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County Of Los Angeles dkinsella@kwikalaw.com 2 ALAN KOSSOFF (SBN 150932) akossoff@kwikalaw.com 808 Wilshire Boulevard, 3rd Floor 3 MAY 05 2017 Santa Monica, California 90401 5100F Telephone: 310.566.9800 Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk Facsimile: 310.566.9850 5 Attorneys for Plaintiff 6 APOLLO ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS, INC. 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT 10 11 APOLLO ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS, INC., Case No. BC 6 6 0 1 8.5 a California corporation, 12 Plaintiff, **COMPLAINT FOR:** 13 (1)**BREACH OF DUTY** VS. INTERFERENCE WITH CONTRACT 14 (2)GREENBERG TRAURIG LLP; and **(3)** NEGLIGENCE DOES 1 through 20, inclusive, 15 16 Defendant. 17 18 19 20 21 22 LEA/DEF#; 23 24 25 26 27 01:02 28 \$435.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 ^э РМ 316 11357.00002/386784.1 **COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES**

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Plaintiff Apollo Enterprise Solutions, Inc., a California corporation ("Apollo") alleges the following causes of action against defendant Greenberg Traurig LLP ("Greenberg") and Does 1 through 20, inclusive (collectively, "Defendants").

THE PARTIES

- Apollo is a California corporation with its principal place of business in California. 1. Apollo provides advanced solutions for payment and collection to improve the operational efficiencies, outcomes, customer experiences, and payment conversion for credit issuers, collection agencies, and debt buyers, such as banks, lenders, and other credit product marketers. Apollo's technologies are protected by a broad, intellectual property portfolio.
- 2. Greenberg is a law firm that performed extensive legal services to Apollo on corporate, legal, and intellectual property matters.
- 3. Apollo is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Does 1 through 20, inclusive, participated in the wrongful acts alleged in this Complaint, and are liable for those acts. Apollo is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Does 1 through 20, inclusive, knew and/or participated in one or more of the wrongful acts and/or counseled one or more of the other Defendants in committing those wrongful acts and/or aided and counseled one or more of the other Defendants as alleged more fully in this Complaint.
- 4. Apollo is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that in doing the acts alleged in this Complaint, each of the Defendants was the agent, principal, employee, or alter ego of one or more of the other Defendants, and acted with the other Defendants' knowledge, consent and approval. As such, each of the Defendants is responsible for the liabilities of the other Defendants, as alleged in this Complaint.

ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

Greenberg Provides Legal Services To Apollo

5. Greenberg represented Apollo and provided extensive legal services related to various corporate, legal, and intellectual property matters. These services included preparing patent applications relating to Apollo's debt settlement system. Greenberg also was engaged in all aspects of the patent prosecution process for Apollo's debt settlement system. This included

numerous conversations with Apollo, document review, consultation, and legal services on issues concerning the debt system and patentable aspects of the invention. Greenberg also had discussions regarding patent strategy and prepared and drafted the Provisional Patent Application for Apollo.

6. After months of work and preparation, Greenberg filed a Provisional Patent Application for Apollo. The Provisional Patent Application consisted of drawings, figures, and text that ultimately led to the issuance of two patents to Apollo. When the patents issued, both specifically referenced the Provisional Patent Application filed by Greenberg for Apollo.

B. Greenberg Inexplicably Switches Sides And Acts Adversely To Apollo

- 7. Apollo offers to creditors its TrueCollect service, which allows creditors to recover delinquent debts fast and efficiently while improving the customer experience by combining online payment, debt collection, and debt recovery technologies into one offering.
- 8. Apollo entered into a written contract with Lantern Credit LLC ("Lantern") for the provision of certain services, including the licensing of Apollo's TrueCollect service to Lantern (the "Master Services Agreement").
- 9. Under the Master Services Agreement, Apollo agreed to provide and make available the TrueCollect service to Lantern's clients and customers, as well as providing additional services in relation to the technology, including:
 - a. developing and providing information technology services;
 - providing revisions to and maintenance of software and related services
 such as help desk and other technical and operational support, including
 patches and bus fixes; and
 - c. providing special services upon request, such as training.
- 10. In exchange for Apollo's licensing of the TrueCollect service under the Master Services Agreement, Lantern agreed to pay \$5 million for the first term and \$6 million for the second term, monthly fees, as well as other fees for additional services rendered by Apollo.
- 11. Lantern initially paid for the services in accordance with the Master Services Agreement. However, as of December 31, 2016, Lantern owed Apollo over \$2 million for

services rendered under the Master Services Agreement. On February 17, 2017, Apollo filed a complaint against Lantern for Breach of Contract, Account Stated, and for Services Rendered to collect the monies due and owing (the "Collections Action").

