#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

KLEIN &	HEUC	CHAN,	INC.
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Plaintiff

v.

COSTAR REALTY INFORMATION, INC., and COSTAR GROUP, INC.

Civil No.: 8:08-cv-01227-JSM-EAJ

Defendants / Counter-Plaintiffs

V.

SCOTT BELL and KLEIN & HEUCHAN, INC.

Counter-Defendants

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#### RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Plaintiff / Counter-Defendant KLEIN & HEUCHAN, INC. (hereinafter "K&H"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this Response in Opposition to Defendants / Counter-Plaintiffs COSTAR REALTY INFORMATION, INC., and COSTAR GROUP, INC.'s (hereinafter collectively the singular "COSTAR") Motion for Summary Judgment [D.E. 69]. For the reasons detailed herein, COSTAR is not entitled to summary judgment on its claim of contributory and vicarious copyright infringement against K&H. Therefore, K&H respectfully requests this Court deny the Motion.

#### I. INTRODUCTION AND FACTUAL BACKGROUND

This case is hardly the case presenting a "straightforward set of facts that are undisputed between the parties" as argued by COSTAR in the second paragraph of its

Motion. In fact, there are not many material facts on which the parties agree. COSTAR seeks to have this Court hold K&H liable under theories of contributory and vicarious copyright infringement because of co-defendant Scott Bell's alleged unauthorized access of COSTAR's web-based databases. However, a review of the entire record reveals that Mr. Bell had absolutely no idea that he was not authorized to access COSTAR's database. Moreover, and even more removed, K&H had no idea (and absolutely no way of knowing) that Mr. Bell was infringing on anyone's copyright. COSTAR's attempted infringement claims flow from agreements between COSTAR and Mr. Bell's prior employer - Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT (hereinafter "COLDWELL") agreements to which K&H was not a party and about which it had no knowledge.

In contrast to the size and nationwide scope of COSTAR, K&H is a closely held Florida corporation based in Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida. See Affidavit of Mark S. Klein ("Aff. M. Klein") at ¶¶3 & 6, attached hereto as "Exhibit A." K&H provides brokerage services, property management services and development services to clients within the Tampa Bay area.<sup>2</sup> See id. at ¶5. K&H's sole shareholder is Mark S. Klein, a real estate broker licensed in the State of Florida and a Certified Commercial Investment Member. See id. at ¶2-4. In addition to Mr. Klein, approximately 18 other Independent Service Professionals work out of two (2) offices maintained by K&H in Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida. See id. at ¶¶6-7.

Mr. Bell obtained his real estate license in 2005 and soon thereafter began working for COLDWELL. See Depo. C. Scott Bell, August 20, 2009 ("Depo. Bell") at

Interestingly, COSTAR seeks summary judgment against K&H solely upon alleged copyright infringement of ten (10) photographs. COSTAR supplies this Court with absolutely no link between any alleged access of these photographs by Mr. Bell (authorized or unauthorized) and K&H.

The Tampa Bay Area encompasses the following counties in Southwest Central Florida: Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Pasco, Hernando and Manatee.

pp. 121-122. At some point during his tenure at COLDWELL, Mr. Bell was provided a subscription to COSTAR's web-based databases. *See id.* at 122-127. At this time Mr. Bell understood that COLDWELL was "giving him a subscription." *See id.* Mr. Bell was not told that the subscription would expire; was not told that the subscription could only be used on COLDWELL property; and was not told that the subscription could only be used while logged on from a COLDWELL terminal. *See id.* Mr. Bell was not told anything about the length of the subscription. *See id.* Despite COSTAR's assertions, Mr. Bell does not recall receiving an e-mail, letter or telephone call in any way detailing any kind of parameters concerning his subscription to COSTAR. *See id.* Most importantly, Mr. Bell was never told that if he ceased being affiliated with COLDWELL his access was not authorized. *See id.* at 127-28.

Mr. Bell became unhappy with his employment with COLDWELL and contacted K&H in December of 2006. See Depo, Mark S. Klein, August 27, 2009 ("Depo. Klein") at p.22. Mr. Bell began working with K&H soon thereafter as an independent sales professional. See id. at p.22. Mr. Bell did not earn a salary or receive a draw from K&H but earned a commission from each transaction that he closed. See Aff. M. Klein ¶15-16. K&H did not control how Mr. Bell performed his duties or his daily activities. See Depo. Bell 138-42; Aff. M. Klein ¶9-21. Other than periodic sales meetings, Mr. Bell was not required to be in the office at any given day or time. K&H provided Mr. Bell a work space comprising of a desk in a cubical area. See Depo. Bell 138-42; Aff. M. Klein ¶9-21. Additionally, as with all the associates of K&H, Mr. Bell had access to a copier machine. See Depo. Bell 138-42; Aff. M. Klein ¶9-21. Mr. Bell was not provided a computer or a printer. See Depo. Bell 138-42; Aff. M. Klein ¶9-21. He utilized his own

laptop computer and his own printer. *See* Depo. Bell 138-42; Aff. M. Klein ¶9-21. Mr. Bell was also provided internet access while at the office. *See* Depo. Bell 138-42; Aff. M. Klein ¶9-21. This access did not require logging into any K&H server. *See* Depo. Bell 138-42; Aff. M. Klein ¶9-21. Mr. Bell simply had to plug an internet cable into his computer, and the internet was then available. *See* Depo. Bell 138-42; Aff. M. Klein ¶9-21.

For many years both Mr. Mark Klein and Mr. Steven Klein have been approached by salespersons from COSTAR asking them to try and purchase subscriptions to COSTAR's databases. See Aff. M. Klein ¶22-24; Affidivit Steve Klein ("S. Klein) ¶4-6, attached hereto as "Exhibit B." Neither Mr. Mark Klein nor Mr. Steve Klein have ever believed that the information provided by COSTAR was helpful or useful in their business and have never sought to obtain a subscription. See Aff. M. Klein ¶22-24; Aff. S. Klein ¶4-6. Mr. Mark Klein was offered a trial subscription to COSTAR. See Aff. M. Klein ¶22-24. At that time he attempted to log-on but found it too cumbersome. See id. Other than that one attempt at logging on, he has never utilized the COSTAR systems. See id.

Neither Mr. Mark Klein or Mr. Steven Klein ever asked Mr. Bell to provide them with information from the COSTAR databases. *See* Aff. M. Klein ¶¶25-26; Aff. S. Klein ¶¶7-8. Moreover, neither principles recall ever receiving any COSTAR-related materials from Mr. Bell. *See* Aff. M. Klein ¶¶25-26; Aff. S. Klein ¶¶7-8

In April of 2008 Mr. Klein received letters from Curtis Ricketts from COSTAR.

