

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF UTAH CENTRAL DIVISION

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DISTRICT OF UTAH  
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CHARLES D. MCCALLON  
on behalf of themselves  
And all other similarly situated

Plaintiff

vs.

Case: 2:18-cv-00114  
Assigned To : Furse, Evelyn J.  
Assign. Date : 2/5/2018  
Description: McCallon v. Samsung  
Electronics America et al

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,  
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.,  
SEARS HOLDINGS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, and  
SEARS, ROEBUCKS AND CO.

Defendants.

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**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff CHARLES D. MCCALLON (referred to "Plaintiff" or individually as "McCallon,") on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, make the following allegations and claims for a complaint against Samsung Electronics America, Inc., and Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (together referred to as "Samsung" or "Manufacturer Defendants") Sears Holdings Management Corporation and Sears, Roebuck and Co. (together referred to as "Sears") (where Sears defendants are collectively referred to as "Retailer Defendants") (Retailer Defendants together with the Manufacturing Defendants are referred to simply as "Defendants"). The following allegations are made upon information and belief,

except as to allegations specifically pertaining to Plaintiff, which are made upon knowledge or as otherwise stated upon information and belief.

1. This case is brought by the Plaintiff on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated in the state of Washington, who have purchased certain defective Samsung television sets manufactured starting in January 2009 and continuing to the present day (generally referred to as “televisions” or “Samsung televisions”). The televisions are defective in that they contain faulty internal components including but not limited to capacitors that prematurely fail during normal operation of the televisions (the "Defect"). The Defect, which was present upon delivery and which manifests itself over time, ultimately results in the failure of the televisions themselves well before the end of their expected useful life, and rendering the televisions unsuitable for their principal and intended purpose.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(a).
3. The claims made herein on behalf of Plaintiff and the Class are in excess of \$75,000, exclusive of interests and costs.
4. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§1965(b) and (d). Defendants are non-individuals who have

directly or indirectly conducted business in the State of Utah. While Defendants were engaged in solicitation or business within Utah, Defendants committed one or more tortious acts within the Utah and/or one or more acts or omissions outside Utah which caused injuries to Plaintiff within Utah.

5. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b). Defendants do business in this federal district and Plaintiff McCallon resides in this federal district in Utah..

#### **PARTIES**

6. Plaintiff CHARLES D. MCCALLON currently resides in Sandy, Utah. At the time he purchased his Samsung television from a Sears retail store on November 29, 2011; McCallon lived in Gig Harbor, Washington and purchased the television in the Tacoma Mall in Tacoma, Washington. McCallon's Samsung television was a 51 inch high definition 3-D television, model number PN-1D550, which he purchased for home use and which one or more of Defendants designed, manufactured, marketed, distributed and/or sold with the Defect.
7. Defendant Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Samsung America") is a New York corporation, with its principal place of business in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. Samsung America. is a wholly-

owned subsidiary of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Defendant Samsung America. designs, manufactures, and/or distributes consumer electronics products, and sells Samsung brand consumer products direct to the public through its international retail website Samsung.com, including the televisions containing the Defect forming the subject matter of this action, which it caused to be placed into the stream of commerce in the State of Utah.

8. Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as “Samsung Ltd.”) is a Korean corporation with its headquarters in Seoul, South Korea. Samsung Ltd. designed, manufactured, and marketed the televisions containing the Defect, and purposefully caused them to be placed into the stream of commerce within Utah.
9. Defendant Sears Holdings Management Corporation (hereinafter referred to as “SHC”) is incorporated in the state of Delaware with its principal place of business located at 333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60179. Upon information and belief, SHC, which is registered to do business in the State of Utah, is the same entity as “Sears Holdings Corporation,” as registered with the Securities Exchange Commission. SHC is the parent company to Sears, Roebuck and Co., which operate a national network of at least 697 full-line (not specialty) retail stores, located across all 50 states

and Puerto Rico, operating as “Sears.” SHC’s Full-line stores offer a wide array of products and service offerings across many merchandise categories, including appliances and consumer electronics/connected solutions. SHC operates many full line stores in Utah and Washington; at which SHC retails Samsung televisions containing the Defect, and purposefully caused them to be placed into the stream of commerce.

