

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

HEALTH TRACKER SYSTEMS LLC,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

MICHAEL KORS (USA), INC.

*Defendant.*

Case No. 22-cv-06437

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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**ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

1. Health Tracker Systems LLC (“Health Tracker” or “Plaintiff”), by and through its counsel, hereby brings this action for patent infringement against Michael Kors (USA), Inc. (“Michael Kors” or “Defendant”), alleging infringement of the following validly issued patent (the “Patent-in-Suit”): U.S. Patent No. 6,582,380 titled “Systems and methods for embedding commercial information into broadcast media” (the “380 Patent”), attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

2. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the United States Patent Act 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq., including 35 U.S.C. § 271.

**PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff Health Tracker Systems LLC is a limited liability company organized pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, Title 6 Del. C. §§ 18-101 et seq., as amended from time to time (the "Act"), with a registered office at 251 Little Falls Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808 and may be served via its registered agent, Corporation Service Company, 251 Little Falls Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808.

4. Upon information and belief, Defendant Michael Kors (USA), Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 11 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10036. Michael Kors may be served via its registered agent, C T Corporation System, 28 Liberty St., New York, NY 10005.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5. This lawsuit is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. The Court has subject-matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, 1338(a), and 1367.

6. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant for the following reasons: (1) Defendant is present within or has minimum contacts within the State of New York and the Southern District of New York; (2) Defendant has purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of New York and in this district; (3) Defendant has sought protection and benefit from the laws of the State of New York; (4) Defendant regularly conducts business within the State of New York and within this district, and Plaintiff's cause of action arises directly from Defendant's business contacts and other activities in the State of New York and in this district; and (5) Defendant has purposely availed itself of the privileges and benefits of the laws of the State of New York.

7. Defendant, directly and/or through intermediaries, ships, distributes, uses, offers for sale, sells, and/or advertises products and services in the United States, the State of New York, and the Southern District of New York including but not limited to the products which contain the infringing elements as detailed below. Upon information and belief, Defendant has committed patent infringement in the State of New York and in this district; Defendant solicits and has solicited customers in the State of New York and in this district; and Defendant has paying

customers who are residents of the State of New York and this district and who each use and have used the Defendant's products and services in the State of New York and in this district.

8. Venue is proper in the Southern District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1400(b). Defendant maintains a regular and established place of business in this district, has transacted business in this district, and has directly and/or indirectly committed acts of patent infringement in this district. For example, Defendant maintains a regular and established place of business at 11 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10036.

### **PATENT-IN-SUIT**

9. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference.

10. On June 24, 2003, United States Patent No. 6,582,380 titled "System and method of monitoring and modifying human activity-based behavior" was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The '380 Patent is presumed valid and enforceable.

11. The '380 Patent expired on January 24, 2020.

12. Plaintiff is the assignee of all right, title and interest in the '380 Patent, including all rights to enforce and prosecute actions for infringement and to collect damages for all relevant times against infringers of the '380 Patent.

13. The '380 Patent includes claims directed towards monitoring the activity level of one or more individuals and modifying the behavior of those individuals based on feedback from the activity level monitoring is disclosed. *See Ex. A at 1:13-17.*

14. The inventions disclosed in the Patent-in-Suit were not well-understood, routine, or conventional. At the time the '380 Patent was filed, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder was the most commonly diagnosed behavior disorder in children and was commonly treated with psychostimulant medications. *See Ex. A at 1:20-26.* However, there was a dearth of safety

information regarding the long-term effects of psychostimulant usage in children. *See* Ex. A at 1:27-28. Moreover, negative side effects resulting from psychostimulant usage as well as parental concern regarding long-term medication of children led to exploration alternative treatments for ADHD. *See* Ex. A at 1:29-33.

15. As a result, methods were explored involving behavioral modification through feedback and operant conditioning. *See* Ex. A at 1:34-37. For instance, a device was developed which measured the activity of a hyperactive child and provided feedback through a set of headphones. *See* Ex. A at 1:40-42. However, headphones are not only bulky but also conspicuous, potentially stigmatizing the wearing of such a device and preventing the wearer from maintaining privacy. *See* Ex. A at 1:61-67. Moreover, the device only measured when a hyperactivity threshold was crossed but did not measure the intensity of the hyperactivity. *See* Ex. A at 2:10-13. Finally, since the child only received alarms when the threshold was exceeded, the child did not have access to cumulative totals and therefore the average activity level over the course of the day. *See* Ex. A at 2:13-17.

