# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

TRANSENE COMPANY, INC., a	)
Massachusetts corporation, individually and	)
as the representative of a class of similarly-	)
situated persons,	)
	)
Plaintiff,	) Civil Action No:
	)
v.	) CLASS ACTION
	)
SMARTPROCURE, LLC, a Florida limited	)
liability company, SMARTPROCURE,	)
INC., a Delaware corporation, and JOHN	)
DOES 1-5,	)
	)
Defendants.	)

### **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, TRANSENE COMPANY, INC. ("Plaintiff"), brings this action on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, through its attorneys, and except as to those allegations pertaining to Plaintiff or its attorneys, which allegations are based upon personal knowledge, alleges the following upon information and belief against Defendants, SMARTPROCURE, LLC, SMARTPROCURE, INC. and JOHN DOES 1-5 ("Defendants"):

### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. This case challenges Defendants' practice of sending unsolicited facsimiles.
- 2. The federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, as amended by the Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2005, 47 USC § 227 ("JFPA" or the "Act"), and the regulations promulgated under the Act, prohibit a person or entity from faxing or having an agent fax advertisements without the recipient's prior express invitation or permission. The JFPA provides a private right of action and provides statutory damages of \$500 per violation. Upon information and belief, Defendants have sent facsimile transmissions of unsolicited advertisements to

Plaintiff and the Class in violation of the JFPA, including, but not limited to, the facsimile transmission of an unsolicited advertisement on or about March 28, 2013 ("the Fax"), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, and made a part hereof. The Fax describes the commercial availability or quality of Defendants' products, goods and services. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief avers, that Defendants have sent, and continue to send, unsolicited advertisements via facsimile transmission in violation of the JFPA, including but not limited to those advertisements sent to Plaintiff.

- 3. Unsolicited faxes damage their recipients. A junk fax recipient loses the use of its fax machine, paper, and ink toner. An unsolicited fax wastes the recipient's valuable time that would have been spent on something else. A junk fax interrupts the recipient's privacy. Unsolicited faxes prevent fax machines from receiving authorized faxes, prevent their use for authorized outgoing faxes, cause undue wear and tear on the recipients' fax machines, and require additional labor to attempt to discern the source and purpose of the unsolicited message.
- 4. On behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiff brings this case as a class action asserting claims against Defendants under the JFPA. Plaintiff seeks to certify a class including faxes sent to Plaintiff and other advertisements sent without proper opt-out language or without prior express invitation or permission, whether sent to Plaintiff or not.
- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief avers, that this action is based upon a common nucleus of operative facts because the facsimile transmissions at issue were and are being done in the same or similar manner. This action is based on the same legal theory, namely liability under the JFPA. This action seeks relief expressly authorized by the JFPA: (i) injunctive relief enjoining Defendants, their employees, agents, representatives, contractors, affiliates, and all persons and entities acting in concert with them, from sending unsolicited advertisements in violation of the JFPA; and (ii) an award of

statutory damages in the minimum amount of \$500 for each violation of the JFPA, and to have such damages trebled, as provided by § 227(b)(3) of the Act.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 47 U.S.C. § 227.
- 7. This court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants transact business within this judicial district, have made contacts within this judicial district, and/or have committed tortious acts within this judicial district.

### **PARTIES**

- 8. Plaintiff, TRANSENE COMPANY, INC., is a Massachusetts corporation.
- 9. On information and belief, Defendant, SMARTPROCURE, LLC, is a Florida limited liability company, and Defendant, SMARTPROCURE, INC., is a Delaware corporation.
- 10. JOHN DOES 1-5 will be identified through discovery, but are not presently known.

### **FACTS**

- 11. On information and belief, on or about March 28, 2013, Defendants used a telephone facsimile machine, computer, or other device to send an unsolicited facsimile to Plaintiff. A copy of the facsimile is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 12. On information and belief, Defendants receive some or all of the revenues from the sale of the products, goods and services advertised on Exhibit A, and Defendants profit and benefit from the sale of the products, goods and services advertised on Exhibit A.
- 13. Plaintiff did not give prior express invitation or permission to Defendants to send the fax.

