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Facebook, Inc. v. MaxBounty, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on Friday, February 11, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., in Courtroom 3, 5th Floor, 280 South 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113, of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, San Jose Division, U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel presiding, or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard, Defendant MaxBounty, Inc. ("MaxBounty") will, and hereby does, move the Court for an order dismissing Counts I-III of the complaint, pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 12(b)(6).

Count I, wherein Facebook alleges that MaxBounty has violated the "CAN-SPAM" Act, should be dismissed, because Facebook cannot prevail on this claim as a matter of law. The CAN-SPAM Act prohibits fraudulent <u>e-mail</u>. The customer advertisements Facebook complains about, however, are not e-mail and therefore cannot give rise to a claim under the CAN-SPAM Act.

In Count II, Facebook alleges that MaxBounty has violated the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. The relevant provision of the Act prohibits improperly using another's computer to commit fraud. Rule 9(b) requires that circumstances surrounding an alleged fraud be pled with particularity. Facebook's bald allegations of MaxBounty's conspiracy with customers to commit fraud under the Act go unexplained. Facebook's conclusory allegations, which are based solely "on information and belief," as to MaxBounty are insufficient as a matter of law.

In Count III, Facebook alleges common law fraud. Similar to its unexplained allegations with respect to the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, Facebook alleges that MaxBounty "induces" and "conspires" with its customers to make fraudulent representations. Facebook fails to plead any particular instance of inducement or conspiracy to commit fraud by <u>MaxBounty</u>. Facebook's claims for common law fraud fail for the same reasons as Facebook's claim under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act fails.

This Motion is based upon this Notice of Motion and Motion, the concurrently filed Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support of thereof, the pleadings and papers on file, and upon such written or oral evidence or arguments as the Court permits.

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