

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
INNOVATIONS LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL’S STORES, INC.,

Defendant.

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Case No:

PATENT CASE

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Geographic Location Innovations LLC (“Plaintiff” or “GLI”) files this Complaint against Michael’s Store’s, Inc. (“Defendant” or “Michael’s”) for infringement of United States Patent No. 7,917,285 (hereinafter “the ‘285 Patent”).

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement under Title 35 of the United States Code. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief as well as damages.

2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (Federal Question) and 1338(a) (Patents) because this is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the United States patent statutes.

3. Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability company with a virtual office located at 1400 Preston Rd, Suite 400, Plano, TX 75093.

4. On information and belief, Defendant is a Delaware corporation with its principal office located at 8000 Bent Branch Drive, Irving, TX 75063.

5. On information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant

because Defendant has committed, and continues to commit, acts of infringement in this District, has conducted business in this District, and/or has engaged in continuous and systematic activities in this District.

6. On information and belief, Defendant's instrumentalities that are alleged herein to infringe were and continue to be used, imported, offered for sale, and/or sold in this District.

VENUE

7. On information and belief, venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because Defendant is deemed to be a resident of this District. Alternatively, acts of infringement are occurring in this District and Defendant has a regular and established place of business in this District.

COUNT I **(INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 7,917,285)**

8. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 7 herein by reference.

9. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*

10. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '285 Patent with sole rights to enforce the '044 Patent and sue infringers.

11. A copy of the '285 Patent, titled "Device, System and Method for Remotely Entering, Storing and Sharing Addresses for a Positional Information Device," is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

12. The '285 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

13. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims, including at least Claim 13, of the '285 Patent by making, using (at least by

having its employees, or someone under Defendant's control, test the System), importing, selling, and/or offering for sale a mobile website with associated hardware and software embodied, for example, in its store locator service (the “System”) covered by at least Claim 13 of the ‘285 Patent. The System is used, for example, in connection with Defendant’s website at <https://www.michaels.com>. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the ‘285 patent either directly or through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

14. The System includes the mobile website and associated hardware. These tools provide for remote entry of location information, such as store locations into a positional information device such as, for example, a tablet or smart phone. The website automatically loads nearby store locations onto the positional information device based on the user’s location.

15. On information and belief, the System includes one or more servers that receive a request for an address of at least one location such as, for example, the location of a store nearby the user, which is not already stored in the positional information device.

16. On information and belief the server(s) determine the address(es) of the store(s) and transmits the determined address(es) to the positional information device (e.g., tablet or smartphone). For example, the server(s) transmits to the positional information device a visual indication of the store(s) on a map. The following screenshots show this functionality:

Enter Zip Code or City and State

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90001 US radius Search

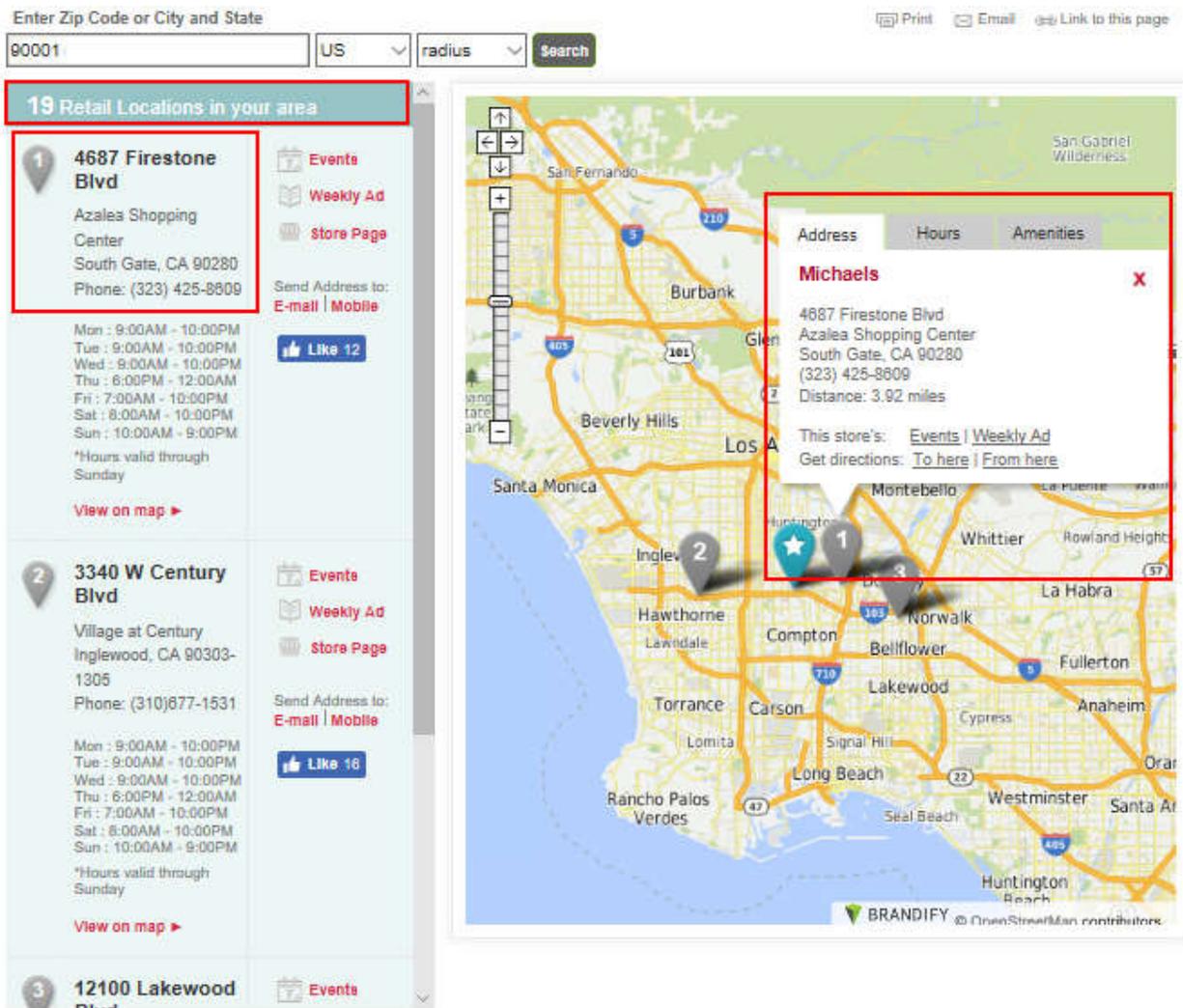
19 Retail Locations in your area

1 4687 Firestone Blvd
Azalea Shopping Center
South Gate, CA 90280
Phone: (323) 425-8809
Send Address to: [E-mail](#) | [Mobile](#)
Mon : 9:00AM - 10:00PM
Tue : 9:00AM - 10:00PM
Wed : 9:00AM - 10:00PM
Thu : 6:00PM - 12:00AM
Fri : 7:00AM - 10:00PM
Sat : 8:00AM - 10:00PM
Sun : 10:00AM - 9:00PM
*Hours valid through Sunday
[Like 12](#)
[View on map](#)

