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14	v. COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT
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16	DILLARD'S, INC.; and DOES 1 ) though 10, inclusive, )
17	) Defendants.  ) DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
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21	COMES NOW, PLAINTIFF LA PRINTEX INDUSTRIES, INC. ("Plaintiff" or "LA
22	Printex") and complains of and alleges the following:
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24	INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW
25	1. As shown by the design and garment attached as Exhibits to this
26	Complaint, this is a clear liability copyright infringement case, wherein Defendants
27	made garments featuring nearly identical copies of Plaintiff's copyright protected
28	designs and sold them to and/or through, inter alia, Dillard's retail stores. If successful

Plaintiff seeks recovery of all remedies available under law including but not limited to its damages, all of Defendants profits, and payment of Plaintiff's attorneys fees and costs.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a).
- 3. The claims asserted herein arose in this judicial district and all Defendants do business in this judicial district.
- 4. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c) and 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.
- 5. This is an action for copyright infringement under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., seeking damages, attorneys' fees, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief and an accounting, as well as damages and other relief based upon other claims related to the misappropriation of Plaintiff's intellectual property.

#### **PARTIES**

# **The Plaintiff**

6. Plaintiff LA Printex Industries, Inc., is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business at 3270 E. 26th Street, Vernon, California. It is citizen of the State of California.

### The Defendants

7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant DILLARD'S, INC. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in Arkansas at 1600 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR 72201. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that

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Defendant DILLARD'S, INC. is in the business of selling garments through retail stores throughout the nation, including in the State of California.

- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants 8. DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, created, assembled, distributed, manufactured and/or sold garments comprised of fabric printed with Plaintiff's copyrighted Subject Design (as hereinafter defined) or that have otherwise contributed to the infringement of Plaintiff's copyrighted Subject Design. The true names and capacities, whether corporate, individual or otherwise, of the Defendant DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff who therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names, and will ask leave to amend this Complaint to show their true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times 9. relevant hereto, each of the Defendants, including without limitation the DOE Defendants, was the agent, affiliate, officer, director, manager, principal, partner, joint venturer, alter-ego and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliate, officer, director, manager, principal, partner, joint venturer, alter-ego and/or employment relationship and actively participated in, or subsequently ratified and adopted, or both, each and all of the acts or conduct alleged herein, with full knowledge of all the facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each and all of the violations of Plaintiff's rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately caused thereby.

## **CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

# COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT UNDER 17 U.S.C. § 101 ET SEQ.

(Against All Defendants and Each of Them)

Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates by reference in this paragraph 10. the allegations contained in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

- 11. This is a clear-cut case supported by irrefutable evidence of copyright infringement.
- 12. Plaintiff is a textile vendor that develops original designs that it sells exclusively to its customers.
- 13. Plaintiff developed original artwork which was assigned internal design number G-70241 ("Subject Design"). Plaintiff applied for, and received a copyright registration for the Subject Design. The Subject Design contains materials wholly original with Plaintiff and is copyrightable subject matter under the laws of the United States. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's original design and copyright registration certificate are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 14. Plaintiff maintains a showroom and otherwise makes its copyrighted and proprietary designs, including the Subject Design, available for viewing by potential customers such as textile converters, independent designers, garment manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. All of Plaintiff's copyrighted designs that Plaintiff makes available for viewing by potential customers, including the Subject Design, are clearly marked with a designation that Plaintiff owns the copyright on the design.
- 15. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants including all DOE Defendants, their customers and suppliers and each of them, had access to the Subject Design, including without limitation: (a) access through Plaintiff's showroom; (b) access through illegal copies; (c) access through strike-offs and samples from Plaintiff; (d) access through their customers and or suppliers, and/or (e) access through garments bearing the Subject Design sold by other retailers.
- 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, wrongfully created copies of the copyrighted Subject Design without Plaintiff's consent and distributed said copies with a false and misleading designation of creation, ownership and origin, falsely representing that the Subject Design was their own.