- 14. On information and belief, Defendants faxed the same and other unsolicited facsimiles without the required opt-out language to Plaintiff and at least 40 other recipients or sent the same and other advertisements by fax with the required opt-out language but without first receiving the recipients' express invitation or permission and without having an established business relationship as defined by the TCPA and its regulations.
- 15. There is no reasonable means for Plaintiff (or any other class member) to avoid receiving unauthorized faxes. Fax machines are left on and ready to receive the urgent communications their owners desire to receive.
- 16. Defendants' facsimile attached as Exhibit A does not display a proper opt-out notice as required by 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

17. In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(3), Plaintiff brings this class action pursuant to the JFPA, on behalf of the following class of persons:

All persons who (1) on or after four years prior to the filing of this action, (2) were sent telephone facsimile messages of material advertising the commercial availability or quality of any property, goods, or services by or on behalf of Defendants, (3) from whom Defendants did not obtain "prior express invitation or permission" to send fax advertisements, and (4) with whom Defendants did not have an established business relationship, and/or (5) which did not display a proper opt-out notice.

Excluded from the Class are the Defendants, their employees, agents and members of the Judiciary. Plaintiff seeks to certify a class which include but are not limited to the fax advertisements sent to Plaintiff. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the class definition upon completion of class certification discovery.

18. <u>Class Size (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(1))</u>: Plaintiff is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief avers, that the number of persons and entities of the Plaintiff Class is

numerous and joinder of all members is impracticable. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief avers, that the number of class members is at least forty.

- 19. <u>Commonality (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 (a) (2))</u>: Common questions of law and fact apply to the claims of all class members. Common material questions of fact and law include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (a) Whether the Defendants sent unsolicited fax advertisements;
  - (b) Whether Defendants' faxes sent to other persons, not the Plaintiff, constitute advertisements;
  - (c) Whether the Defendants' faxes advertised the commercial availability or quality of property, goods, or services;
  - (d) The manner and method the Defendants used to compile or obtain the list of fax numbers to which they sent Exhibit A, other unsolicited faxed advertisements or other advertisements without the required opt-out language;
  - (e) Whether the Defendants faxed advertisements without first obtaining the recipient's prior invitation or permission;
    - (f) Whether the Defendants sent the faxed advertisements knowingly;
  - (g) Whether the Defendants violated the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 227 and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
  - (h) Whether the faxes contain an "opt-out notice" that complies with the requirements of § (b)(1)(C)(iii) of the Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and the effect of the failure to comply with such requirements;
  - (i) Whether the Defendants should be enjoined from faxing advertisements in the future;

- (j) Whether the Plaintiff and the other members of the class are entitled to statutory damages; and
  - (k) Whether the Court should award treble damages.
- 20. Typicality (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 (a) (3)): The Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of all class members. The Plaintiff received the same or similar faxes as the faxes sent by or on behalf of the Defendants advertising products, goods and services of the Defendants during the Class Period. The Plaintiff is making the same claims and seeking the same relief for itself and all class members based upon the same federal statute. The Defendants have acted in the same or in a similar manner with respect to the Plaintiff and all the class members by sending Plaintiff and each member of the class the same or similar faxes or faxes which did not contain the proper opt-out language or were sent without prior express invitation or permission.
- 21. <u>Fair and Adequate Representation (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 (a) (4)):</u> The Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the class. It is interested in this matter, has no conflicts, and has retained experienced class counsel to represent the class.
- 22. Need for Consistent Standards and Practical Effect of Adjudication (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 (b) (1)): Class certification is appropriate because the prosecution of individual actions by class members would: (a) create the risk of inconsistent adjudications that could establish incompatible standards of conduct for the Defendants, and/or (b) as a practical matter, adjudication of the Plaintiff's claims will be dispositive of the interests of class members who are not parties.
- 23. <u>Common Conduct (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 (b) (2))</u>: Class certification is also appropriate because the Defendants have acted in the same or similar manner with respect to all class members thereby making injunctive and declaratory relief appropriate. The Plaintiff demands such relief as authorized by 47 U.S.C. §227.