These letters accused K&H of unauthorized access to COSTAR's databases. *See* Aff. M. Klein ¶¶27-32. Upon receipt of the letter, Mr. Klein immediately contacted the number

provided and spoke with a Steve Williams. *See id.* He asked if Scott Bell was working with K&H. *See id.* Mr. Klein told him that he was. *See id.* He stated that Mr. Bell was accessing COSTAR illegally. *See id.* Mr. Williams was extremely threatening, and Mr. Klein felt as though he was being extorted. *See id.* Mr. Williams told Mr. Klein that he owed COSTAR \$69,000.00 but that he could make a deal if K&H would purchase a two-member license for \$10,000.00. *See id.* 

The following day another individual called Mr. Klein. Mr. Klein does not know if it was Mr. Rickets or someone else. *See id.* Mr. Klein was then told that Mr. Williams was unauthorized to make the offer the day before. *See id.* Mr. Klein told this individual: "I don't care. You're not going to use extortion and hold me hostage to buy a license from COSTAR." *See id.* 

Mr. Klein then spoke with Mr. Bell and Mr. Steven Klein. *See id.* Mr. Bell told both of the Kleins that he was given a subscription to COSTAR while at his prior employer, Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT, and that he still had access to COSTAR. *See id.* He told the Kleins that he believed he was still authorized to access the system since they had not turned his access off. *See id.* 

In May of 2008 Mr. Klein received a facsimile from COSTAR. *See id.* The facsimile included a fax cover page and a draft *Complaint* purportedly ready to be filed in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. *See id.* The message on the facsimile cover stated:

As our discussions concerning Klein & Heuchan's unauthorized use of CoStar's services have been unable to resolve our dispute, I am forwarding to you a draft of a complaint that CoStar intends to file against Klein & Heuchan unless we can come to a resolution by the close of business on Tuesday June 3rd. Unfortunately, once our

legal department has authorized the filing of this complaint, we can no longer offer a resolution on the terms we have discussed as a result of the legal costs CoStar will have incurred.

We remain open to discussing this dispute with you.

See id.

Soon thereafter the litigation in the Middle District of Florida and the District of Maryland ensued.

## II. COSTAR FAILED TO ADEQUATELY DEMONSTRATE THAT IT IS THE OWNER OF ANY VALID COPYRIGHT THAT WAS INFRINGED.

COSTAR seeks summary judgment on its claims of contributory and vicarious liability against K&H. While COSTAR does not seek summary judgment against codefendant Scott Bell on its claims of direct copyright infringement, in order to succeed in its claims against K&H, COSTAR must show that the undisputed facts demonstrate the direct copyright infringement by Mr. Bell. See Greenberg v. National Geographic Soc., 244 F.3d 1267, 1271 (11th Cir. 2001); (abrogated on other grounds by New York Times Co., Inc. v. Tasini, 533 U.S. 483 (2001), as recognized by Greenberg v. Nat'l Geographic Soc., No. 05-16964, 488 F.3d 1331, 2007 WL 1693056 (11th Cir. June 13, 2007). A review of the actual record before this Court evidences COSTAR's utter failure to establish this initial legal hurdle in order to prevail in its separate claims against K&H.

In order to establish a copyright infringement COSTAR must prove both: "(1) ownership of a valid copyright, and (2) copying of constituent elements of the work that are original." *Oravec v. Sunny Isles Luxury Ventures, L.C.*, 527 F.3d 1218, 1223 (11th Cir. 2008) (quoting Feist Publ'ns, Inc. v. Rural Tel. Serv. Co., 499 U.S. 340, 361 (1991)).

COSTAR alleges it is the owner of valid copyrights of the ten photographs attached as "Exhibit H" to the *Declaration of Steven J. Williams*<sup>3</sup> [See D.E. 69-4, pp3-13]. However, COSTAR has simply put forward insufficient record evidence to establish the non-existence of any disputed fact of either of the two necessary prongs to establish a direct copyright infringement by Mr. Bell. Accordingly, COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment against K&H must necessarily fail.

A. There is Insufficient Record Evidence to Establish that COSTAR is the Owner of a Valid Copyright in the Subject Ten Photographs.

As the basis of liability, COSTAR alleges it is the owner of valid copyrights of the ten photographs attached as "Exhibit H" to the *Declaration of Steven J. Williams*. COSTAR alleges (and does not present any record evidence) that any additional copyrights are owned and were infringed. In addition to filing the ten (10) photographs, in order to support its claims COSTAR also filed three (3) Certificates of Registration from the United States Copyright Office. *See* Exhibits 1, 2, & 3 of the Motion for Summary Judgment; D.E. 69-8, 69-9, & 69-10. However, prior to the filing of its Motion for Summary Judgment, COSTAR failed to provide to counsel for K&H any of the alleged ten (10) photographs; nor did COSTAR provide any of the Certificates of Registration. Because COSTAR had the duty to provide these documents during the discovery process and failed to do so, it may not rely upon these documents to support its claims.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment should be summarily denied.

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For purposes of the summary judgment, COSTAR does not attempt to establish ownership of any additional copyrights. See pp12-13 of COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment [D.E. 69]

Contemporaneously filed with this Motion is K&H's *Motion to Strike* wherein K&H seeks for this Court to strike: (1) *Declaration of Robert Lardizabal* [D.E. 69-5]; (2) Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 of COSTAR's

Moreover, even if the Court accepts the untimely provided photographs along with the Certificates of Registration as *prima facie* evidence of ownership of a valid copyright, this presumption is rebuttable. *See* H.R. Rep No. 94-1476, at 156 (1976)(reprinted in 17 U.S.C. § 410)("endowing a copyright claimant who has obtained a certificate with a rebuttable presumption of the validity of the copyright does not deprive the defendant of an infringement suit of any rights, it merely orders the burdens of proof"). COSTAR has provided absolutely no evidence that the photographs are "original works of authorship" as required by 17 U.S.C. § 102(a). While photographs can be copyrightable, "[e]lements of originality in photography may include posing the subjects, lighting, angle, selection of film and camera, evoking the desired expression, and almost any other variant involved." *Rogers v. Koons*, 960 F.2d 301, 307 (2nd Cir. 1992).<sup>5</sup>

The subject 10 photographs are simply pedestrian photographs of buildings. There is absolutely no originality in or with the photographs. Mark Klein, President of K&H, has personally taken thousands of photographs of commercial properties for sale. See Aff. M. Klein ¶33-45. Mr. Klein has testified that the commercial property pictures, such as those submitted by COSTAR, are not taken with an eye of originality or

Motion for Summary Judgment [D.E. 69-8, 69-9, 69-10]; and (3) "Exhibit 10" of Declaration of Steven J. Williams [D.E. 69-4 pp.3-13].

Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff has alleged copyright protection over photographs that are so mechanical and routine as to require no creativity whatsoever. Copyright protection of a photograph extends only to original aspects of the work such as posing of subject matter, lighting, angle, selection of film and camera, evoking a desired expression. Defendant/Counter-Plaintiffs photographs of real estate are pedestrian and lacking in any creativity. Additionally, there are so few ways of photographing such subject matter that the level of creativity involved is not sufficient to be afforded copyright protection.