10. Sears, Roebuck and Co. (hereinafter referred to as “SRC”) is incorporated in the state of New York with its principal place of business located at 333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60179. Sears, Roebuck and Co., operates a national network of at least 697 full-line (not specialty) retail stores, located across all 50 states and Puerto Rico, operating as “Sears.” SRC’s Full-line stores offer a wide array of products and service offerings across many merchandise categories, including appliances and consumer electronics/connected solutions. SRC operates many full line stores in Utah and in the State of Washington; at which SRC retails Samsung televisions containing the Defect, and purposefully caused them to be placed into the stream of commerce.
11. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that at all relevant times, each of the Defendants was the agent, servant, representative, successor, successor in interest and employee of the remaining co-

Defendants, and in doing the things alleged, each was acting within the course and scope of said agency and employment and with the ratification and authorization of its respective principals.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

12. Defendants are in the business of manufacturing, marketing, distributing and/or selling plasma, LCD, and DLP Televisions to consumers throughout the United States and in the state of Utah. The average retail price for the televisions ranges from between approximately \$250 to approximately \$5,000, depending on the size and model.
13. Upon information and belief, the Manufacturer Defendants are one of the largest internet retailers of televisions direct to consumers in the United States through its website Samsung.com and a large portion of the televisions at issue were sold directly to members of the Class by Samsung.
14. At all times material and relevant to this Class Action Complaint, Retailer Defendants sold Samsung televisions containing the Defect.
15. Upon information and belief, sometime after November 30, 2014, Samsung stopped manufacturing plasma televisions all together.

16. Upon information and belief sometime after November 30, 2014, Samsung failed to maintain adequate inventory of parts to repair/replace the components of Samsung plasma televisions sold with the Defect.
17. Without adequate inventory of repair/replacement parts necessary to service the Samsung plasma televisions with the Defect, Samsung violated state consumer protection laws and/or was unjustly enriched.
18. Samsung plasma televisions contain a number of internal electronic components. These components serve dedicated functions, i.e., enabling the television to power on and off, tune to a particular channel, display visual images properly, and replay audio.
19. Televisions are reasonably expected to last more than eight (8) years of *continuous use*, if not more. A well-designed and manufactured television will have integral parts that will last the expected useful life of the television.
20. The technology in plasma televisions made those televisions more costly to manufacture, as compared to LCD or LED televisions.
21. In order to lower the cost to consumers, Samsung used inferior component parts to make their plasma televisions more “affordable,” at least at the outset.

22. In the long run, however, consumers who purchased Samsung's plasma televisions would pay more, either implicitly through the dramatically decreased lifespan of the televisions requiring the purchase of a new television or through costly repairs, when such repairs could be made.
23. In many cases, consumers were unable to repair their Samsung plasma televisions due to the unavailability of parts arising sometime after November 30, 2014; and consumers were left without the option to purchase a new plasma television as other manufacturers had also exited the plasma television market.
24. Common failures in Samsung's plasma televisions affected parts such as MOSFET's, Switching IC chips, regulators, driver IC's, buffer IC's, control IC's and boards (including X and Y and PSB); and were largely caused by components that were inadequately graded or otherwise ill-suited to support plasma television technology.
25. Plasma televisions use technology that require more energy to run and result more onerous working conditions for the televisions' internal components, which may further result in excessive heat and/or excessive voltage; which, in turn, causes the components to prematurely fail.
26. Capacitors are an integral part of internal components in televisions. Capacitors function as energy storage centers. Their storage ability allows



capacitors to help smooth voltage spikes that are caused by lightning or electrical switches opening and closing, thus allowing a steady current to be supplied to circuits inside a television.

27. Over exposure to heat shortens the life of a capacitor. When the capacitors overheat they can no longer relay signals properly and thereby cause televisions to malfunction.
  
28. The televisions were not altered any time after they left the custody and control of the Manufacturer Defendants and ultimately reached the end consumers like Plaintiffs, and the members of the Class. The televisions were defective when they left the exclusive control of the Manufacturer Defendants and the Manufacturer Defendants knew the televisions would be used without additional tests for defects.
  
29. Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants have implicitly misrepresented and/or omitted material information to consumers that component parts in Samsung televisions would fail after only a few years of normal use, before the expiration of their reasonably expected useful life.
  