- 24. Predominance and Superiority (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 (b) (3)): Common questions of law and fact predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy because:
  - (a) Proof of the claims of the Plaintiff will also prove the claims of the class without the need for separate or individualized proceedings;
  - (b) Evidence regarding defenses or any exceptions to liability that the Defendants may assert and attempt to prove will come from the Defendants' records and will not require individualized or separate inquiries or proceedings;
  - (c) The Defendants have acted and are continuing to act pursuant to common policies or practices in the same or similar manner with respect to all class members;
  - (d) The amount likely to be recovered by individual class members does not support individual litigation. A class action will permit a large number of relatively small claims involving virtually identical facts and legal issues to be resolved efficiently in one proceeding based upon common proofs; and
    - (e) This case is inherently manageable as a class action in that:
    - (i) The Defendants identified persons to receive the fax transmissions and it is believed that the Defendants' and/or Defendants' agents' computers and business records will enable the Plaintiff to readily identify class members and establish liability and damages;
    - (ii) Liability and damages can be established for the Plaintiff and the class with the same common proofs;
    - (iii) Statutory damages are provided for in the statute and are the same for all class members and can be calculated in the same or a similar manner;

- (iv) A class action will result in an orderly and expeditious administration of claims and it will foster economics of time, effort and expense;
- (v) A class action will contribute to uniformity of decisions concerning the Defendants' practices; and
- (vi) As a practical matter, the claims of the class are likely to go unaddressed absent class certification.

### Claim for Relief for Violation of the JFPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

- 25. The JFPA makes it unlawful for any person to "use any telephone facsimile machine, computer or other device to send, to a telephone facsimile machine, an unsolicited advertisement . . . ." 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(C).
- 26. The JFPA defines "unsolicited advertisement" as "any material advertising the commercial availability or quality of any property, goods, or services which is transmitted to any person without that person's prior express invitation or permission, in writing or otherwise." 47 U.S.C. § 227 (a) (5).
- 27. **Opt-Out Notice Requirements.** The JFPA strengthened the prohibitions against the sending of unsolicited advertisements by requiring, in § (b)(1)(C)(iii) of the Act, that senders of faxed advertisements place a clear and conspicuous notice on the first page of the transmission that contains the following among other things (hereinafter collectively the "Opt-Out Notice Requirements"):
  - (1) A statement that the recipient is legally entitled to opt-out of receiving future faxed advertisements knowing that he or she has the legal right to request an opt-out gives impetus for recipients to make such a request, if desired;
  - (2) A statement that the sender must honor a recipient's opt-out request within 30 days and the sender's failure to do so is unlawful thereby encouraging recipients to

opt-out, if they did not want future faxes, by advising them that their opt-out requests will have legal "teeth";

- (3) A statement advising the recipient that he or she may opt-out with respect to all of his or her facsimile telephone numbers and not just the ones that receive a faxed advertisement from the sender thereby instructing a recipient on how to make a valid opt-out request for all of his or her fax machines;
  - (4) The opt-out language must be conspicuous.

The requirement of (1) above is incorporated from § (b)(D)(ii) of the Act. The requirement of (2) above is incorporated from § (b)(D)(ii) of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") in ¶ 31 of its 2006 Report and Order (*In the Matter of Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Junk Prevention Act of 2005,* 21 F.C.C.R. 3787, 2006 WL 901720, which rules and regulations took effect on August 1, 2006). The requirements of (3) above are contained in § (b)(2)(E) of the Act and incorporated into the Opt-Out Notice Requirements via § (b)(2)(D)(ii). Compliance with the Opt-Out Notice Requirements is neither difficult nor costly. The Opt-Out Notice Requirements are important consumer protections bestowed by Congress upon the owners of the telephone lines and fax machines giving them the right, and means, to stop unwanted faxed advertisements.

- 28. **2006 FCC Report and Order.** The JFPA, in § (b)(2) of the Act, directed the FCC to implement regulations regarding the JFPA, including the JFPA's Opt-Out Notice Requirements and the FCC did so in its 2006 Report and Order, which in addition provides among other things:
  - A. The definition of, and the requirements for, an established business relationship for purposes of the first of the three prongs of an exemption to liability under

 $\S$  (b)(1)(C)(i) of the Act and provides that the lack of an "established business relationship" precludes the ability to invoke the exemption contained in  $\S$  (b)(1)(C) of the Act (See 2006 Report and Order  $\P$  8-12 and 17-20);