K&H's Fifth Affirmative Defense [D.E. 25]. COSTAR has failed to show the absence of any material fact regarding their alleged ownership of a valid copyright on the ten subject photographs.

<sup>5</sup> K&H's pled this very issue in response to COSTAR's Counterclaim:

creativity but simply capture an accurate depiction of the property. *Id.* Moreover, Mr. Klein stated that there are very few ways that a commercial property can be photographed. *Id.* When photographing a commercial property the photographer is not concerned with posing the building or evoking a desired expression. *Id.* Originality is not the goal but simply to provide a generic tool to assist in the marketing of the property. *Id.* 

COSTAR has simply assumed that the photos are copyrighted. Because K&H has presented a question of fact as to whether the photographs are original, and COSTAR has failed to present any evidence to the contrary, COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment must fail.

B. There is Insufficient Record Evidence to Establish that any Valid COSTAR Copyright was Infringed.

Even if the Court should find that COSTAR has presented sufficient record evidence to sufficiently establish the validity of a copyright on any of the subject photographs, there is no applicable summary judgment record evidence to establish that Scott Bell infringed any of the ten photographs. The sole evidence to support COSTAR's claims that Mr. Bell accessed records associated with the subject photographs comes from the contemporaneously provided *Declaration of Robert Lardizabal*. See [D.E. 69-5]. As more fully detailed in K&H's contemporaneously filed *Motion to Strike*, COSTAR may not rely upon the testimony of an individual whose identity was not previously provided during the discovery process. COSTAR seeks to sandbag K&H with this newly provided evidence after the discovery period has closed. Because this Court should not entertain Mr. Lardizabla's Declaration, COSTAR fails to establish a

fundamental element necessary to prevail against any of its claims against K&H. Accordingly, COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment must be denied.

# III. COSTAR FAILED TO SHOW UNDISPUTED FACTS THAT K&H ENGAGED IN EITHER CONTRIBUTORY OR VICARIOUS COPYRIGHT INFRINGMENT.

A. COSTAR Failed to Establish Undisputed Contributory Infringement.

COSTAR argues that the "undisputed facts demonstrate that [K&H] engaged in contributory copyright infringement because it materially contributed to the infringement by providing Scott Bell with the facilities and means for the infringement with knowledge that Bell was engaged in infringing activity." *See* COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment at p.18. Despite the blanket assertions made by COSTAR, there is absolutely no record evidence that K&H was aware that Mr. Bell had engaged in unauthorized access to any COSTAR database. Even more removed is any record evidence that K&H was aware that Mr. Bell had accessed the ten (10) photographs that are the foundation of COSTAR's Motion. Moreover, without this knowledge, K&H cannot be said to have materially contributed to Mr. Bell's conduct by providing him a desk, internet access and a copier. COSTAR's claim for contributory copyright infringement against K&H must fail.

"Contributory copyright infringement refers to the intentional inducement, causation or material contribution to another's infringing conduct." *Buc Int'l Corp. v. International Yacht Council Ltd.*, 489 F.3d 1129, 1138 (11th Cir. 2007). The Eleventh Circuit has endorsed the test for contributory infringement articulated by the Second Circuit. *See Casella v. Morris*, 820 F.2d 362 (11th Cir. 1987). The test is whether "one who, with knowledge of the infringing activity, induces, causes or materially contributes

to the infringing conduct of another." *Id.* at 365 (quoting Gershwin Publishing Corp. v. Columbia Artists Mgmt., Inc., 443 F.2d 1159, 1162 (2d Cir. 1071).

### 1. <u>K&H did not Know and had No Reason to Know of any Direct</u> Copyright Infringement by Scott Bell.

While the test articulated by *Casella* to determine whether a defendant has "knowledge" is objective ("Know, or have reason to know"), the record is far from undisputed that K&H had any knowledge of any wrongdoing. *See Casella*, 820 F.2d at 365. COSTAR alleges that K&H "knew and had reason to know of the direct infringement of Scott Bell." *See* COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment at p.18. COSTAR relies on one statement made by Mr. Bell that K&H was aware of his access to COSTAR. COSTAR then attempts to buttress this statement by vague spreadsheets allegedly provided to Mark Klein and Steve Klein. Finally, COSTAR argues that because K&H was aware that COSTAR provided subscription based services, they couldn't possibly have not known that Mr. Bell was not entitled to obtain access to COSTAR. Nowhere does COSTAR link these alleged fountains of wrongdoing knowledge with the ten (10) subject photographs.

COSTAR's entire premise is based on the flawed assumption that Mr. Bell and K&H representatives knew that Mr. Bell's access to COSTAR was unauthorized. However, there is absolutely no record evidence to suggest that K&H was aware that Mr. Bell was not authorized to access COSTAR. In fact, Mr. Bell himself was unaware he was allegedly not authorized to access COSTAR. See Depo. Bell pp. 126-135. Mr. Bell testified that he believed COLDWELL had provided to him a subscription to COSTAR. See Depo. Bell at 124-27. He believed that it operated much like a magazine

subscription. Mr. Bell was not told that the subscription would expire; was not told that the subscription could only be used on COLDWELL property; and was not told that the subscription could only be used while logged on from a COLDWELL terminal. See id. Mr. Bell was not told anything about the length of the subscription. See id. Despite COSTAR's assertions, Mr. Bell does not recall receiving an e-mail, letter or telephone call in any way detailing any kind of parameters concerning his subscription to COSTAR. See id. Mr. Bell was never told that if he ceased being affiliated with COLDWELL his access was not authorized. See id. at 127-28. Moreover, Mr. Bell did not know that he was not authorized to utilize the system until he spoke with Mr. Klein after he received correspondence from COSTAR regarding Mr. Bell's access. See Depo. Bell 133-34; Aff. M. Klein at ¶27-32. Only then did he realize that COSTAR believed him to be unauthorized, and he immediately ceased all access to COSTAR. See Depo. Bell 133-35.

There is no record evidence that Mr. Bell was aware that he was not authorized to access the COSTAR databases. Nonetheless, COSTAR alleges that K&H was aware that Mr. Bell was not authorized and that he was accessing the databases for their benefit. Nothing could be further from the truth. *See* Aff. M. Klein at ¶25-26; Aff. S. Klein at ¶7-8.

Most pointedly, COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment is based upon the alleged valid copyrights held by COSTAR regarding ten (10) discrete photographs. COSTAR has not put forth any record evidence that anyone at K&H was aware that Mr. Bell accessed any of those ten (10) photographs. COSTAR cannot be permitted to attach liability for contributory copyright infringement based on vague allegations of knowledge of access to COSTAR's computer database. At a bare minimum there is a material

dispute as to what K&H knew regarding Mr. Bell's authorized or unauthorized access to the COSTAR databases in general, and specifically to the ten (10) subject photographs. Accordingly, summary judgment is not appropriate in favor of COSTAR on its contributory infringement claim.