30. The Manufacturer Defendants in their role as the designer, manufacturer, marketer, distributor and seller of the televisions, represented expressly or

by implication that the televisions being sold to the general public were not inherently defective and were reasonably suited for their intended purpose.

31. The Manufacturer Defendants omitted material information about the reduced useful lifespan of their televisions containing the Defect, about which the Manufacturer Defendants knew or should have known due to consumer complaints and/or returns.
32. Retailer Defendants in their role as the sellers focusing on service, selection and satisfaction while educating consumers about the products including Samsung televisions, represented expressly or by implication that the televisions being sold to the general public were not inherently defective and were reasonably suited for their intended purpose.
33. Retailer Defendants omitted material information about the reduced useful lifespan of their televisions containing the Defect, which Retailer Defendants knew or should have known of the Defect due to consumer complaints and/or returns.
34. If the electronic components contained on the PSBs in the Samsung televisions fail after the first year of purchase, Manufacturer Defendants refer consumers to independent repair facilities.
35. Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants have or should have had actual knowledge of the design Defect in the televisions, but have failed to

adequately recall/cease sales of the televisions and/or cure the design Defect described in this Complaint.

36. The Defect described was a material fact related to the reliability and normal operation of the televisions known by Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants through their normal course of operations. Had Plaintiffs and members of the Class known about the defect, they would not have purchased the subject televisions or would have paid substantially less for the televisions.
37. The Manufacturer Defendants has stated that a useful lifespan for its televisions is in the tens of thousands of operational hours – this equates to several years of *continuous* use. The Manufacturer Defendants’ televisions include a 12 month parts and labor warranty. Despite that the Defect was present in the television at the time of delivery, well within these warranty limitation periods; the Manufacturer Defendants have refused to pay for labor or diagnostic expenses for consumers with televisions manifesting the Defect more than a year after purchase. Further the Manufacturer Defendants have refused to pay any part of the cost of repairing televisions which manifest the Defect more than one year after purchase.
38. Plaintiffs and the Class could reasonably expect their televisions to function well beyond the 12 month parts and labor warranty provided by

the boiler-plate warranty. Manufacturer Defendants knew or should have known that the defective design of the televisions would render the time limitations in its written warranty grossly inadequate to protect consumers from the Defect, and would subject consumers to expensive repair costs.

39. Plaintiff McCallon purchased a Samsung 3-D TV, Model PN 51D550 for approximately \$840.00 on November 29, 2011 at a Retail Defendant's store in Tacoma, Washington.
40. Plaintiff McCallon's television, subject of this Complaint, has exhibited the Defect described in this Complaint.
41. Plaintiff McCallon contacted one or more of the Defendants several times regarding his television and almost a month after McCallon brought the television to an authorized Samsung repair facility, in or around July 2013 he was informed that the television was "unrepairable" because the PSB needed to repair the defect was "no longer available for this model of TV."
42. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class could not have known or reasonably discovered, nor did they have reason to know of, the Defect.
43. If Plaintiffs and the members of the Class had known the true facts they would not have purchased the televisions or would have paid far less for the televisions.

44. Plaintiffs and Class members are damaged in the amount of the price paid for the televisions.
45. Plaintiffs and Class members are damaged in the amount of the price of diagnostic, repair and service fees.
46. Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants sold and distributed televisions with the knowledge and intent that the televisions be used for the benefit of consumers. Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants sold the defective televisions to Plaintiff and the members of the Class in the course of their business.
47. By engaging in the above described conduct, Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants committed acts and omissions to the detriment of consumers.
48. As a direct result of Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants' actions set forth, Plaintiffs and the consumers who comprise the Class who have purchased the televisions have suffered injury in fact, have been damaged and have suffered a loss of money or property for having paid thousands of dollars for a product that does not, cannot, and will not, work as represented and that is now worth substantially less than what consumers paid and what a non-defective television would be worth.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

49. Plaintiffs bring this action on their own behalf and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3) and 23(b)(2) as a class action on behalf of a Washington class (“Washington Class”) (together the Utah and Washington Class are simply referred to as “Class”) of persons defined as:

WASHINGTON CLASS:

Within the applicable statute of limitations, all persons in the state of Washington who purchased a Samsung television manufactured between January 1, 2009 and the present (the “Washington Class”).