- B. The required means by which a recipient's facsimile telephone number must be obtained for purposes of the second of the three prongs of the exemption under  $\S$  (b)(1)(C)(ii) of the Act and provides that the failure to comply with these requirements precludes the ability to invoke the exemption contained in  $\S$  (b)(1)(C) of the Act (*See* 2006 Report and Order  $\P$  13-16);
- C. The things that must be done in order to comply with the Opt-Out Notice Requirements for the purposes of the third of the three prongs of the exemption under  $\S$  (b)(1)(C)(iii) of the Act and provides that the failure to comply with these requirements precludes the ability to invoke the exemption contained in  $\S$  (b)(1)(C) of the Act (See 2006 Report and Order  $\P$  24-34);
- D. The failure of a sender to comply with the Opt-Out Notice Requirements precludes the sender from claiming that a recipient gave "prior express invitation or permission" to receive the sender's fax (See Report and Order ¶ 48).

As a result thereof, a sender of a faxed advertisement who fails to comply with the Opt-Out Notice Requirements has, by definition, transmitted an unsolicited advertisement under the JFPA. This is because such a sender can neither claim that the recipients of the faxed advertisement gave "prior express invitation or permission" to receive the fax nor can the sender claim the exemption from liability contained in § (b)(C)(1) of the Act.

29. **The Fax**. Defendants sent the advertisement on or about March 28, 2013, via facsimile transmission from telephone facsimile machines, computers, or other devices to the telephone lines and facsimile machines of Plaintiff and members of the Plaintiff Class. The Fax

constituted an advertisement under the Act. Defendants failed to comply with the Opt-Out Requirements in connection with the Fax. The Fax was transmitted to persons or entities without their prior express invitation or permission and/or Defendants are precluded from asserting any prior express invitation or permission or that Defendants had an established business relationship with Plaintiff and other members of the class, because of the failure to comply with the Opt-Out Notice Requirements. By virtue thereof, Defendants violated the JFPA and the regulations promulgated thereunder by sending the Fax via facsimile transmission to Plaintiff and members of the Class. Plaintiff seeks to certify a class which includes this Fax and all others sent during the four years prior to the filing of this case through the present.

30. **Defendants' Other Violations.** Plaintiff is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief avers, that during the period preceding four years of the filing of this Complaint and repeatedly thereafter, Defendants have sent via facsimile transmission from telephone facsimile machines, computers, or other devices to telephone facsimile machines of members of the Plaintiff Class other faxes that constitute advertisements under the JFPA that were transmitted to persons or entities without their prior express invitation or permission (and/or that Defendants are precluded from asserting any prior express invitation or permission or that Defendants had an established business relationship because of the failure to comply with the Opt-Out Notice Requirements in connection with such transmissions). By virtue thereof, Defendants violated the JFPA and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief avers, that Defendants may be continuing to send unsolicited advertisements via facsimile transmission in violation of the JFPA and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and absent intervention by this Court, will do so in the future.

- 31. The TCPA/JFPA provides a private right of action to bring this action on behalf of Plaintiff and the Plaintiff Class to redress Defendants' violations of the Act, and provides for statutory damages. 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3). The Act also provides that injunctive relief is appropriate. *Id.*
- 32. The JFPA is a strict liability statute, so the Defendants are liable to the Plaintiff and the other class members even if their actions were only negligent.
- 33. The Defendants knew or should have known that (a) the Plaintiff and the other class members had not given prior express invitation or permission for the Defendants or anybody else to fax advertisements about the Defendants' products, goods or services; (b) the Plaintiff and the other class members did not have an established business relationship; (c) Defendants transmitted advertisements; (d) the Faxes did not contain the required Opt-Out Notice; and (e) Defendants' transmission of advertisements that did not contain the required opt-out notice or were sent without prior express invitation or permission was unlawful.
- 34. The Defendants' actions caused damages to the Plaintiff and the other class members. Receiving the Defendants' junk faxes caused Plaintiff and the other recipients to lose paper and toner consumed in the printing of the Defendants' faxes. Moreover, the Defendants' faxes used the Plaintiff's and the other class members' telephone lines and fax machine. The Defendants' faxes cost the Plaintiff and the other class members time, as the Plaintiff and the other class members and their employees wasted their time receiving, reviewing and routing the Defendants' unauthorized faxes. That time otherwise would have been spent on the Plaintiff's and the other class members' business activities. The Defendants' faxes unlawfully interrupted the Plaintiff's and other class members' privacy interests in being left alone.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TRANSENE COMPANY, INC., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, demands judgment in its favor and against Defendants,

