

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

ALOFT MEDIA, LLC,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 6:09-cv-304
)	
ORACLE CORPORATION, et al.)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
)	
Defendants.)	

DEFENDANT SCOTTRADE, INC.’S ANSWER TO THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

Defendant Scottrade, Inc. (“Scottrade”), by and through its counsel, answers the Third Amended Complaint of Aloft Media, LLC (“Aloft”) as follows:

1. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 1 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

2. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 2 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

3. Scottrade admits that it is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arizona. Scottrade further admits that its principal place of business is at 12800 Corporate Hill Drive, Suite 250, St. Louis, Missouri 63131.

4. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 4 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

5. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 5 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

6. Scottrade admits that this action purports to assert a claim of patent infringement under the patent laws of the United States. Scottrade further admits that 28 U.S.C. §1331 gives the district courts original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Scottrade further admits that 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) gives the district court original jurisdiction of any civil action arising under any Act of Congress relating to patents. Scottrade expressly denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph 6 of the Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted.

7. Scottrade admits that venue is proper in this district. Scottrade further admits it has transacted and does transact business in the Eastern District of Texas. Scottrade denies it has “committed and/or induced acts of patent infringement in this district” and specifically denies that Alofts’s claims against Scottrade have any merit. Scottrade denies each and every allegation of paragraph 7 of the Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted.

8. Scottrade admits that it regularly does or solicits business, engages in other persistent courses of conduct, and/or derives substantial revenue from services provided to individuals in Texas and in this Judicial District. Scottrade denies that it has committed any acts of infringement as alleged and specifically denies that Aloft’s claims of infringement against Scottrade have any merit. Scottrade expressly denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph 8 of the Third Amended Complaint not specifically admitted.

9. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 9 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

10. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 10 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

11. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 11 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

12. Scottrade denies each and every allegation of paragraph 12 of the Third Amended Complaint.

13. Scottrade denies each and every allegation of paragraph 13 of the Third Amended Complaint.

14. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 14 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

15. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 15 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

16. As to the allegations relating to defendants Fair Isaac and Halliburton, Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of those allegations of paragraph 16 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such

allegation. Scottrade denies each and every remaining allegation of paragraph 16 of the Third Amended Complaint.

17. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 17 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

18. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 18 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

19. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 19 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

20. Scottrade denies each and every allegation of paragraph 20 of the Third Amended Complaint.

21. Scottrade denies each and every allegation of paragraph 21 of the Third Amended Complaint.

22. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 22 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

23. Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 23 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation.

24. As to the allegations relating to defendants Fair Isaac and Halliburton, Scottrade is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of those allegations

of paragraph 24 of the Third Amended Complaint and on that basis denies each and every such allegation. Scottrade denies each and every remaining allegation of paragraph 24 of the Third Amended Complaint.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

25. Scottrade has not directly or indirectly infringed, contributed to, or induced the infringement of any valid claim of the '898 Patent.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

26. Scottrade has not directly or indirectly infringed, contributed to, or induced the infringement of any valid claim of the '910 Patent.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

27. The claims of the '898 Patent are invalid and/or unenforceable for failure to meet the requirements of one or more sections of Title 35 of the United States Code, including but not limited to, 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

28. The claims of the '910 Patent are invalid and/or unenforceable for failure to meet the requirements of one or more sections of Title 35 of the United States Code, including but not limited to, 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

29. To the extent that Aloft attempts to construe the scope of protection of one or more of the claims of the '898 Patent to cover any product or process made, used, sold, or offered for sale by Scottrade, then such claims and the purported inventions defined thereby are invalid and unenforceable as failing to meet the requirements of Title 35 of the United States Code.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

30. To the extent that Aloft attempts to construe the scope of protection of one or more of the claims of the '910 Patent to cover any product or process made, used, sold, or offered for sale by Scottrade, then such claims and the purported inventions defined thereby are invalid and unenforceable as failing to meet the requirements of Title 35 of the United States Code.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

31. By reason of its acts, representations and omissions during prosecution before the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the applications which resulted in the '898 Patent, Aloft is estopped to assert that any claim of the '898 Patent is of such scope to cover any product or process made, used, sold, or offered for sale by Scottrade.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

32. By reason of its acts, representations and omissions during prosecution before the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the applications which resulted in the '910 Patent, Aloft is estopped to assert that any claim of the '910 Patent is of such scope to cover any product or process made, used, sold, or offered for sale by Scottrade.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

33. Aloft is barred from recovery in this action in that it has engaged in patent misuse by attempting to impermissibly broaden the scope of the '898 Patent to cover Scottrade's ScottradeELITE technology, resulting in an anti-competitive effect.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

34. Aloft is barred from recovery in this action in that it has engaged in patent misuse by attempting to impermissibly broaden the scope of the '910 Patent to cover Scottrade's ScottradeELITE technology, resulting in an anti-competitive effect.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

35. Each count of Aloft's Third Amended Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

COUNTERCLAIMS

36. Defendants/counterclaimant Scottrade incorporates by reference its answers and affirmative defenses as set forth above in paragraphs 1 through 35 as if fully set for the herein and asserts the following counterclaims against Plaintiff/counterclaim defendant Aloft Media, LLC.

Parties

37. Scottrade is an Arizona corporation with its principal place of business at 12800 Corporate Hill Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63131.

38. Plaintiff Aloft Media, LLC alleges in its Third Amended Complaint that it is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Texas with its principal place of business at 211 W. Tyler Street, Suite C-1, Longview, Texas 75601.

Jurisdiction and Venue

39. These counter claims include claims for declaratory judgment of patent non-infringement and thus jurisdiction is proper under the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, and the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 100, et seq., concerning actions related to patents and 28 U.S.C. § 1338.

