post-transaction third party seller, charged consumers for goods or services in an Internet transaction without

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clearly and conspicuously disclosing all material terms of the transaction before obtaining the consumers' billing information, including by failing to clearly and conspicuously disclose: a) a description of the goods or services being offered, b) the fact that Regent was not affiliated with Snapfish, and c) the cost of the goods or services being sold by Regent, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §8402(a).

- Whether Regent, as a post-transaction third party seller, charged consumers for goods or services in an Internet transaction without receiving the express informed consent for the charge from the consumer, including by: a) failing to obtain the consumer's full account number to be charged, b) failing to obtain the consumer's name and address, and c) failing to require the consumer to perform an additional affirmative action demonstrating the consumer's consent, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §8402(a).
- Whether Regent failed to disclose the terms of the Snapfish Valuepass program in a clear and conspicuous manner in visual proximity to the request for consent to the offer in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17602(a)(1).
- Whether Regent charged consumers for the Snapfish Valuepass program without first obtaining consumers' affirmative consent to the offer terms in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17602(a)(2).
- Whether Defendants' conduct constitutes a fraudulent, unfair, and/or unlawful practice in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17200.
- Whether Snapfish violated the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1750 et seq. by: a) representing that transactions conferred or involved rights, remedies or obligations

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- Whether Regent violated the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1750 et seq. by: a) passing off goods or services as those of another; b) misrepresenting the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services; c) misrepresenting the affiliation, connection, or association with, or certification by, another; d) representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection which he or she does not have; d) representing that a transaction confers or involves rights, remedies, or obligations which it does not have or involve, or which are prohibited by law; and/or e) representing that the consumer will receive a rebate, discount, or other economic benefit, if the earning of the benefit is contingent on an event to occur subsequent to the consummation of the transaction.
- **76**. Plaintiff can and will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class because:
  - All of the questions of law and fact regarding the liability of Defendants are common to the Class and predominate over any individual issues that may exist, such that by prevailing on her own claim, Plaintiff will necessarily establish the liability of Defendant as to all Class members;
  - Without the representation provided by Plaintiff, it is unlikely that any Class members would receive legal representation and/or obtain

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recourse for the misconduct carried out by Defendants; and

Plaintiff has retained competent attorneys who are experienced both in the conduct of class actions and the law governing online advertising, negative options and e-commerce, and online payment systems. Plaintiff and her counsel have the necessary resources to litigate this class action, and Plaintiff and her counsel are aware of their fiduciary responsibility to the Class members and are determined to discharge those duties to obtain the best possible recovery for the Class.

# FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (Violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17200)

- 77. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 76.
- **78**. Plaintiff and the other Class members purchased a product or service from Snapfish through the Snapfish Website.
- 79. During this purchase process on the Snapfish Website, Snapfish collected and transferred Plaintiff's and the other Class members' billing and contact information to Regent, without disclosing this data transfer to the Class members.
- 80. After Plaintiff and the other Class members completed their purchases on the Snapfish Website, the Snapfish Website presented the Class members with the Regent Website, which appeared to be a continuation of the Snapfish Website.
- 81. The Regent Website invited Plaintiff and the other Class members to enroll in the Snapfish Valuepass program, which each Class member did.
- 82. Once Plaintiff and the other Class members enrolled in the Snapfish Valuepass program, Regent charged each Class member a \$1.95 activation fee and then billed each Class member \$14.95 per month thereafter.

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- 83. Snapfish acted as an "initial merchant" in the above-described transactions, as that term is defined in 15 U.S.C. §8402(d). Regent acted as a "post-transaction third party seller" in the above-described transactions, as that term is defined in 15 U.S.C. §8402(d).
- Defendants' above-described misconduct is a fraudulent business practice, 84. as that term is used in Business and Professions Code section 17200, because a reasonable person would have been deceived and wrongfully charged as a result of Defendants' failure to disclose Snapfish's transfer of Plaintiff's and the other Class members' billing information to Regent, Defendants' failure to explain the lack of affiliation between Snapfish and Regent, and Regents' failure to clearly and conspicuously disclose the material terms of the Snapfish Valuepass program.
- Defendants' above-described misconduct is an unfair business practice, as 85. that term is used in Business and Professions Code section 17200, because Defendants' conduct offends established public policies and is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous and substantially injurious to consumers.
- 86. Defendants' above-described misconduct is an unlawful business practice, as that term is used in Business and Professions Code section 17200, because Defendants' misconduct violates 15 U.S.C. §8402 and Business and Professions Code section 17602.
- 87. Snapfish's misconduct is an unlawful business practice in violation of 15 U.S.C. §8402(b) because Snapfish disclosed Plaintiff's and the other Class members' billing information, which Snapfish had used to charge the Class members for their initial purchases, to Regent for use in an Internet-based sale of goods or services by Regent.
- 88. Regent's misconduct is an unlawful business practice in violation of 15 U.S.C. §8402(a)(1) because Regent charged Plaintiff and the other Class members for goods or services sold in an Internet transaction without clearly and conspicuously disclosing all material terms of the transaction before obtaining the Class members' billing information, including by failing to clearly and conspicuously disclose: a) a

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description of the goods or services being offered, b) the fact that Regent was not affiliated with Snapfish, and c) the cost of the goods or services being sold by Regent.