SMARTPROCURE, LLC, SMARTPROCURE, INC. and JOHN DOES 1-5, jointly and

severally, as follows:

A. That the Court adjudge and decree that the present case may be properly

maintained as a class action, appoint the Plaintiff as the representative of the class, and appoint

the Plaintiff's counsel as counsel for the class;

B. That the Court award actual monetary loss from such violations or the sum of five

hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation, whichever is greater, and that the Court award

treble damages of \$1,500.00 if the violations are deemed "willful or knowing";

C. That Court enjoin the Defendants from additional violations; and

D. That the Court award pre-judgment interest, costs, and such further relief as the

Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSENE COMPANY, INC., individually, and

as the representative of a class of similarly-situated

persons

By: /s/ Ryan M. Kelly

Ryan M. Kelly – FL Bar No.: 90110

Ross M. Good - FL Bar No.: 0116405

ANDERSON + WANCA

3701 Algonquin Road, Suite 500

Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Telephone: 847/368-1500

Fax: 847/368-1501

rkelly@andersonwanca.com

rgood@andersonwanca.com

**EXHIBIT A** 

### **WARNING**

Your competitors are targeting several of your customers

Florida State University (FSU)

- Identify who your competitors are selling to
- Discover how much they charge
- Monitor their sales on a daily basis

Request a FREE report on your competitors www.GetSmartProcure.us



Smart/Procure is the only company in the world that provides vendore information on historical and current purchases of local, state, and federal agencies throughout the United States. We tell you who's buying the products and services you sell and provide insight into your competitors to help you win more government business.

Don't be one of the companies that primerly rely on RFPs to sell to government. Find opportunities that others dont see by using SmartFrocure.

### Call us at 954-420-9900

The recipient is entitled to request that the sender not send any future unsolloited advertisements to its telephone facsimile machine. Fallure to comply within 30 days from the date the request is properly made is unlawful. 877-741-9402 is the telephone number and 561-300-8931 is the fax number for the recipient to transfer such opt-out request.

If you've already asked to stop the faxes and you still got this message, please accept our sincere apologies because there's been a problem with processing the requests on the receiving fax. So, to be absolutely sure you will never receive another fax from SP Marketing Solutions then please send an email with the fax numbers you want blocked to pleasestopfaxing me@getsmartprocure.us.

### s 44 (Rev. @ases0x1.73e001/e60012-BB Document (1) \$\frac{1}{2} \text{11 For the properties of the first properties of the firs

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 a 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 purpos of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.) NOTICE: Attorneys MUST Indicate All Re-filed Cases Below.