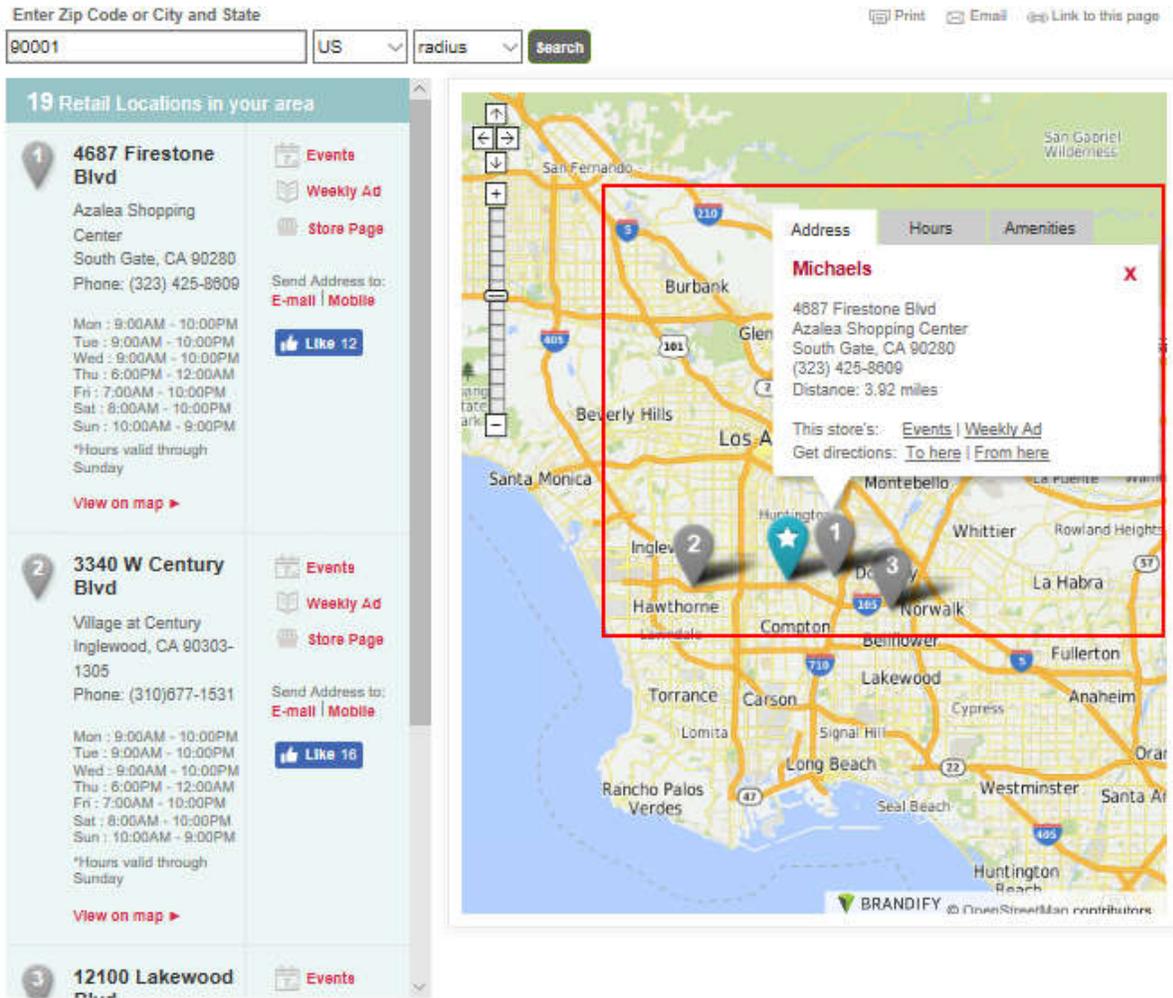
2 3340 W Century Blvd
Village at Century
Inglewood, CA 90303-1305
Phone: (310)677-1531
Send Address to: [E-mail](#) | [Mobile](#)
Mon : 9:00AM - 10:00PM
Tue : 9:00AM - 10:00PM
Wed : 9:00AM - 10:00PM
Thu : 6:00PM - 12:00AM
Fri : 7:00AM - 10:00PM
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Michaels
4687 Firestone Blvd
Azalea Shopping Center
South Gate, CA 90280
(323) 425-8809
Distance: 3.92 miles
This store's: [Events](#) | [Weekly Ad](#)
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17. The positional information device includes a locational information module (e.g., GPS hardware), which Defendant uses, and which determines the location of the positional information device. The System automatically lodes nearby store locations based on the user's location. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screen shot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.



18. The System includes a communications module (e.g., cellular or WiFi components in the positional information device), which Defendant uses, and which receives the determined address(es) from the server(s). Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screen shot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.