### 2. <u>K&H did not Materially Contribute to any Direct Copyright</u> Infringement by Scott Bell.

COSTAR alleges that K&H materially contributed to Mr. Bell's alleged direct copyright infringement by providing him "with the means and facilities to engage in that conduct." See COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment at p.21. The "means and facilities" provided, accordingly to COSTAR, are: (1) internet access; (2) an e-mail account; and (3) a printer and copier. See id. However, COSTAR's own authorities do not support the conclusion they suggest. None of COSTAR's authorities provide any guidance as to the level of "means and facilities" that must be provided in order for liability to attach. Moreover, what is undisputed is that even if the "means and facilities" are provided, the proposed defendant must have actual knowledge of the direct copyright infringement. Such is not the case here.

First, COSTAR cites *Fonovisa, Inc. v. Cherry Auction, Inc.* for the proposition that a party "materially contributes" to infringement by providing the "site and facilities" for the infringing activity. *See* 76 F.3d 259. *Fonovisa* involved a swap meet or flea market that allegedly permitted copyrighted and trademarked materials to be sold to the public. At the Motion to Dismiss stage, the *Fonovisa* court found that the owner of copyrights and trademarks for musical recordings had properly pled a claim for contributory copyright infringement by alleging that the defendant had provided the site

and facilities for *known* infringing activity. The case did not analyze at all the level of "site and facilities" that must be provided.

COSTAR next cites *Perfect 10, Inc. v. Amazon.com, Inc.* for the proposition that "providing Internet facilities to access websites and engaging in infringing activity would be considered a material contribution." *See* COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment at p.22. COSTAR's citation is misleading.

Perfect 10 involved suit by copyright owners against Amazon.com (an internet retailer) and Google, Inc. (an internet search engine). Despite COSTAR's citation, what the court actually held with regard to contributory copyright infringement was that a "computer system operator can be held contributorily liable if it 'has actual knowledge that specific infringing material is available using its system,' and can 'take simple measures to prevent further damage' to copyrighted works, yet continues to provide access to infringing works." Perfect 10, 508 F.3d at 1172 (emphasis in original) (quoting A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc. 239 F.3d 1004 (9th Cir. 2001) and Religious Tech. Ctr. v. Netcom On-Line Commun. Servs., 907 F. Supp. 1361 (N.D. Cal. 1995)). The material contribution is not as simple, as COSTAR argues, as providing internet access. In fact, the provider of the internet access must have actual knowledge that specific infringing material is available and takes no steps to prevent access.

The record is devoid, and in fact COSTAR has not even argued, that K&H had actual knowledge of any specific infringing material being accessed by Mr. Bell. Furthermore, COSTAR has presented no record evidence that K&H could have but did not take any simple measures to prevent any unauthorized copyright infringement.

Finally, COSTAR has failed to present any evidence to link any of the alleged means or facilities provided to Mr. Bell to the ten subject photographs.

K&H submits that providing a desk, internet access and a copier is insufficient to find that K&H materially contributed to Mr. Bell's alleged copyright infringement. This is especially true when there is no record evidence that K&H was aware of any specific copyright infringement. Accordingly, summary judgment is not appropriate in favor of COSTAR on its contributory infringement claim

B. COSTAR Failed to Establish Undisputed Vicarious Copyright Infringement.

COSTAR finally alleges that K&H vicariously infringed upon COSTAR's copyrights by "having the right and ability to control Bell's infringing conduct" and by receiving a direct financial benefit (i.e. avoiding to pay access to COSTAR). *See* COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment at p.23. COSTAR's claims have no merit.

COSTAR argues that because K&H had the right to sever its relationship with Mr. Bell if he violated K&H's policies and because Mr. Klein stated he "oversaw" Mr. Bell, that they had the ability to control Mr. Bell. COSTAR's argument borders on the absurd. While COSTAR attempted to establish an employment relationship, the facts simply do not bear out COSTAR's claims. In support of its position, COSTAR cites to M.L.E Music Sony/ATV Tunes, LLC v. Julie Ann's, Inc., 2008 WL 2358979 (M.D. Fla. June 9, 2008). Julie Ann's involved suit by ASCAP, a performing rights licensing organization that sued a karaoke bar in Tampa, Florida for permitting public karaoke performances of copyrighted musical compositions. See id. at \*1. Judge Kovachevich ruled that because the bar benefited financially from the performances and "admitted they

owned, controlled, managed and operated" the bar, they were vicariously liable. *Id.* at \*3. The facts of this case could not be further from the facts presented in *Julie Ann's*.

K&H did not control Mr. Bell's work with the company as he was an independent contractor. Upon his employment with K&H Mr. Bell signed an Independent Contractor Agreement between Broker and Salesman. See Aff. M. Klein at ¶¶9-10. Paragraph 10 of the agreement provided in full:

It is intended that the salesman shall be an independent contractor and not an employee for federal tax purposes or any other purposes, and shall, at all times during the term of this agreement, perform his duties and responsibilities without any supervision or control by the broker.

See id. at "Exh. 1." Not only was there an agreement in place, but Mr. Bell operated as an Independent Contractor in practice. K&H did not control how Mr. Bell performed his duties. See id. at ¶¶9-21; Depo. Bell at p140. Other than periodic sales meetings, Mr. Bell was not required to be in the office at any given day or time. See Aff. M. Klein at ¶¶9-21; Dep. Bell at p140-41. K&H did not control Mr. Bell's daily activities. See Aff. M. Klein at ¶¶9-21; Dep. Bell at p140-41. Mr. Bell was not paid a salary but was paid a commission on any sales transactions he procured that closed. See Aff. M. Klein at ¶¶9-21. There is simply no basis whatsoever for COSTAR to prevail on their claim that K&H is vicariously liable because K&H controlled Mr. Bell's activities.

databases. However, both principles of K&H have stated that they do not want and have never found value with the system. See Aff. M. Klein at  $\P$ 23-25; Aff. S. Klein at  $\P$ 4-6.

COSTAR's argument that K&H received a direct financial benefit is equally absurd. Mr. Bell himself testified that he knew of no possible way that K&H benefited financially from his access to COSTAR. See Depo. Bell 152-53. COSTAR cannot be permitted to articulate a direct financial benefit because it was not required to purchase a license. Mr. M. Klein and Mr. S. Klein have both provided sworn testimony that COSTAR has attempted for years to convince them to purchase licenses to the COSTAR

#### IV. CONCLUSION

COSTAR has failed at every level to establish that it is entitled to Summary Judgment. First, COSTAR has failed to even establish that it is the owner of a valid copyright that is the subject of this action. Even if the Court finds that COSTAR met its burden of showing ownership of a valid copyright, there is insufficient record evidence to establish a direct infringement of said copyright by Scott Bell. Moreover, COSTAR has failed to show that the undisputed facts show that K&H engaged in either contributory or vicarious copyright infringement. Accordingly, K&H respectfully requests this Court deny COSTAR's pending Motion for Summary Judgment and grant any further relief the Court deems just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 16th day of October, 2009.