1 U.S. Coverament   1 U.	. (a) PLAINTIFFS TRANSENE COMPANY, INC., a Massachusetts corporation			<b>DEFENDANTS</b> SMARTPROCURE, INC., SMARTPROCURE, LLC, and JOHN DOES 1-5.						
Anderson + Wance, 3701 Algonquin Road, Suite 500, Robling Meadows, Illinois 60008    Basis OF JURISDICTION   Price or "X" in One Box Deally	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		SES)		(	IN U.S. I	PLAINTIFF CASES (	ONLY)		
Anderson + Wanca, 3701 Algonquin Road, Suite 500, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008    Basis OF JURISDICTION   Pince or "A" in One Box Only   February   Pince or "A" in One Box Only   Pinc				NOTE:	IN I THE	LAND C E TRAC	ONDEMNATION C I OF LAND INVOL	:ASES, USE THE LVED.	LOCAT	ION OF
Suite 500, Rolling Meadows, Ellinois 60008    30   Check County Where Action Arose:   same Dobg   same				•	own)					
I. BASIS OF JURISDICTION   Place on "X" in One Box Only)   Tolerand Question   Product Qu										
1 U.S. Government   1 U.S. Government for a Party    Citize of This State   T   DEF   TF   DEF   D	(d) Check County Where Acti-	on Arose:   MIAMI- DADE	☐ MONROE 💋 BROWARD	□ PALM BEACH □ MARTIN □	ST. LUCIE	□ INDIA	IN RIVER   OKEECH	IOBEE 🗖 HIGHLA	NDS	
1 U.S. Convenment   10 U.S. Convenment for P to Part   10 U.S. Convenment for P to Part   10 U.S. Convenment for P to Part   10 U.S. Convenment   10 U.S.	I. BASIS OF JURISD	ICTION (Place an "X" i	n One Box Only) II	I. CITIZENSHIP O	F PRIN	CIPA	L PARTIES (	Place an "X" in C	ne Box fo	r Plaintiffi
Plaintiff (Lis. Government Not a Party) Citizen of This State   1   1   1   Incorporated or Principal Place of Defendant of Defendant   2   2   2   1   1   1   1   1   1   1	☐ 1 U.S. Government	√13 Fede			nly)		,		or Defend	ant)
Defandant    Contract   Contract	— Plaintiff			Citizen of This State						
V. NATURE OF SUIT  CONTRACT  CONTRACT  TORS  TORS  TORS  TORS  CONTRACT  TORS	_ ·			Citizen of Another State	□ 2	□ 2	-	•	□ 5	□ 5
CONTRACT   SPESONAL INJURY   GES Drug Related Secure   GES Drug Rela	N. MARKUDE OF CHIEF	,		•	□ 3	□ 3	Foreign Nation		□ 6	□ 6
101 Journance   102 Appeal 2 JUSC 158   375 (Appeal 25 JUSC 158 JUSC 158   375 (Appeal 25 JUSC 158 J				FORFEITIBE/PENAI	TV	BAN	EDIDTOV	ATTER	OT A TOTA	pad III
319 Miller Act   1319 Airplane Product   1340 Negotibol Instrument   150 Recovery of Overpayment   230 Assault, Libel & Enforcement of Judgment   230 Assault, Libel & Enforcement of Judgment   230 Federal Employers   230 Assault, Libel & Enforcement of Judgment   230 Federal Employers   230 Assault, Libel & Sinder Carbon   230 Federal Employers   230 Federal Emp		_ PERSONAL INJURY	PERSONAL INJURY	☐ 625 Drug Related Seizure	□ 4	22 Appe	al 28 USC 158	☐ 375 False C	laims Act	t
140 Negotiable Instrument	☐ 130 Miller Act				881 🔲 4				n (31 US	С
A Banker and Banking   Saleder   S	140 Negotiable Instrument 150 Recovery of Overpayment				589995	DDODE	ntvnizurs	400 State Re		nment
Secondary of Defaulted Student Loans (Sald Marine Product Liability and Marine Product Liability   Secondary of Overpayment   Gast Newton's Benefits   Gast Newton's Bene	& Enforcement of Judgment	Slander	Personal Injury		□8	20 Copy	rights			ng
345 Marine Product   Liability   PARSONAL PROPERTY   To Fair Labor Shandards   Social A. Security (20, 546)   Social Consumer (10, 546)   So	152 Recovery of Defaulted	Liability								
135 Recovery of Overpayment of Veterial Benefits   350 Motor Vehicle   350 Motor Veh				TAROP		SOCIA	i epoudity	☐ 470 Rackete	er Influe	
160 Stockholders' Suits   315 Motor Vehicle   317 Trust in Lending   720 Laborn/Agurt, Relations   346 SIDT (146 Sign)   360 Other Personal   190 Other Contract   380 Other Personal   190 Other Contract   384 SIDT (146 XVI)   360 Other Personal   190 Other Labor Act   751 Family and Medicial Labelity   362 Personal Injury   364 SIDT (146 XVI)   365 RSI (405(g))   383 Devictor Medicial Labelity   365 RSI (405(g))   365 RSI (405(g	☐ 153 Recovery of Overpayment	Liability	PERSONAL PROPERTY	710 Fair Labor Standards	□8	61 HIA (	(1395ff)	480 Consum	er Credit	
1910 Centract Product Liability   360 Other Personal   1915 Franchise   365 Product Liability   360 Other Personal   1915 Franchise   365 Product Liability   360 Other Personal   1915 Franchise   365 Product Liability   360 Other Personal   3815 Property Damage   382 Property Damage   382 Property Damage   382 Property Damage   382 Property Damage   383 Property Damage   382 Property Damage   383 Property Damage   383 Property Damage   383 Property Damage   384 Property Damage   384 Property Damage   384 Property Damage   385 Property Damage	☐ 160 Stockholders' Suits	355 Motor Vehicle	371 Truth in Lending	720 Labor/Mgmt. Relation	ns 🔲 8	63 DIW	C/DIWW (405(g))			odities/