The A-GPS device will use a data connection (e.g. 3G on a cellphone) to contact an assistance server. The server can supply almanac and ephemeris data so the GPS doesn't have to wait to receive them from the satellites. The server can also send an approximate location derived from cellphone towers, allowing an immediate fix. In some cases the A-GPS device may send incomplete GPS data to the server for processing into a fix.

<https://www.maptoaster.com/maptoaster-topo-nz/articles/how-gps-works/how-gps-works.html>

19. The System includes a processing module (e.g., mapping software and the mobile website), which Defendant uses, and which receives the determined address(es) from the communication module. The processing module determines route guidance based on the location of the positional information device and the determined address(es). Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screen shot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.

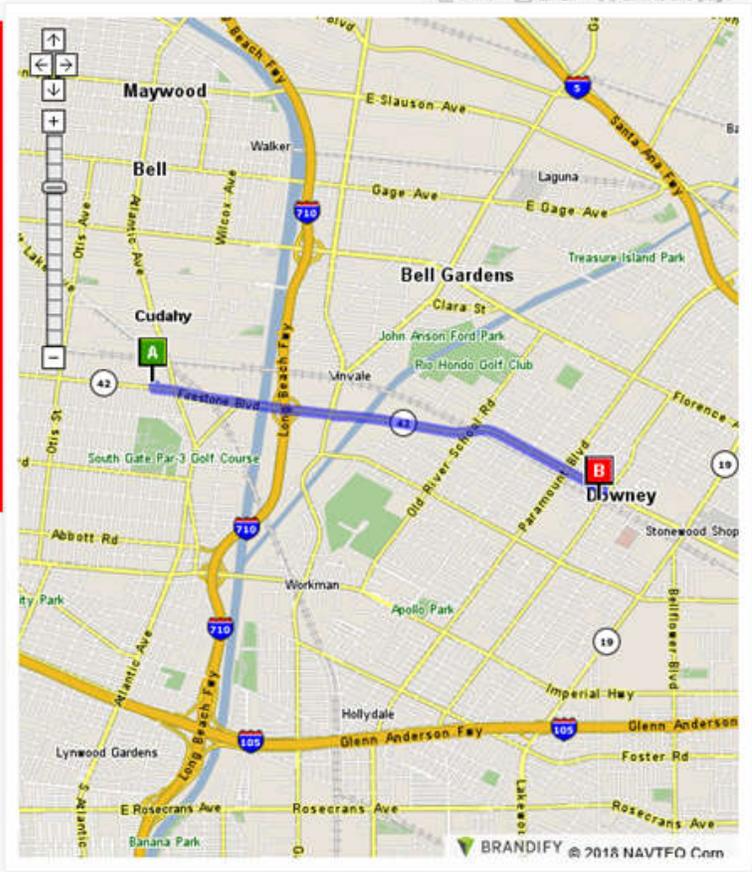
Distance: 3.2 miles. Drive time: 5 minutes