40. Aloft alleges that the '898 Patent, entitled "Decision-Making System, Method and Computer Program Product" was issued on March 3, 2009.

41. Aloft alleges that the '910 Patent, entitled "Decision-Making System, Method and Computer Program Product" was issued on September 22, 2009.

42. Aloft, through this lawsuit, has asserted and continues to assert that Scottrade's promotion and/or sale of its ScottradeELITE product/services somehow constitute infringement of any claims of the '898 or '910 Patents.

43. Scottrade is not infringing and is not threatening to infringe any claim of the '898 Patent.

44. Scottrade is not infringing and is not threatening to infringe any claim of the '910 Patent.

45. The '898 Patent is invalid, unenforceable and/or void.

46. The '910 Patent is invalid, unenforceable and/or void.

47. Aloft, through this lawsuit, has created a substantial controversy, between itself and Scottrade, of sufficient immediacy and reality to warrant relief.

Count One – Declaratory Relief Regarding Non-Infringement of '898 Patent

48. Scottrade re-alleges the allegations of the previous paragraphs of its counterclaims.

49. None of the claims of the '898 Patent have been directly infringed by Scottrade.

50. None of the claims of the '898 Patent have been contributorily infringed by Scottrade.

51. None of the claims of the '898 Patent have been infringed by active inducement by Scottrade.

52. Based on Aloft's filing of its suit and Scottrade's Affirmative Defenses, an actual substantial controversy of sufficient immediacy and reality has arisen and now exists between the parties as to whether or not Scottrade has infringed any claim of the '196 Patent.

53. Pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 et seq., Scottrade requests a declaration from the Court that Scottrade does not infringe any claim of the '898 Patent either directly, contributorily, or by inducement.

Count Two – Declaratory Relief Regarding Non-Infringement of '910 Patent

54. Scottrade re-alleges the allegations of the previous paragraphs of its counterclaims.

55. None of the claims fo the '910 Patent have been directly infringed by Scottrade.

56. None of the claims of the '910 Patent have been contributorily infringed by Scottrade.

57. None of the claims of the '910 Patent have been infringed by active inducement by Scottrade.

58. Based on Aloft's filing of its suit and Scottrade's Affirmative Defenses, an actual substantial controversy of sufficient immediacy and reality has arisen and now exists between the parties as to whether or not Scottrade has infringed any claim of the '910 Patent.

59. Pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 et seq., Scottrade requests a declaration from the Court that Scottrade does not infringe any claim of the '910 Patent either directly, contributorily, or by inducement.

Count Three – Declaratory Relief Regarding Invalidity of '898 Patent

60. Scottrade re-alleges the allegations of the previous paragraphs of its counterclaims.

61. The asserted claims fo the ‘898 Patent are invalid for failure to comply with the grounds specified in Part II of Title 35 United States Code as a condition for patentability, and, in particular, 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, and 112.

62. Prior art to the ‘898 Patent renders the asserted claims invalid under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and/or 103.

63. Based on Aloft’s filing of its suit and Scottrade’s Affirmative Defenses, an actual substantial controversy of sufficient immediacy and reality has arisen and now exists between the partes as to the validity of the claims of the ‘898 Patent.

64. Pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 et seq., Scottrade requests a declaration from the Court that each of the claims of the ‘898 Patent is invalid, unenforceable, and/or void because it fails to comply with the provisions of the patent laws, 35 U.S.C. § 100 et seq., including but not limited to one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

Count Four – Declaratory Relief Regarding Invalidity of ‘910 Patent

65. Scottrade re-alleges the allegations of the previous paragraphs of its counterclaims.

66. The asserted claims fo the ‘910 Patent are invalid for failure to comply with the grounds specified in Part II of Title 35 United States Code as a condition for patentability, and, in particular, 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, and 112.

67. Prior art to the ‘910 Patent renders the asserted claims invalid under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and/or 103.

68. Based on Aloft's filing of its suit and Scottrade's Affirmative Defenses, an actual substantial controversy of sufficient immediacy and reality has arisen and now exists between the parties as to the validity of the claims of the '910 Patent.

69. Pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201, et seq., Scottrade requests a declaration from the Court that each of the claims of the '910 Patent is invalid, unenforceable, and/or void because it fails to comply with the provisions of the patent laws, 35 U.S.C. § 100, et seq., including but not limited to one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 and/or 112.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Scottrade, Inc. prays that this Court enter judgment:

- A. A declaration that Scottrade has not infringed any claim of the '898 Patent;
- B. A declaration that Scottrade has not infringed any claim of the '910 Patent;
- C. A declaration that each of the claims of the '898 Patent is invalid;
- D. A declaration that each of the claims of the '910 Patent is invalid;
- E. A declaration that each of the claims of the '898 Patent is unenforceable;
- F. A declaration that each of the claims of the '910 Patent is unenforceable;
- G. A judgment that all claims against Scottrade be dismissed with prejudice;
- H. A declaration that the asserted claims of the '898 Patent cannot validly cover Scottrade's accused acts and systems;
- I. A declaration that the asserted claims of the '910 Patent cannot validly cover Scottrade's accused acts and systems;
- J. A finding that this case is exceptional pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- K. A judgment that Aloft take nothing by way of its Third Amended Complaint;

L. An award to Scottrade of its costs and disbursements in this action, including reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 284 and 285 and other applicable law; and

M. An award to Scottrade of such further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Scottrade, Inc. demands a trial by jury on all issues triable of right by jury.

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service are being served with a copy of this document via the Court's CM/ECF system per Local Rule CV-5(a)(3) on this 13th day of August, 2010.

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