- 89. Regent's misconduct is an unlawful business practice in violation of 15 U.S.C. §8402(a)(2) because Regent charged Plaintiff and the other Class members for goods or services in an Internet transaction without receiving the express informed consent for the charge from the Class members, including by: a) failing to obtain the Class members' full account numbers to be charged, b) failing to obtain the Class members' names and addresses, and c) failing to require the Class members to perform an additional affirmative action demonstrating their consent.
- 90. Regent's misconduct is an unlawful business practice in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17602(a)(1) because Regent failed to disclose the terms of the Snapfish Valuepass program to Plaintiff and the other Class members in a clear and conspicuous manner in visual proximity to Regent's request for consent to the offer.
- 91. Regent's misconduct is an unlawful business practice in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17602(a)(1) because Regent charged Plaintiff and the other Class members for the Snapfish Valuepass program without first obtaining the Class members' affirmative consent to the offer terms.
- 92. By engaging in the above-described misconduct, Defendants have engaged in an unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practice in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17200.
- 93. As a result of Defendants' misconduct, Plaintiff and the other Class members were harmed.

## **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

# (Violation of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1750 et seq.)

94. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 93.

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- Plaintiff and the other Class members purchased a product or service from 95. Snapfish through the Snapfish Website.
- 96. During this purchase process on the Snapfish Website, Snapfish collected and transferred Plaintiff's and the other Class members' billing and contact information to Regent, without disclosing this data transfer to the Class members.
- 97. During this purchase process, Snapfish presented consumers with a small hyperlink to Snapfish's terms and conditions and privacy policy. The Snapfish privacy policy contains extremely vague descriptions about how and to whom Snapfish is supposedly permitted to share consumers' personal information, including consumers' billing information. To the extent Snapfish's privacy policy purports to allow Snapfish to transfer consumers' billing information to Regent, no reasonable consumer would understand such a term or agree to it, and it would be procedurally and substantively unconscionable.
- 98. After Plaintiff and the other Class members completed their purchases on the Snapfish Website, the Snapfish Website presented the Class members with the Regent Website, which appeared to be a continuation of the Snapfish Website.
- 99. The Regent Website invited Plaintiff and the other Class members to enroll in the Snapfish Valuepass program, which each Class member did.
- The Regent Website did not conspicuously disclose any fees associated 100. with the Snapfish Valuepass program. Nor did the Regent Website conspicuously disclose that it was not operated by or affiliated with Snapfish.
- 101. Once Plaintiff and the other Class members enrolled in the Snapfish Valuepass program, Regent charged them a \$1.95 activation fee and then billed the Class members \$14.95 per month thereafter.
- By engaging in the above-described misconduct, Snapfish represented that Plaintiff and the other Class members' purchase of Snapfish's goods and services involved rights or obligations that the transactions did not involve and which were prohibited by law. To wit, Snapfish failed to disclose to the Class members that a

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purchase of Snapfish's goods and services would result in the disclosure of the Class members' billing and contact information to Regent, though Snapfish intended for Regent to use that information to enroll Class members in the Snapfish Valuepass program.

- By engaging in the above-described misconduct, Snapfish inserted an unconscionable provision into its contract with Plaintiff and the other Class members. To wit, Snapfish inserted an unconscionable provision regarding the disclosure of the Class members' billing information to third parties such as Regent, and failed to provide the Class members with adequate notice of this provision.
- By engaging in the above-described misconduct, Snapfish misrepresented its affiliation, connection, or association with Regent.
- 105. By engaging in the above-described misconduct, Regent passed off its goods or services as those of Snapfish.
- 106. the above-described misconduct. Βv engaging in Regent has misrepresented the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services. To wit, Regent has misrepresented that its services are provided by, sponsored by, approved by, or certified by Snapfish.
- 107. By engaging in the above-described misconduct, Regent misrepresented the affiliation, connection, or association with, or certification by, another. To wit, Regent has misrepresented that its services are provided by, sponsored by, approved by, or certified by Snapfish.
- By engaging in the above-described misconduct, Regent has represented 108. that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have. To wit, Regent has misrepresented that its Snapfish Valuepass service is provided by, sponsored, approved, or certified by Snapfish. Regent has also failed to conspicuously disclose that its Snapfish Valuepass program involves an activation fee and a monthly membership fee.
- 109. By engaging in the above-described misconduct, Regent has represented that a transaction confers or involves rights, remedies, or obligations which it does not

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have or involve, or which are prohibited by law. To wit, Regent has failed to conspicuously disclose that its Snapfish Valuepass program involves an activation fee and a monthly membership fee.

- 110. Bv engaging in the above-described misconduct. Regent misrepresented that the consumer will receive a rebate, discount, or other economic benefit, if the earning of the benefit is contingent on an event to occur subsequent to the consummation of the transaction. To wit, Regent represented that consumers would receive a \$10 gift code, though receipt of this gift code was contingent on consumers enrolling in and paying for the Snapfish Valuepass program.
- 111. Defendants' misconduct violates the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1750 et seq.
- 112. As a result of Defendants' misconduct, Plaintiff and the other Class members have suffered harm, for which there is no adequate remedy at law.
- Plaintiff brings this claim under the Consumer Legal Remedies Act for injunctive relief only.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully request judgment as follows:

- 1. That the Court enter a judgment finding that Defendant has violated California Business and Professions Code section 17200 and the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1750 et seq.;
- 2. That the Court enter a preliminary and permanent injunction restraining Snapfish from disclosing consumers' billing information to post-transaction third party sellers, including Regent;
- 3. That the Court enter a preliminary and permanent injunction restraining Regent from enrolling consumers in the Snapfish Valuepass program without the consumers' express informed consent;
  - 4. That the Court award damages and monetary relief as follows:

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Damages in an amount to be determined at trial in the form of a. restitution of the money wrongfully charged to Plaintiff and the other Class members; b. Plaintiff's costs; Such other relief that the Court determines is just and proper. Respectfully Submitted, DATED: December 1, 2011 KRONENBERGER ROSENFELD, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff

# **REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial of this action by jury.

DATED: December 1, 2011

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