From (A):
4687 Firestone Blvd
South Gate CA 90280

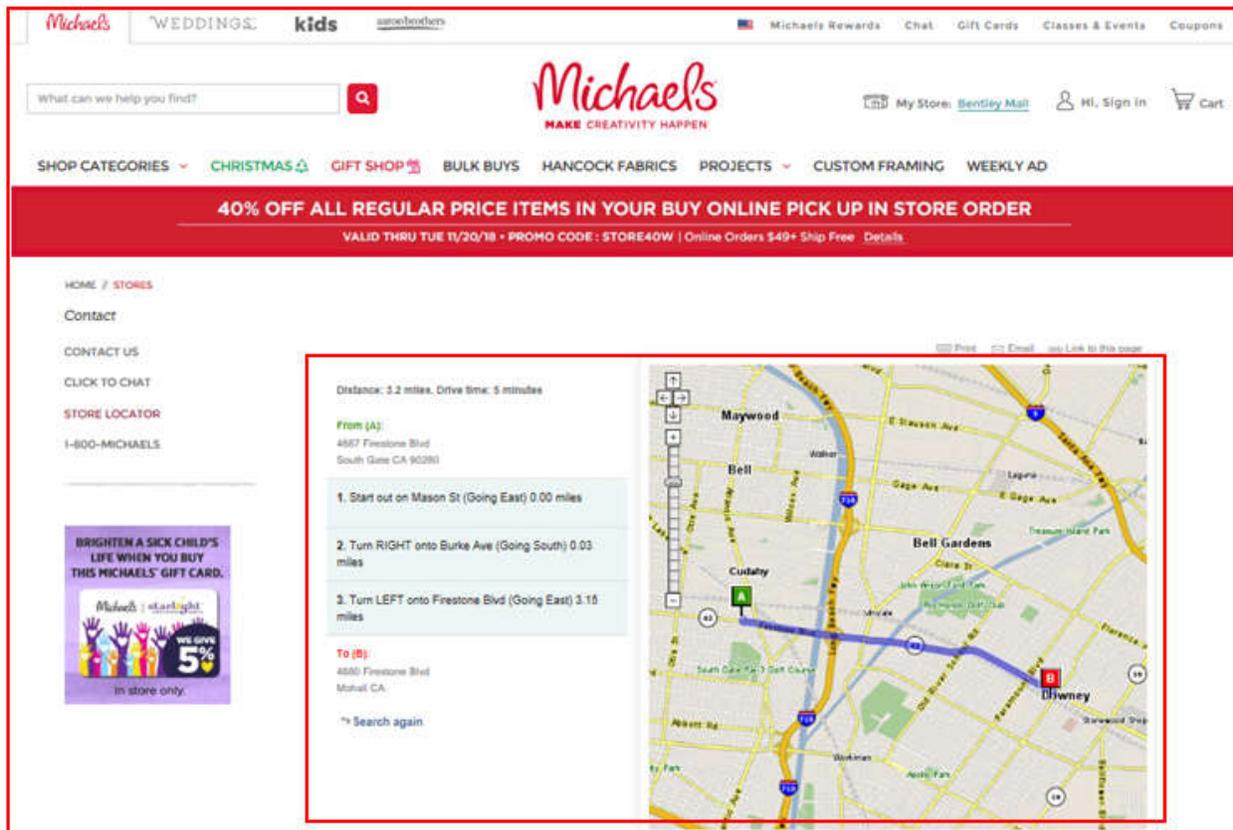
1. Start out on Mason St (Going East) 0.00 miles
2. Turn RIGHT onto Burke Ave (Going South) 0.03 miles
3. Turn LEFT onto Firestone Blvd (Going East) 3.15 miles

To (B):
4680 Firestone Blvd
Mohali CA

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20. The System includes a display module (e.g., screen on the positional information device) for displaying the route guidance. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screen shot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.



21. The System includes a communications network (e.g., cellular network) for coupling the positional information device to the server(s).

22. On information and belief, the server(s) receives a time and date (e.g., the time and date of the request for a location) associated with the requested location(s) and transmits the associated time and date with the determined address(es) to the positional information device and the positional information device displays the determined address at the associated time and date. For example, the time and date of the request must be sent to the server(s) so that the server(s) can determine traffic conditions associated with varying routes to the requested location and display location and route conditions corresponding to the time and date of the request. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screen shot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.



23. Defendant's actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.

24. Defendant's actions complained of herein are causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendant is enjoined and restrained by this Court.

25. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks the Court to:

(a) Enter judgment for Plaintiff on this Complaint on all causes of action asserted herein;

(b) Enter an Order enjoining Defendant, its agents, officers, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive notice

of the order from further infringement of United States Patent No. 7,917,285 (or, in the alternative, awarding Plaintiff a running royalty from the time of judgment going forward);

(c) Award Plaintiff damages resulting from Defendant's infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;

(d) Award Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs; and

(e) Award Plaintiff such further relief to which the Court finds Plaintiff entitled under law or equity.

Dated: February 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A