Plaintiffs maintain the right to modify or amend the definition of the proposed Class before a court determines whether certification is appropriate.

50. Excluded from the Class are Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants and others as follows:
- a. Any entity in which Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants have a controlling interest, or which has a controlling interest in Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants;

- b. Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants' officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, and legal representatives, and the members of the immediate family of any such person;
- c. Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants' assigns and successors;
- d. The judge to whom this case is assigned and any member of the judge's immediate family;
- e. All persons who properly execute and timely file a Request for Exclusion;
- f. All persons who have properly released their claims against Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants; and
- g. All persons who have obtained a judgment against Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants on the claims here presented on or before the date of the filing of this action.

**RULE 23(a)**

**Numerosity**

- 51. Upon information and belief, the Class is composed of no fewer than hundreds of persons state-wide in Washington, and is sufficiently numerous for class treatment.

52. The joinder of all Class members individually in one action would be impracticable, and the disposition of their claims in a class action will provide substantial benefits to the parties and the Court.

**Commonality**

53. This dispute raises questions of law and fact that are common to all Class members. Those common questions predominate over questions that arise on an individual basis for Class members. The common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:

- a. Whether Manufacturer and/or Retailer Defendants' representations, omissions, and conduct regarding the televisions were misleading or false;
- b. Whether Manufacturer and/or Retailer Defendants' representations and conduct were likely to deceive consumers into believing that the televisions operated properly;
- c. Whether Manufacturer and/or Retailer Defendants violated Washington's Consumer Protection Act;
- d. Whether the members of the Class have been injured by Manufacturer and/or Retailer Defendant's conduct; and
- e. Whether the members of the Class are entitled to injunctive or declaratory relief to repair the televisions.



**Typicality**

54. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class and Plaintiff has no interests adverse to the interests of other members of the Class.
55. The claims of Plaintiff and the Class have a common origin and share a common basis. Their claims originate from the same illegal and deceptive practices of Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants, and they act in the same way toward Plaintiffs and the Class. As such, Plaintiff has been the victim of one or more of Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants' unfair and deceptive practices related to the television containing the Defect.

**Adequate Representation**

56. Plaintiff is willing and prepared to serve the Court and proposed Class in a representative capacity with all of the obligations and duties material thereto. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interest of the class and have no interests adverse to, or which directly and irrevocably conflict with, the interests of other members of the Class.
57. The self-interests of the named class representative is co-extensive with, and not antagonistic to, those of the absent Class members. The proposed representative will undertake to well and truly protect the interests of the absent Class members.

**RULE 23(b)(1)(A) and (B)**

58. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class which would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other members of the Class who are not parties to the action, or could substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.
59. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the parties opposing the Class. Such incompatible standards and inconsistent or varying adjudications, on what would necessarily be the same essential facts, proof and legal theories, would also create, and allow to exist, inconsistent and incompatible rights within the Class.

**RULE 23(b)(2)**

60. This action satisfies the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2) because Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants have acted and refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive and/or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

**RULE 23(b)(3)**

61. The questions of law and fact common to members of the class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members.
62. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversies herein in that:
  - a. Individual claims by the class members are impractical as the costs of pursuit far exceed what anyone plaintiff or Class member has at stake.
  - b. No known class actions have been filed naming these defendants in one action, nor is there known of any individual litigation over the controversies herein, and upon information and belief individual members of the class have no interest in prosecuting and controlling separate actions.
  - c. The proposed class action is manageable.
63. Plaintiffs are not aware of any obstacles likely to be encountered in the management of this action that would preclude its maintenance as a class action. Rule 23 provides the Court with authority and flexibility to maximize the efficiencies and benefits of the class mechanism and reduce management challenges. The Court may, on motion of Plaintiffs or on its own determination, certify a statewide class for claims sharing common legal questions; utilize the provisions of Rule 23(c)(4) to certify any particular claims, issues, or common questions of fact or law for class-wide

adjudication; certify and adjudicate bellwether class claims; and utilize Rule 23(c)(5) to divide any Class into subclasses.