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COSTAR REALTY INFORMATION, INC., and COSTAR GROUP, INC.,

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### AFFIDAVIT OF MARK S. KLEIN

#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority personally appears MARK S. KLEIN, who upon being sworn deposes and says:

- 1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge and is done in opposition to Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment.
- 2. I am a real estate broker licensed in the State of Florida. I am also a Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM).
- 3. I am one of the founding members of Klein & Heuchan, Inc., (hereinafter "K&H") and am currently its sole shareholder.
- 4. I am the President and CEO of K&H and have been since 1983. I have been a broker in the commercial real estate business in Clearwater, Florida since 1974.
- 5. K&H is a real estate company providing brokerage services, property management services and development services to clients in the Tampa Bay area.
  - 6. K&H maintains two offices in Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida.

- 7. In addition to myself, K&H has approximately 18 other Independent Service Professions that work out of K&H's two offices.
- 8. Mr. Scott Bell began working as an independent Contractor Sales Associate with K&H in December of 2006.
- 9. Upon his employment with K&H Mr. Bell signed an Independent Contractor Agreement between Broker and Salesman. A copy of the Agreement is attached as "Exhibit 1."
  - 10. Paragraph 10 of the agreement provided in full:

It is intended that the salesman shall be an independent contractor and not an employee for federal tax purposes or any other purposes, and shall, at all times during the term of this agreement, perform his duties and responsibilities without any supervision or control by the broker.

- 11. Mr. Bell operated as an Independent Contractor.
- 12. K&H did not control how Mr. Bell performed his duties.
- 13. Other than periodic sales meetings, Mr. Bell was not required to be in the office at any given day or time.
  - 14. K&H did not control Mr. Bell's daily activities.
  - 15. Mr. Bell was paid a commission on any sales transactions he procured that closed.
  - 16. Mr. Bell was not paid a salary.
  - 17. K&H provided Mr. Bell a work space comprising a desk in a cubical area.
  - 18. Additionally, all of the associates of K&H had access to a copier machine.
- 19. Mr. Bell was not provided a computer. Mr. Bell utilized his own laptop computer and his own printer.

- 20. Mr. Bell was provided internet access. This access did not require logging into any server of K&H. Mr. Bell simply had to plug an internet cable into his computer and the internet was then available.
- 21. Mr. Steven Klein and myself provided feedback and sales management oversight over Mr. Bell.
- 22. For many years I have been approached by salespersons from COSTAR asking us to try and purchase subscriptions to COSTAR's databases.
- 23. I have never believed that the information provided by COSTAR was helpful or useful in my business and have never sought to obtain a subscription or use the system.
- 24. I recall that at some point in time because of my CCIM distinction, I was offered a trial subscription to COSTAR. I attempted to log-on but found it too cumbersome. Additionally, I was previously provided a three (3) month trial period from COSTAR salesman Tom Bible. I never logged in or even attempted to utilize the site at that time. Other than the one attempt to utilize the trial subscription given because of my CCIM distinction, I have never utilized the COSTAR systems.
- 25. I never asked Mr. Bell to provide me with information from the COSTAR databases.
- 26. Moreover, I do not recall ever receiving any COSTAR-related materials from Mr. Bell.
- 27. In April of 2008 I received letters from Curtis Ricketts from COSTAR. A copy of the letters are attached as "Exhibit 2." These letters accused K&H of unauthorized access to COSTAR's databases.

- 28. Upon receipt of the letter I immediately contacted the number provided and spoke with a Steve Williams. He asked if Scott Bell was working with K&H. I told him that he was. He stated that Mr. Bell was accessing COSTAR illegally. Mr. Williams was extremely threatening and I felt as though I was being extorted. Mr. Williams told me that I owed COSTAR \$69,000.00 but that he could make a deal if K&H would purchase a two-member license for \$10,000.00.
- 29. The following day another individual called me. I do not know if it was Mr. Rickets or someone else. I was then told that Mr. Williams was unauthorized to make the offer the day before. I told this individual: "I don't care. You're not going to use extortion and hold me hostage to buy a license from COSTAR."
  - 30. I then spoke with Mr. Bell and Mr. Steven Klein.
- 31. Mr. Bell told us that he was given a subscription to COSTAR when he was at his prior employer, Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT, and that he still had access to COSTAR. He told us that he believed he was still authorized to access the system since they had not turned his access off.
- 32. In May of 2008 I received a facsimile from COSTAR. The facsimile included a fax cover page and a draft *Complaint* purportedly ready to be filed in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. A copy of the facsimile is attached as "Exhibit 3." The message on the facsimile cover stated:

As our discussions concerning Klein & Heuchan's unauthorized use of CoStar's services have been unable to resolve our dispute, I am forwarding to you a draft of a complaint that CoStar intends to file against Klein & Heuchan unless we can come to a resolution by the close of business on Tuesday June 3rd. Unfortunately, once our legal department has authorized the filing of this complaint, we can no longer offer a resolution on the terms we have discussed as a result of the legal costs CoStar will have incurred.

We remain open to discussing this dispute with you.

- 33. I have reviewed Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff's Counterclaim and Motion for Summary Judgment and supporting documentation.
  - 34. I have reviewed the affirmative defenses asserted by KLEIN & HEUCHAN.
- 35. I have also reviewed carefully the ten (10) photographs attached as "Exhibit H" to the *Declaration of Steven J. Williams* filed in support of COSTAR's Motion for Summary Judgment.
- 36. I have over thirty (30) years of experience in the sales and marketing of commercial properties which would include photographing of commercial property and as such have reviewed thousands of photographs of commercial property.
- 37. Over the course of my career, I have personally taken thousands of photographs of commercial property for sale.
- 38. Photographs of commercial property are not taken with an eye toward originality or creativity and the sole purpose and concern is to capture a picture of reasonable quality that accurately depicts the real property sufficient enough to supplement a written description of the property.
- 39. My experience has shown me that there are very few ways to photograph commercial property and those ways are universally adopted by real estate firms when photographing commercial property it is done in a substantially similar way.
- 40. There is no requirement for formal training or other skills, professional, artistic or otherwise, when it comes to photographing commercial property.
- 41. KLEIN & HEUCHAN does not use special equipment or cameras when photographing commercial property.

- 42. I have no formal training or exemplary skills with respect to photographing commercial photographs.
- 43. When photographing commercial property I am not concerned with posing the subject buildings or evoking a desired expression. I merely photograph for the purpose of capturing a reasonable image of the commercial property suitable to convey to potential buyers the general appearance of the property.
  - 44. The pictures are never taken with any expression of originality.
- 45. Pictures of commercial property are merely a generic tool used to assist with the marketing of commercial property and have a very limited time of usefulness.

Further Affiant Sayeth Not.

MARK S. KLĒIN

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the 16th day of October, 2009, by Work Klein, who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification and who did take an oath.