16. The Patent-in-Suit addressed these technical challenges by, for example, teaching an invention that monitors the intensity of the physical activity of the wearer as well as variations in those activity levels over a given period of time and which can be implemented in a device much less conspicuous than headphones. *See* Ex. A at 3:28-44; 5:49.

17. The claims of the '380 Patent do not merely recite the performance of a familiar business practice with a requirement to perform it on the Internet. Instead, the claims recite one or more inventive concepts that are rooted in improving the efficiency of activity monitors while reducing their size.

18. Moreover, the inventions taught in the '380 Patent, which are rooted in improving

the efficiency of activity monitors while reducing their size, cannot be performed with pen and paper or in the human mind. Additionally, because the '380 Patent teaches a mechanism to improve the efficiency of activity monitors while reducing their size, the solutions it teaches are not merely drawn to longstanding human activities.

### **ACCUSED PRODUCTS**

19. Defendant makes, uses, offers for sale and sells in the U.S. products, systems, and/or services that infringe the Patent-in-Suit, including, but not limited to the Michael Kors Access Gen 5E MKGO (the “Accused Products” or “Accused Instrumentality”). The Michael Kors Access Gen 5E MKGO is a smartwatch that can be worn by the user to track activities like steps, exercise, and heart rate. The smartwatch incorporates sensors which can differentiate various activity levels performed by a user, such as running, walking, and sleeping. The user can view the activity progress via the smartwatch’s UI and/or the Michael Kors Access mobile app.

### **COUNT I** **(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,582,380)**

20. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference.

21. The '380 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) on June 24, 2003. The '380 Patent is presumed valid and enforceable. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 282.

22. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '380 Patent and possesses all rights of recovery under the '380 Patent, including the exclusive right enforce the '380 Patent and pursue lawsuits against infringers.

23. Upon information and belief, to the extent any marking was required by 35 U.S.C. § 287 with regard to the '380 Patent, Plaintiff has complied with such requirements.

24. Without a license or permission from Plaintiff, Defendant has infringed one or more claims of the '380 Patent by importing, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling products and devices that embody the patented inventions, including, without limitation, one or more of the patented '380 systems and methods, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

**Direct Infringement – 35 U.S.C. § 271(a)**

25. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference, the same as if set forth herein.

26. Without a license or permission from Plaintiff, Defendant has infringed one or more claims of the '380 Patent by importing, making, using, offering for sale, or selling products and devices that embody the patented inventions, including, without limitation, one or more of the patented '380 systems and methods, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

27. Defendant has directly infringed by, among other things, practicing all of the steps of the '380 Patent by, for example, internal testing, quality assurance, research and development, and troubleshooting. *See, e.g., Waymark Corp. v. Porta Sys. Corp.*, 245 F.3d 1364, 1366 (Fed. Cir. 2001) (noting that “testing is a use of the invention that may infringe under § 271(a)”).

28. By way of example, Defendant has infringed at least one or more claims of the '380 Patent, including at least Claim 58. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is an exemplary claim chart detailing representative infringement of Claim 58 of the '380 Patent.

**Plaintiff Suffered Damages**

29. Defendant's acts of infringement of the Patents-in-Suit have caused damage to Plaintiff, and Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained as a result of Defendant's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271. The precise amount of damages will be determined through discovery in this litigation and proven at

trial.

**REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

30. Plaintiff incorporates each of the allegations in the paragraphs above and respectfully asks the Court to:

- (a) enter a judgment that Defendant has directly infringed, contributorily infringed, and/or induced infringement of one or more claims of each of the '380 Patent;
- (b) enter a judgment awarding Plaintiff all damages adequate to compensate it for Defendant's infringement of, direct or contributory, or inducement to infringe, the including all pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the maximum rate permitted by law;
- (c) enter a judgment awarding treble damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284 for Defendant's willful infringement of the '380 Patent;
- (d) enter a judgment requiring Defendant to pay the costs of this action, including all disbursements, and attorneys' fees as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 285, together with prejudgment interest; and
- (e) award Plaintiff all other relief that the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: July 28, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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