**COUNT THREE**  
**BREACH OF WASHINGTON CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**  
**RCW 19.86 et. seq. (for Equitable and Compensatory Relief)(As to the**  
**Manufacturer Defendants)**

64. Plaintiff McCallon and the Washington Class reallege and incorporate paragraphs 1-63 as if set forth fully herein.
65. The Washington Consumer Protection Act (“WCPA”) provides that “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared unlawful.” RCW 19.86.020.
66. Manufacturer Defendants were engaged in trade or commerce within the definition of RCW 19.86.010 (2) in that Manufacturer Defendants sell or caused to be sold in the stream of commerce, the subject televisions to consumers, affecting people of the state of Washington.
67. Manufacturer Defendants engage in numerous unfair or deceptive practices in violation of the Consumer Protection Act, including but not limited to:
- a. Implicitly misrepresenting the nature, standard, quality, characteristics, uses and benefits of Samsung televisions;
  - b. Representing that goods have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have;

- c. Representing that goods are of a particular standard, quality or grade, if they are of another;
- d. Representing that the useful life of the Samsung televisions (including its essential component parts) was longer than the Manufacturer Defendants knew or should have known to be true;
- e. Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised;
- f. Failing to disclose to Washington Class members the aforesaid Defect;
- g. Failing to disclose the reduced useful life of the Samsung televisions; and
- h. Failing to disclose the cost and magnitude of repair necessary to repair the Defect.

68. Pursuant to RCW 19.86.093, there is a public interest in addressing

Manufacturer Defendant's unfair and/or deceptive conduct because the conduct complained of has:

- a. Injured Plaintiff McCallon;
- b. Injured Washington Class members; and
- c. Had the capacity to injure other persons if left uncorrected.

69. As a direct and proximate result of the Manufacturer Defendants' violations of the Act, Plaintiff McCallon and the Washington Class has been aggrieved and suffered a loss including amounts related to all or some part of the

purchase price of the televisions containing the Defect as well as diagnostic, repair and service fees.

70. The Manufacturer Defendants have received a benefit from having misrepresented or omitted material information regarding the quality of the televisions and the inadequacy of materials used which the Manufacturer Defendants knew or should have known would substantially decrease the useful life of the televisions.
71. Pursuant to RCW 19.86.090, Plaintiff McCallon and other Washington Class members have a private cause of action against the Manufacturer Defendants and are entitled to recover their actual damages (up to treble damages), plus attorneys' fees and costs.
72. By reason of the Manufacturer Defendants' conduct as aforesaid, Plaintiff McCallon and the Washington Class members are entitled to compensatory and statutory damages, equitable relief, and attorney's fees and costs, as provided by the Act.
73. Upon information and belief, the Manufacturer Defendants will continue the unlawful manufacture and sale of defective Samsung Televisions to Plaintiff McCallon and the Washington Class, where consumers are unable to know whether the Defect has otherwise been remedied.
74. By reason of the Manufacturer Defendants' conduct as aforesaid, Plaintiff

McCallon and the Washington Class members are entitled to equitable relief enjoining Manufacturer Defendants' unlawful conduct.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff McCallon, individually and as class representative on behalf of the Washington Class, demands judgment against the Manufacturer Defendants for:

- a. compensatory damages, including but not limited to the purchase price of the Samsung televisions or, in the alternative, cost of repairs;
- b. injunctive relief, including but not limited to immediately cease and desist from selling its Defective Samsung televisions in violation of law; enjoining Manufacturer Defendants from continuing to market, advertise, distribute, and sell these products in the unlawful manner described herein; and ordering Manufacturer Defendant to engage in corrective action to repair the Defective Samsung televisions;
- c. reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses; and
- d. such other relief as may be just, necessary or appropriate.

**COUNT FOUR**  
**BREACH OF CONTRACT (As to the Manufacturer Defendants)**

75. Plaintiff and the Class reallege and incorporate paragraphs 1-63 as if set forth fully herein.

76. The Manufacturer Defendants design, manufacture, market, sell and/or distribute to consumers in Washington, their Samsung televisions containing the Defect.
77. The Manufacturer Defendants incur a contractual duty to Plaintiff and members of the Class who purchased a Samsung television containing the Defect.
78. The Manufacturer Defendants breached their contracts with Plaintiff and the Class by providing their Samsung televisions with the Defect, which were inferior, substandard and malfunctioning.
79. As a result of the Manufacturer Defendants' breach of contract, Plaintiff and the members of the Class have been damaged in an amount to be determined at trial and are entitled to compensatory damages, interest plus costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, and on behalf of all others similarly situated demand relief against the Manufacturer Defendants as follows:

- a. compensatory damages, including but not limited to the purchase price of the Samsung Televisions or, in the alternative, cost of repairs; and
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**COUNT FIVE**



**UNJUST ENRICHMENT (As to the Manufacturer Defendants)**

80. Plaintiff and the Class reallege and incorporate paragraphs 1-63 as if set forth fully herein.
81. In the alternative to compensatory damages requested above, if for any reason the claims under this action lack of an adequate remedy at law, Plaintiff and the Class request equitable relief from the Manufacturer Defendants' acts and omissions stemming from the legal theory of unjust enrichment.
82. Plaintiff and the Class conferred a benefit upon the Manufacturer Defendants when they paid for the Samsung television, as it was designed, manufactured, marketed and retailed to a mass consumer population.
83. The Manufacturer Defendants appreciated the benefit conferred by receiving payment for any Samsung television, which was designed, manufactured, marketed, and retailed to a mass consumer population.
84. The Manufacturer Defendants have accepted and retained the benefit conferred without providing a product that meets the reasonable standard of quality. The product purchased by Plaintiff and the Class for valuable consideration did not meet the standards of merchantability or craftsmanship.

85. The Manufacturer Defendants have accepted and retained the benefit conferred without providing adequate repair or replacement for Plaintiff and the Class who required repairs to the Samsung television outside of the warranty period. Such putative Class members paid additional consideration for the repair or replacement of parts that were faulty at the time of purchasing the Samsung television.

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  - b. Representing that the useful life of the Samsung televisions (including its essential component parts) was longer than Retail Defendants knew or should have known to be true;
- c. Failing to disclose to Washington Class members the aforesaid Defect;
- d. Failing to disclose the reduced useful life of the Samsung televisions containing the Defect; and
- e. Failing to disclose the cost and magnitude of repair necessary to fix the Defect.

**COUNT EIGHT**  
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- c. reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses; and
- d. such other relief as may be just, necessary or appropriate.

**COUNT TEN**  
**UNJUST ENRICHMENT (As to the Retailer Defendants)**

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- b. such other relief as may be just, necessary or appropriate.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment as follows:

- A. Certifying this action for class treatment, approving Plaintiff as Class representative;
- B. Awarding damages to Plaintiffs and the other Class members for Manufacturer and Retailer Defendants' deceptive and unfair business practices and acts;
- C. Awarding pre- and post-judgment interest;
- D. Awarding injunctive relief;
- E. Awarding attorney fees, expenses, and costs; and
- F. Providing such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

### **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Trial by jury demanded on all issues so triable.

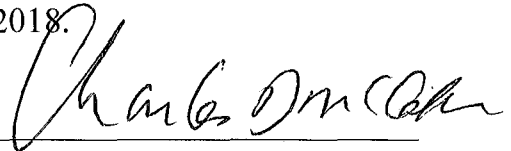
### **DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**



The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that he is the plaintiff in the above action, that he has read the above complaint, and that the information contained therein is true and correct. 28 U.S.C. §1746; 18 U.S.C §1621.

Executed at Sandy, Utah on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Respectfully submitted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.



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JS 44 (Rev. 06/17)

**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

Charles D. McCallon

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Salt Lake

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) DISTRICT OF UTAH

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Pro Se

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**DEFENDANTS** Samsung Electronics America Inc., Samsung Electronics Co., LTD., Sears Holding Management Corporation, and Sears, Roebucks and Co.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Bergen, NJ; Cook, IL

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known) unknown

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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|   | PTF                                   | DEF                        |   | PTF                        | DEF                                   |
| Citizen of This State                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4            |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2            | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3            | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6            |

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other  <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act  <b>IMMIGRATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157  <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark  <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))  <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS			
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**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding
- 2 Removed from State Court
- 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
- 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

RCW 19.86 et seq.

Brief description of cause:  
Breach of Washington Consumer Protection Act

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ 5,000,000.00 CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND:  Yes  No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions): JUDGE N/A DOCKET NUMBER

DATE February 5, 2018

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD Charles D McCallon Pro Se

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