Notary Public

Print name:

My commission expires:

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#### INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

#### Between Broker and Salesman

THIS AGREEMENT by and between Klein & Heuchan,	Inc. Realtors, hereafter
referred to as "busher" and C. Scott Bell	hereafter referred
to as "salesman," for and in consideration of their mutual promises	and for their mutual benefits,
WITNESSETH:	

THAT, WHEREAS, the broker is duly registered as a real estate broker, and is duly qualified to, and does, procure the listing of real estate for sale, lease or rental, and prospective purchasers, lessees, and renters therefor, and has and enjoys the good will of, and a reputation for dealing with, the public, and also has and maintains an office, properly equipped and staffed, suitable to serving the public as a real estate broker, and

WHEREAS, the salesman is a duly registered real estate salesman and properly qualified to deal with the public as such, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be to the mutual advantage of the broker and salesman to form the association hereinafter agreed to, THEREFORE

- 1. The broker agrees to make available to the salesman all current listings of the office, except such as the broker may find expedient to place exclusively in the temporary possession of some other salesman, and agrees to assist the salesman in his work by advice, instruction, and full cooperation in every way possible.
- 2. The broker agrees that the salesman may share with other salesmen such facilities as the office may be able to furnish, in connection with the subject matter of this contract.
- 3. The salesman agrees to sell or rent real estate listed with the broker and to solicit additional listings for the broker.
- 4. The salesman agrees to conduct his business in a reputable manner and in conformance with all laws, rules, regulations and codes of ethics that are binding upon or applicable to real estate brokers and salesmen.
- 5. The salesman agrees to maintain at his own cost automobile public liability and property damage insurance in the minimum amount of \$\_160\_000, 300,000.
- 6. The fees usually and customarily charged by the broker shall be charged for any service performed hereunder, unless broker shall advise the salesman of any special contract relating to any particular transaction which he undertakes to handle. When the salesman shall perform any service hereunder, whereby a fee is earned, said fee shall, when collected, be divided between the broker and salesman, in which division the salesman shall receive <u>See schotuper</u> cent, and the broker shall receive the balance. In the event that two or more salesman participate in such a service, or claim to have done so, the amount of the fee over that accruing to the broker shall be divided between the participating salesmen according to agreement between them, or by arbitration. In no case shall the broker be liable to the salesman for any fee unless the same shall have been collected from the party for whom the service was performed.
- 7. The broker shall not be liable to the salesman for any expenses incurred by him, or for any of his acts, nor shall the salesman be liable to the broker for office help or expense, and the salesman shall have no authority to hind the broker by any promise or representation, unless specifically authorized in a particular transaction; but expense for attorney's fees, costs, revenue stamps, abstracts and the like which must, by reason of some necessity, be paid from the fee, or is incurred in the collection of, or the attempt to collect, the fee, shall be paid by the parties in the same proportion as provided for herein in the division of the fees. Suits for fees shall, agreeable to the law, be maintained only in the name of the broker, and the salesman shall be construed to be a sub-agent only with the respect to the clients and customers for whom services shall be performed, and shall otherwise be deemed to be an independent contractor and not a servant, employee, joint adventurer or partner of the broker.
- 8. This agreement shall be for succeeding one-year terms beginning with the date of execution; provided, however, either party may terminate this agreement upon \_\_\_\_\_30 days' written notice given to the other, in which case the rights of the parties to any fee which accrued prior to termination shall not be divested.
- 9. The salesman shall not, after the termination of this contract, use to his own advantage, or to the advantage of any other person or corporation, any information gained from the files or business of the broker, relating to property for sale, lease or rental.
- 10. It is intended that the salesman shall be an independent contractor and not an employee for federal tax purposes or any other purposes, and shall, at all times during the term of this agreement, perform his duties and responsibilities without any supervision or control by the broker.

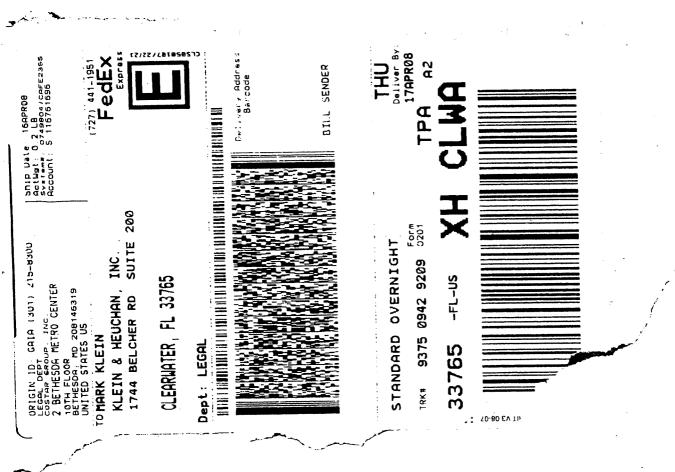
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Salesman





April 16, 2008

Via Federal Express

Mark Klein Klein & Heuchan, Inc. 1744 Belcher Rd, Suite 200 Clearwater, FL 33765

> Re: Your use of CoStar database services

Dear Mr. Klein:

I am writing to you on behalf of CoStar Realty Information, Inc. ("CoStar").

CoStar's services and proprietary databases are protected under the intellectual property laws of the United States and are made available on a subscription basis by way of a secure access-restricted website, pursuant to a written agreement between CoStar and its licensed subscribers. As you are well aware, Klein & Heuchan, Inc., which is located at 1744 Belcher Rd, Suite 200 Clearwater, FL 33765, is not a licensed subscriber to any of CoStar's subscription-only commercial real estate information services. Despite this fact, we now have indisputable electronic evidence that Klein & Heuchan, Inc. has been accessing and using CoStar's services without authorization from CoStar and in violation of CoStar's rights.

Specifically, CoStar's investigation of this matter (including a review of IP addresses and other information that we track and maintain) indicates that from January 17, 2007 to the present, your employee or employees have repeatedly accessed and used the proprietary, subscription-only CoStar PropertyWeb and CompsWeb services for your Company's commercial benefit without CoStar's authorization—encompassing 133 logins, over 45 hours online, and over 12,796 page hits. In order to do this, your employees or others working at your company improperly and unlawfully logged in to CoStar's service using the pass code information assigned for use by Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT employees only. In the process of logging in, your employees and/or others agreed to and violated the online terms of use posted at www.costar.com, and then used, exploited and/or copied CoStar's valuable proprietary information, photographs, and software created by CoStar's team of research professionals and product developers.

Such unauthorized use constitutes a willful violation of CoStar's intellectual property and contract rights. Specifically, Klein & Heuchan, Inc.'s unauthorized access and use of CoStar's service may give rise to various claims and causes of action under Federal and state law, including without limitation copyright infringement--with statutory CoStar Group, Inc.

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damages of up to \$150,000 per work infringed, breach of contract, fraud and civil and criminal violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

For your information, CoStar takes the protection of its intellectual property very seriously. Over the years, CoStar has aggressively investigated and cooperated in the prosecution of individuals and companies that have accessed its proprietary services without authorization or otherwise infringed its copyrights.