196 Franchise				740 Railway Labor Act	□8	64 SSID	Title XVI	Exchange		
REAL PROPERTY	☐ 196 Franchise	Injury	☐ 385 Property Damage	Leave Act		05 1151 (	103(6))	☐ 891 Agricult	tural Acts	:
210 Land Condemnation   440 Other Civil Rights   4410 Other Civil Ri		Med. Malpractice		☐ 791 Empl. Ret. Inc.						
230 Rent Lease & Ejectment   442 Employment   443 Housing   Accommodations   Other:   Sentence	210 Land Condemnation	440 Other Civil Rights		Security Act					ion	
240 Torts to Land				a		or De	efendant)	899 Adminis		
245 Tort Product Liability   345 Amer. w/Disabilities -   530 General   100   462 Naturalization Application   462 Naturalization Application   463 Chief Immigration   464 Naturalization Actions   465 Chief Immigration	•				⊔ <sub>ΰ</sub>	SC 7609	initial raity 20			l of
290 All Other Real Property	_			IMMICBATION				— 050 Comotit		of Stat
Other   550 Civil Rights   550 Civil Rights   550 Civil Rights   550 Civil Rights   550 Civil Detainee   550 Civil	_	Employment	535 Death Penalty		ation			☐ Statutes	<b>-</b>	
448 Education   555 Prison Condition   555 Prison Condition   556 Ovivil Detaine   Conditions of Confinement   C										
V. ORIGIN   CPlace on "X" in One Box Only)   1		448 Education	☐ 555 Prison Condition 560 Civil Detainee – ☐ Conditions of							
Proceeding from State Court from State C	, Ollin	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		rred from   6 Multidists	rict 🖵	<b>7</b> .		_	o Rems	nded from
VII. CAUSE OF ACTION  Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and Write a Brief Statement of Cause (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  47 U.S.C. Section 227 - Violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act/Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2005  LENGTH OF TRIAL via days estimated (for both sides to try entire case)  VIII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:  CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION DEMAND \$  CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  JURY DEMAND:  JURY DEMAND:  Yes No  CROSSINATORE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD  OR OFFICE USE ONLY	Proceeding from S	State (See VI	or another	district Litigation	····· LJ	Distri from	ct Judge L Magistrate –	Litigation  Direct	Appe	llate Cou
Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and Write a Brief Statement of Cause (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  47 U.S.C. Section 227 - Violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act/Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2005  LENGTH OF TRIAL via days estimated (for both sides to try entire case)  VIII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:  CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23  DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  JURY DEMAND:  JURY DEMAND:  Yes No  OR OFFICE USE ONLY	VI. RELATED/ RE-FILED CASE(S)			✓ NO b) Relate	d Cases	□YE	S 🗹 NO	:		
VII. CAUSE OF ACTION  LENGTH OF TRIAL via days estimated (for both sides to try entire case)  VIII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:  COMPLAINT:  COMPLAINT:  COMPLAINT:  COMPLAINT:  CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD  COR OFFICE USE ONLY  ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE & CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD		Cite the U.S. Civil Stat	ute under which you are fi	ling and Write a Brief State	ement of C	Cause 6	Do not cite jurisdicti	ional statutes unle	ess divers	itv):
COMPLAINT: UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  JURY DEMAND: Yes No  ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE & CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE SIGNATORE OF ATTORNEY OPRESOND  OR OFFICE USE ONLY	VII. CAUSE OF ACTIO	ON 47 U.S.C. Section	on 227 - Violation of	the Telephone Consur	ner Prot	tection	Act/Junk Fax	Prevention .	Act of	ŽÓ05
ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE & CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE SIGNATORE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD OR OFFICE USE ONLY	VIII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:			DEMAND \$			•		. •	t:
January 4, 2017  SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF REPORT  OR OFFICE USE ONLY	ABOVE INFORMATION IS 1	TRUE & CORRECT TO T	HE REST OF MV KNOW	WLEDGE //		JUR	Y DEMAND:	☐ Yes	<b>V</b> No	
	JATE		SIGNATORE OF A	TTORKEY OF RECORD						
	OR OFFICE USE ONLY	AMOUNT	TIMOR	1	MAGE	DCF		<u></u>	<u> </u>	

