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Celebrities

Trumpet player and actor Jamil Sharif claims the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau used his image in advertisements and "granted permission" for Jazzercise to use it, all without his permission, in New Orleans Federal Court.

Consumer Class Action

McDonald's advertised that it would "supersize" items on its "value meals" for 39 cents, but charged more than that, a class action claims in Cook County Court.



Fifth Third Bank unfairly charges a "noncustomer cashing fee" for cashing its own cashier's checks, a class action claims in Columbus, Ohio, Federal Court.

Real Estate

National Real Estate Investors and other linked entities ran a real-estate based securities fraud Ponzi scheme, according to a complaint in Utah County Court, Provo. Click 'Commerce' heading to see the defendants.

Here are the defendants in the alleged real estate Ponzi scheme: National Real Estate Investors LC ITN LC; National Training Institute LC ITN LC; Real Estate Investor Support LLC; Professional Support Services LC SSP LC; Tim I LC; American Financial Celebrities LC; Net Marketing Alliance LC; AMN I LLC; CT Corporation; RE Success Group LLC; Ryan Eagar; Kim Eagar; Mitchell Huhem; Hollis Hunt; James Smith; Loree Smith; Aaron Osmond; Roger Williams; Annaliese Gepkins Williams; Tom Swenson; Dan Heaton; Gilbert Medina; Nathan A. DeHunty; and Gary Adams.

Entertainment



The Royalty Network claims Mos Def (Dante Smith) and Interscope Geffen A&M Records owe it \$50,000 for production services, in New York County Court.

Pegasus Music Group claims Thump Records breach a distribution agreement and failed to account for sales of an album by Capone-E, in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Happy Hours Productions claims FilmKraft Productions, of India, owes it more than \$400,000 for production services, in Albuquerque Federal Court.

Mike Ousley Productions claims ABC, Glassman Media and Game Show Network swiped his idea for a show called "TV Bingo" and called it "National Bingo Night," in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Shareholder Class Action

Shareholders accuse GT Solar International of securities fraud, in Concord, N.H., Federal Court.

Patent & Trademark

Re/Max International claims Value/Max violates its trademark to compete unfairly

as real estate brokers. Re/Max seeks punitive damages in Norfolk Federal Court.

Franklin Covey Co. demands punitive damages from Francine R. Gaillour and Ki Health, of Washington state, claiming their product, "The 7 Habits of Highly Energized Physicians," violates its "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" trademark, in Salt Lake City Federal Court.

Kathleen Kelly claims Wal-Mart violates her copyrighted "Kats by Kelly" stationery design on T-shirts, in Chicago Federal Court.

Jose Estrada and Rene Byron Brizuela claim Toyota and Saatchi & Saatchi violated copyright on their tune, "La Bomba" (sic - not the famous Richie Valens tune) in Los Angeles Federal Court.

Liability

Covington County Schools allowed a man take an elementary school student from school and rape her on six occasions, though he is unrelated to her and not unauthorized to take her from class, and on one occasion identified himself as her "mother," according to a complaint in Hattiesburg, Miss., Federal Court.

Civil Rights

Larry Cox was beaten to death by Texas Department of Criminal Justice guards Santiago Garcia and Jason Harper, Cox's estate claims in Houston Federal Court. A link to this case is not yet available due to Hurricane Ike.

Employment

Menzies Aviation Group, Evergreen International Airlines, Ironwood Management, and Swissport USA violate the Labor Code, according to class actions in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Class-action complaints alleging Labor Code violations also have been filed against these defendants: Verizon Northwest, in King County Court, Seattle; Fireside Bank, in Sacramento Superior Court; Chasing Unlimited/National Creditors Connection, and Volt Management/Volt Information Services, in Orange County Court, Calif.; Uncle Jack's Steakhouse Inc., in Manhattan Federal Court; Bio-Medical Applications of Florida/Fresenius Medical Care Holdings/National Medical Care, in West Palm Beach Federal Court; and Uni Taxi Service, in Gainesville, Ga., Federal Court.

Medical

Allstate accuses these defendants of medical insurance fraud, in Philadelphia Federal Court: Maurice Singer D.O., Joshua David, Alan Goldberg, Barry Yaffee, Northeast Medical and Rehabilitation Associates, Roosevelt Family Medical Center, West Philadelphia Medical Center, South Philadelphia Medical Center, Singer Associates, and the Greater Philadelphia Medical Center.

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