CoStar Group just obtained a \$1 Million judgment against an Illinois firm for illegally using CoStar's commercial real estate information in a copyright case filed in the United States District Court of Maryland. In addition to the \$1 Million judgment, the company was forced to cease all business operations, and individuals (principals as well as employees) were held liable for their actions relating to copyright violations.

In another recent case, CoStar received a judgment of \$100,000 for the sharing of asingle password in connection with a federal court lawsuit filed against a former client and a third party that had been sharing CoStar login information. Using fraud detection technology, Costar was easily able to track and prove in a court of law that a pass code assigned to a CoStar subscriber was illegally and repeatedly used from the offices and home of a non-CoStar subscriber to access CoStar's information services.

CoStar also recently launched a reward program for anyone who reports suspected piracy of \$10,000 or 25% of any monetary payment resulting from prosecution, which ever is greater-in cases that ultimately lead to prosecution of violators. As you can see, CoStar will nottolerate theft of its services and proprietary databases and will pursue those who violate its rights to the full extent of the law.

In sum, CoStar is entitled to be paid for the work that it performs and the data it provides. Klein & Heuchan, Inc. is not entitled to a free ride on the backs of CoStar and it's other paying clients. Although CoStar is fully prepared to exercise its legal rights against your company for its violations of CoStar's rights, CoStar is willing to resolve this matter now amicably if you cure your past violations by paying for past unauthorized use and entering a license to cover future use of CoStar services and data.

Accordingly, attached for your review and signature is a proposed license agreement, consisting of a Subscription Form, User List, and 2-page Terms & Conditions document. Also enclosed is an invoice for services previously rendered.

Please be aware that this offer already reflects a significant compromise on CoStar's part (given the significant amount of usage and copyright infringements). We expect to receive the invoiced amount and signed agreements back from you within two business days after receipt of this letter. If not, please be advised that CoStar intends to

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pursue litigation against Klein & Heuchan, Inc. and CoStar will seek the maximum amount of damages available under the law, the reimbursement of all its attorneys' fees, as well as the possible forwarding of the case to the FBI and the US Department of Justice for possible criminal investigation and prosecution.

I can be reached by telephone, at 888-414-2778, and by facsimile, at (301) 664-9176. In the meantime, please be advised that this letter shall also serve as a Hold Notice, requiring that you not destroy or remove any and all electronic or print records or documents possibly relating to these claims, and notifying you that any attempt to do so constitutes spoliation of evidence and is unlawful. This letter shall not be construed as any limitation or waiver of any of CoStar's rights, claims, or remedies, each of which such rights, claims and remedies are expressly reserved.

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Sincerely,

Curtis Ricketts

Director-Fraud, Theft & Litigation Team

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April 16, 2008

Mark Klein Klein & Heuchan, Inc. 1744 Belcher Rd, Suite 200 Clearwater, FL 33765

Re: Invoice For Past Use

Dear Mr. Klein:

By counter-signing below, you agree to pay to CoStar the sum of \$69,887.00, which, upon complete payment, represents a paid-in-full past license for Klein & Heuchan, Inc. accessing and using the CoStar PropertyWeb and CompsWeb database services from January 17, 2007 through April 10, 2008; provided, that, this paid-in-full past license: (a) solely covers access and use by Klein & Heuchan, Inc. that would have complied with each of the terms and conditions of the standard CoStar license agreement had Klein & Heuchan, Inc. been a licensed subscriber at the time of the usage; and (b) does not cover or release Klein & Heuchan, Inc., or anyone else from (i) any reselling or making available to the public of any portion of any CoStar database service, (ii) use of any portion of any CoStar database service to create or maintain directly or indirectly any database or other product directly or indirectly competitive with any portion of any CoStar database service, or (iii) any provision, disclosure or transmission of any portion of any CoStar database service to a direct or indirect competitor of CoStar, or any access or use of any CoStar database service by any direct or indirect competitor of CoStar.

Please direct checks or money orders, made payable to CoStar Realty Information, Inc., to my attention at CoStar Realty Information, Inc., 2 Bethesda Metro Center, 10th Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Sincerely,

Curtis Ricketts
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As our discussions concerning Klein & Heuchan's unauthorized use of CoStar's services have been unable to resolve our dispute, I am forwarding to you a draft of a complaint that CoStar intends to file against Klein & Heuchan unless we can come to a resolution by the close of business on Tuesday June 3rd. Unfortunately, once our legal department has authorized the filing of this complaint, we can no longer offer a resolution on the terms we have discussed as a result of the legal costs CoStar will have incurred.

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

COSTAR REALTY INFORMATION, INC., 2 Bethesda Metro Center, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Bethesda, Maryland 20814,

and

COSTAR GROUP, INC., 2 Bethesda Metro Center, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Bethesda, Maryland 20814,

Plaintiffs,

KLEIN & HEUCHAN, INC. 1744 Belcher Rd, Suite 200 Clearwater, FL 33765

Defendant.

Civil Action No.

## **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiffs COSTAR REALTY INFORMATION, INC., a Delaware Corporation, and COSTAR GROUP, INC., a Delaware Corporation (collectively "CoStar" or "Plaintiffs"), for their Complaint against Defendant KLEIN & HEUCHAN, INC. ("K&H"), alleges as follows:

## **PARTIES**

1. CoStar Realty Information, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business and corporate offices located at 2 Bethesda Metro Center, 10th Floor, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814-5388.

- 2. CoStar Group, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business and corporate offices located at 2 Bethesda Metro Center, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814-5388.
- 3. Defendant K&H is, upon information and belief, a Florida corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the Florida, with its principal place of business located at 1744 Belcher Rd, Suite 200, Clearwater, FL 33765.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This Court has federal question jurisdiction over the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 as an action that arises under the laws of the United States. The Court further has exclusive federal jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) as a case arising under the Copyright Act. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over CoStar's claims for unauthorized access to computers and related claims pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1030.
- 5. This Court has diversity jurisdiction over the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332. The controversy is between citizens of different states, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' claims arising under the laws of Maryland pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) because these claims are so related to Plaintiffs' claims under federal law that they form part of the same case or controversy and derive from a common nucleus of operative fact.
  - 6. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims occurred in this District, and a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated in this District.

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7. Personal jurisdiction over K&H is proper in this District because: (a) by agreeing to the Terms of Use for the <a href="www.costar.com">wwww.costar.com</a> website, K&H has consented to the jurisdiction of this Court; (b) by their use of CoStar's proprietary database they have committed tortious and other actionable acts alleged herein with foreseeable consequences in this District, and have caused actual tortious injury in this District; and (c) they have purposefully directed their unlawful behavior at this District by repeated electronic activity and interaction with CoStar's computer servers in Bethesda, MD when logging into the subscription service at the <a href="www.costar.com">www.costar.com</a> website for business purposes.