- 17. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, further infringed Plaintiff's copyright by making derivative works from Plaintiff's copyrighted Subject Design, by producing and distributing garments incorporating those derivative works without Plaintiff's permission and by publicly claiming ownership rights in and to the derivative works based on the Subject Design that belong solely to Plaintiff.
- 18. Plaintiff is informed and believes that infringing garments comprised of fabric bearing Plaintiff's Subject Design were sold at, inter alia, various Dillard's retail stores. A color photocopy of an infringing garment bearing Plaintiff's Subject Design, which was found and purchased from Dillard's, is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 19. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, if not directly liable for infringement of Plaintiff's copyright, are also liable for contributory copyright infringement because each Defendant knew or should have known of the direct infringement, had the right and ability to supervise the infringing conduct, and had an obvious and direct financial interest in the infringing conduct.
- 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, if not directly liable for infringement of Plaintiff's copyright, are also vicariously liable for the subject infringements because each Defendant enjoys a direct financial benefit from another's infringing activity and has the right and ability to supervise the infringing activity.
- 21. By reason of Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer substantial damage to its business in the form of diversion of trade, loss of income and profits, and a dilution of the value of its rights.
- 22. Further, as a direct result of the acts of copyright infringement alleged above by the named Defendants and Defendants as yet unidentified, Defendants, and

each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would not otherwise have realized but for their infringement of Plaintiff's copyrighted Subject Design. Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of each Defendant's profits directly and indirectly attributable to said Defendant's infringement of the Subject Design. Because of the scope and extent of the infringement of the Subject Design by named Defendants and Defendants as yet unidentified, the amount of Defendants' profits cannot be presently ascertained or estimated.

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- 1. That Defendants, and each of them, and their respective agents and servants be enjoined from infringing Plaintiff's copyright in any manner;
- 2. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants, and each of them, plus all losses of Plaintiff, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages, as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- 3. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- 4. That Defendants, and each of them, account to Plaintiff for their profits and any damages sustained by Plaintiff arising from the foregoing acts of infringement;
  - 5. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
  - 6. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action; and

7. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the Court deems proper.

Dated: February 5, 2008

THE LINDE LAW FIRM

By: Douglas A. Linde

Chant Yedalian Erica L. Allen

Attorneys for Plaintiff

L.A. PRINTEX INDUSTRIES, INC.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury in this action pursuant to F.R.C.P. 38 and the Seventh Amendment of the Constitution.

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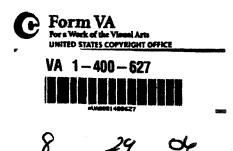
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# **EXHIBIT A**

# Certificate of Registration



This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records.

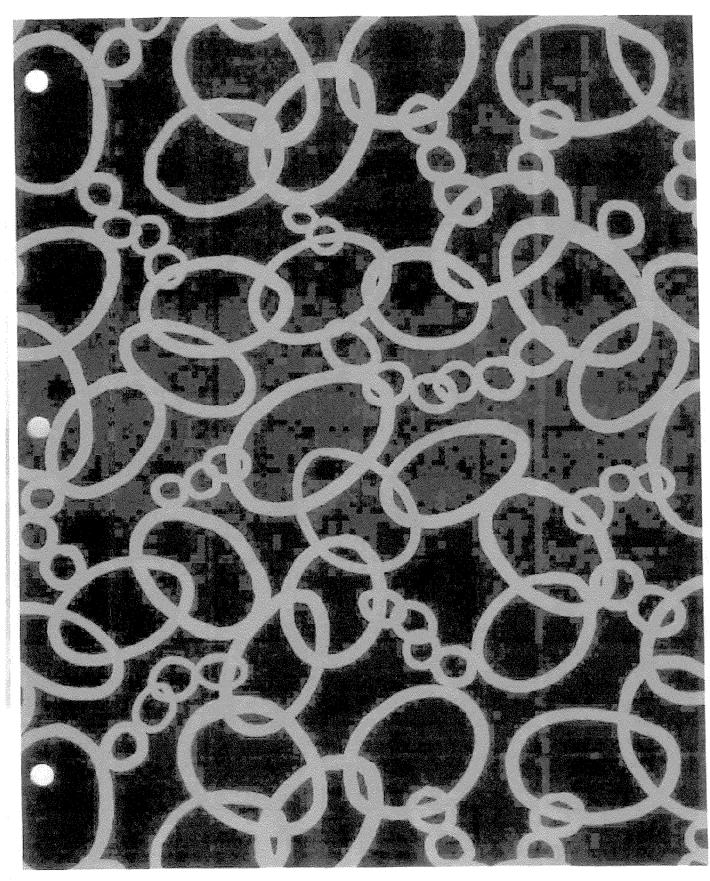


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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

# NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge A. Howard Matz and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Jennifer T. Lum.

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Nature of Suit Code		Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	НІА	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))

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All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social

All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42

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