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Marfeo v. Facebook, Inc.

An action titled *Wendy Marfeo v. Facebook, Inc.*, Case No. 10-cv-00262-S-LDA (filed June 17, 2010), ("*Marfeo*") is pending in the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, before the Honorable William E. Smith. A true and correct copy of the complaint in *Marfeo* is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Like *Gould* and *Robertson*, *Marfeo* is a putative class action against Facebook alleging transmission of Facebook's users' personal information through "referrer IDs" or "referrer headers." (Ex. A ¶¶ 1-16.) Plaintiff in *Marfeo* brings claims for (a) violation of the Stored Communications Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2701 *et seq.*, (b) breach of contract, (c) breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and (d) unjust enrichment. Each of these four claims is also alleged in the *Gould* and/or *Robertson* complaints. Like Plaintiffs in *Gould* and *Robertson*, Plaintiff in *Marfeo* seeks to represent a nationwide class of Facebook users. (*Id.* ¶ 21.) The putative class is defined as: "All Facebook users, who reside in the United States, whose user ID was embedded in the URL Referrer Header, and who clicked on a third-party advertisement displayed on Facebook's social networking website, anytime on or before May 21, 2010." (*Id.*)

Facebook has not been served in *Marfeo*.

Rose v. Facebook, Inc.

An action titled *Rose v. Facebook, Inc.*, Case No. 10-cv-00232-S-DLM (filed May 21, 2010), ("*Rose*") is currently pending in the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, before the Honorable William E. Smith. A true and correct copy of the complaint in *Rose* is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. The complaint in *Rose* was filed by the same counsel who filed the complaint in *Marfeo*, discussed above.

Plaintiff in *Rose* alleges that Facebook shares users' personal information with certain websites through a feature called "Instant Personalization." Plaintiff alleges that Facebook's default settings for the Instant Personalization feature resulted in violations of users' expectations of privacy. (*Id.* ¶¶ 1-5.) Plaintiff's claims are for (a) violation of the Stored Communications Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2701 *et seq.* and (b) breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Plaintiff brings a putative class action, with the putative class defined as: "All persons

1	who reside in the United States and who were Facebook account users prior to April 18, 2010		
2	and to whose accounts Facebook added its Instant Personalization social networking tool." (Id.		
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4	Facebook has not been served in <i>Rose</i> .		
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