- 12. Lantern's actions and its refusal to pay Apollo are based upon actions and advice provided by Greenberg to Lantern. Greenberg performed legal services for Apollo in obtaining the two patents behind the TrueCollect service, and then incredibly Greenberg switched sides to Lantern to try and invalidate these very patents so that Lantern could avoid its obligations and payment to Apollo.
- 13. Greenberg is inexplicably representing Lantern as counsel of record adverse to Apollo in Apollo's Collections Action against Lantern. Even more egregious, Greenberg provided advice and filed counterclaims on behalf of Lantern against Apollo seeking declarations of Apollo's patent invalidity and non-infringement of the very same patents that Greenberg helped to prosecute for Apollo.
- 14. When Greenberg performed services for Apollo, Greenberg acquired and obtained from Apollo confidential and privileged information, work-product, and proprietary files and documents (collectively, "Confidential Information"). Greenberg is now using Apollo's Confidential Information adverse to Apollo. Lantern is also relying on advice Greenberg provided to Apollo in Lantern's defense and counterclaims in the Collections Action. Further, Greenberg is providing advice, legal services, and making arguments on behalf of Lantern as to patent invalidity and non-infringement related to Apollo's Confidential Information.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Duty – Against All Defendants)

- 15. Apollo incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 14 of this Complaint.
- 16. Apollo and Defendants were in an attorney-client relationship, and Defendants obtained Confidential Information from Apollo relating to, among other things, Apollo's business and patents. Based upon Defendants' expertise, the Confidential Information obtained, and their relationship with Apollo, Defendants owed Apollo a duty of confidentiality, a duty of loyalty, and fiduciary duties.

- 17. Defendants violated their relationship of trust and confidence with Apollo and breached their duties of confidentiality, loyalty, and fiduciary duties as alleged above.
- 18. As a direct, foreseeable, and proximate result of Defendants' breaches of their duties, Apollo suffered damages in an amount of at least \$2 million.
- 19. Defendants' breaches of their duties as alleged above were undertaken with the intent of depriving Apollo of its property or legal rights or otherwise causing injury, and were despicable, malicious, oppressive, and/or fraudulent conduct that subjected Apollo to a cruel and unjust hardship in conscious disregard of Apollo's rights, so as to justify an award of exemplary and punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Interference With Contract - Against All Defendants)

- 20. Apollo incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 19 of this Complaint.
- 21. Apollo and Lantern were in a contractual relationship that would have resulted in economic benefit to Apollo.
- 22. Defendants intended to disrupt this contractual relationship and, as alleged above, interfered with and engaged in wrongful conduct thereby disrupting Apollo's contractual relationship.
- 23. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' interference and wrongful acts, the contractual relationship between Apollo and Lantern was disrupted, and Apollo has suffered damages in an amount of at least \$2 million.
- 24. Defendants' interference and conduct as alleged above was undertaken with the intent of depriving Apollo of its property or legal rights or otherwise causing injury, and was despicable, malicious, oppressive, and/or fraudulent conduct that subjected Apollo to a cruel and unjust hardship in conscious disregard of Apollo's rights, so as to justify an award of exemplary and punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligence - Against All Defendants)

25. Apollo incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 24 of this Complaint.

- 26. Defendants owed a duty of care to Apollo to render legal services in a competent and professional manner and with the degree of skill, diligence, and expertise which similar attorneys in the community possess and exercise.

 27. Defendants breached their duty of care to Apollo.

 28. As a proximate result of Defendants' negligence and breaches of their duty of care, Apollo suffered damages in an amount of at least \$2 million.

 WHEREFORE, Apollo prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

 PRAYER FOR RELIEF

 1. For damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but at least \$2 million;

 2. For punitive damages;
 - 3. For interest at the maximum legal rate;
 - 4. For costs of suit; and
 - 5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: May 5, 2017

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By:

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CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION (CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

- **Step 1:** After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.
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- **Step 3:** In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

Applicable Reasons for Choosing Court Filing Location (Column C)

- 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.
- 2. Permissive filing in central district.
- 3. Location where cause of action arose.
- 4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District.
- 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.
- 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.

- 7. Location where petitioner resides.
- 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
- 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
- 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.
- 11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection, or personal injury).

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	Uninsured Motorist (46)	A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1, 4, 11
	Asbestos (04)	A6070 Asbestos Property Damage A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11 1, 11
	Product Liability (24)	A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1, 4, 11
	Medical Malpractice (45)	A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11
	Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11

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	Civil Rights (08)	A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
jury/ F ful De	Defamation (13)	A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
Non-Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort	Fraud (16)	A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
	Professional Negligence (25)	A6017 Legal Malpractice A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
	Other (35)	X A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	1,23
ent	Wrongful Termination (36)	A6037 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
Employment	Other Employment (15)	ant (15) A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	
Contract	Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence) A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud) A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	2, 5 2, 5 1, 2, 5 1, 2, 5
	Collections (09)	A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt Purchased on or after January 1, 2014)	5, 6, 11 5, 11 5, 6, 11
	Insurance Coverage (18)	A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8
	Other Contract (37)	A6009 Contractual Fraud A6031 Tortious Interference A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 8, 9
>	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels	2, 6
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	Other Real Property (26)	A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure A6032 Quiet Title A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2, 6 2, 6 2, 6
	Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2, 6, 11

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Judicial Review	Asset Forfeiture (05)	A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
	Writ of Mandate (02)	A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review	2, 8 2 2
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o Lo	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8
itigati	Construction Defect (10)	A6007 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8
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isional	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
Provi	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	A6141 Sister State Judgment A6160 Abstract of Judgment A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations) A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 5, 11 2, 6 2, 9 2, 8 2, 8 2, 8, 9
s	RICO (27)	A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints	Other Complaints (Not Specified Above) (42)	A6030 Declaratory Relief Only A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment) A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex) A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8 2, 8 1, 2, 8 1, 2, 8
T.P. 7. Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2, 8
	Other Petitions (Not Specified Above) (43)	A6121 Civil Harassment A6123 Workplace Harassment A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case A6190 Election Contest A6110 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law A6100 Other Civil Petition	2, 3, 9 2, 3, 9 2, 3, 9 2 2, 7 2, 3, 8 2, 9
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