#### BACKGROUND

- 8. CoStar is a leading national commercial real estate information services provider. At enormous effort and expense, CoStar has created state-of-the-art software technology and research methods to develop one of the most comprehensive commercial real estate information databases available. CoStar currently employs the services of approximately 1000 trained research professionals, including a field research force with over 120 research photographers and a fleet of over 100 specially equipped field research vehicles, that canvass the country, building information and analysis and photographs that are integrated into an enormous database that is updated daily.
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By accessing or using this Site (or any part thereof), you agree to be legally bound by the terms and conditions that follow (the "Terms of Use") as we may modify them from time to time. These Terms of Use apply, to your use of this Site, including the CoStar services and products offered via the Site. They constitute a legal contract between you and CoStar, and by accessing or using any part of the Site you represent and warrant that you have the right, power and authority to agree to and be bound by these Terms of Use. If you do not agree to the Terms of Use, or if you do not have the right, power, and authority to agree to and be bound by these Terms of Use, you may not use the Site. (emphasis added).

- 15. In addition, the Terms of Use specifically note that "[p]ortions of the [website] are available only to individuals or entities who purchase a subscription ('Subscribers') and who, as specified in these Terms of Use and/or in the associated written license agreement between the Subscriber and CoStar that authorizes use of the information or product(s) (the 'License Agreement'), are Authorized Users (as defined below) under such a subscription."
- Under the header "Prohibited Uses," the Terms of Use provide that "you shall not ... [a]ccess any portion of the [databases] unless you are an Authorized User for such [databases] using the

Passcodes assigned to you by CoStar to access the components and services of the [databases] that your subscription authorizes you to access, subject to the terms contained therein and in these Terms of Use."

- 17. The Terms of Use also state that "[u]pon your breach of any term of these Terms of Use or the License Agreement, CoStar's remedies shall include any monetary benefits that accrued to you as a result of the breach, any damages incurred by CoStar related to your breach and any other damages and relief available at law or in equity." The terms of use further provide that "CoStar shall be entitled to recover all costs, including attorney's fees."
- 18. Finally, the Terms of Use provide that the user "irrevocably consent[s] to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in the State of Maryland for any action to enforce these Terms of Use."

## **EVENTS GIVING RISE TO THE LAWSUIT**

- 19. One of CoStar's customers ("CUSTOMER") signed a License Agreement with CoStar for access to the CoStar Property Professional®, CoStar Comps® and CoStar Tenant® commercial real estate information databases and related software.
- 20. Under Sections 1, 2 and 12 of CUSTOMER's License Agreement with CoStar, CUSTOMER agreed, among other things: (a) not to provide third parties with access to or use of the CoStar database service, (b) not to sub-license or resell CoStar's information services to others, (c) not to share the CUSTOMER-specific IDs and passwords assigned by CoStar, and (d) not to store, copy or export any portion of the licensed CoStar database service into any database or other software program, except as explicitly permitted by the CoStar-Resource License Agreement or by express written consent of CoStar.

- 21. K&H obtained access to CUSTOMER's user names and passwords and then used CUSTOMER's user name and password improperly to access and use CoStar's commercial real estate information subscription services for their own commercial purposes without a valid license or any other authorization from CoStar.
- 22. By gaining unauthorized access to CoStar's products, K&H was able to make unauthorized copies and displays of CoStar's copyrighted databases and copyrighted photographs on K&H's computers.

## COUNT I BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 23. CoStar re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 22 of the Complaint.
- 24. By accessing CoStar's Internet website, K&H agreed to be bound by the terms of use agreement of CoStar's website. CoStar's website terms of use agreement is a valid contract.
- 25. K&H breached the terms of use agreement by, inter alia, accessing and using the CoStar databases without authorization from CoStar on 132 occasions for a total of 46 hours, involving "hits" to 12,829 pages on the CoStar Website.
- 26. CoStar has been injured by K&H's breach as described above. Among other things, K&H's breach of contract has caused CoStar to lose the license fee revenue associated with granting licenses to CoStar products. Some of CoStar's injury as a result of K&H's breach resulted in damages to CoStar in an amount to be proven at trial. CoStar will not have an adequate remedy at law for its entire injury, however, as some of its injury is irreparable. Accordingly, CoStar is entitled to damages and injunctive relief.

than \$750 and up to \$150,000 per work, as well as the attorney's fees and costs of prosecuting this action.

34. As a result of K&H's infringement, CoStar has suffered an injury for which there is no adequate remedy at law and that requires injunctive relief.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

#### WHEREFORE, CoStar asks that this Court:

- (1) Enter a judgment against K&H that it has breached its contract with CoStar;
- (2) Grant a preliminary and permanent injunction (a) restraining and enjoining K&H and any of its principals, officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, successors and assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, from making any unauthorized access to or use of any CoStar database service; and (b) ordering K&H and any of its principals, officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, successors and assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, to permanently delete and destroy all portions of any CoStar database service within their possession, and within ten (10) days provide CoStar with a signed affidavit certifying completion of such deletion/destruction;
  - (3) Enter judgment against Defendants and in favor of CoStar for compensatory damages;
- (4) For an award of statutory damages of up to \$11,450,000 as a result of Defendants' willful infringement of CoStar's copyrights.
- (5) For an award of the costs of this action, including reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505 and other applicable laws.
- (6) Enter judgment against Defendants and in favor of CoStar for prejudgment interest, costs and attorneys' fees; and

(7) Grant CoStar such other and further relief as is just.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorneys for CoSTAR REALTY
INFORMATION, INC., a Delaware Corporation,
and CoSTAR GROUP, INC., a Delaware
Corporation

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

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vs.	Civil No.: 8:08-cv-01227-JSM-MSS

COSTAR REALTY INFORMATION, INC., and COSTAR GROUP, INC.,

Defendants.	

#### AFFIDAVIT OF STEVEN KLEIN

#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority personally appears STEVEN KLEIN, who upon being sworn deposes and says:

- 1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge and is done in opposition to Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment.
  - 2. I am a real estate broker licensed in the State of Florida
  - 3. I am employee of Klein& Heuchan, Inc. and also serve Executive Vice-President.
- 4. For many years I have been approached by salespersons from COSTAR asking us to try and purchase subscriptions to COSTAR's databases.
- 5. I have never believed that the information provided by COSTAR was helpful or useful in my business and have never sought to obtain a subscription or use the system.
- 6. I don't recall every using any of the COSTAR databases or accessing any of the materials offered by COSTAR.

	7.	I never	asked	Mr.	Bell	to	provide	me	with	informatio	n from	the C	COSTAR
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	STEVEN KLEIN												
		LORIDA PINELI											
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the day of October, 2009, by, who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification and who did take an oath.													
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7. I never asked Mr. Bell to provide me with information from the COSTAR databases.

8. Moreover, I do not recall ever receiving any COSTAR-related materials from Mr. Bell.

Further Affiant Sayeth Not.

STEVEN KLEIN

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the day of October, 2009, by Steven Klein who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification and who did take an oath.

Print name:

My commission expires:

Commission DD 741102

Expires January 10, 2012 Bonded Thru Troy Fain Insurance 800-385-7019