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

#### Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading 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. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Refiled (3) Attach copy of Order for Dismissal of Previous case. Also complete VI.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (8) Check this box if remanded from Appellate Court.

- VI. Related/Refiled Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases or re-filed cases. Insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judges name for such cases.
- VII. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.

  Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

  Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VIII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Florida

TRANSENE COMPANY, INC., a Massachusetts corporation, individually and as the representative of a class of similarly-situated persons,	) ) )					
 Plaintiff(s)	)					
v.	Civil Action No.					
	) )					
SMARTPROCURE, LLC, SMARTPROCURE, INC. and JOHN DOES 1-5,	) ) )					
Defendant(s)	)					
SUMMONS IN A	A CIVIL ACTION					
To: (Defendant's name and address)						
Friedman, Rosenwasser & Goldbaum, P.A. Registered Agent for SMARTPROCURE, INC. 5355 Town Center Road Suite 801						
Boca Raton, Florida 33486						
A lawsuit has been filed against you.  Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ.						
P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:						
ANDERSON + WANCA 3701 Algonquin Road, Suite Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60						
If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.						
	CLERK OF COURT					
Date:						
	Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk					

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action (Page 2)

Civil Action No.

### PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

	This summons for (nat	me of individual and title, if a	my)				
was rec	eeived by me on (date)		<u> </u>				
	☐ I personally served	I the summons on the inc	dividual at (place)				
	_		on (date)	; or			
	☐ I left the summons	at the individual's resid	ence or usual place of abode with (name)				
			, a person of suitable age and discretion who resi	ides there,			
	on (date)	, and mailed a	copy to the individual's last known address; or				
	☐ I served the summe	ons on (name of individual)		, who is			
	designated by law to	accept service of proces	s on behalf of (name of organization)				
			on (date)	; or			
	☐ I returned the sum	mons unexecuted because	se	; or			
	☐ Other ( <i>specify</i> ):						
	My fees are \$	for travel and	\$ for services, for a total of \$	0.00			
	I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.						
Date:		-	Server's signature				
		-	Printed name and title				
		-	Server's address				

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

Print Save As... Reset

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Florida

TRANSENE COMPANY, INC., a Massachusetts corporation, individually and as the representative of a class of similarly-situated persons,	) ) )				
Plaintiff(s)					
v.	Civil Action No.				
	)				
SMARTPROCURE, LLC, SMARTPROCURE, INC., and JOHN DOES 1-5,	) ) )				
Defendant(s)	)				
SUMMONS IN	A CIVIL ACTION				
To: (Defendant's name and address)					
Friedman, Rosenwasser & Goldbaum, P.A. Registered Agent for SMARTPROCURE, LLC 5355 Town Center Road					
Suite 801 Boca Raton, Florida 33486	6				
A lawsuit has been filed against you.					
Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:					
ANDERSON + WANCA 3701 Algonquin Road, Suit Rolling Meadows, Illinois 6					
If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.					
	CLERK OF COURT				
Date:	Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk				

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action (Page 2)

Civil Action No.

### PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

	This summons for (nat	me of individual and title, if a	my)				
was rec	eeived by me on (date)		<u> </u>				
	☐ I personally served	I the summons on the inc	dividual at (place)				
	_		on (date)	; or			
	☐ I left the summons	at the individual's resid	ence or usual place of abode with (name)				
			, a person of suitable age and discretion who resi	ides there,			
	on (date)	, and mailed a	copy to the individual's last known address; or				
	☐ I served the summe	ons on (name of individual)		, who is			
	designated by law to	accept service of proces	s on behalf of (name of organization)				
			on (date)	; or			
	☐ I returned the sum	mons unexecuted because	se	; or			
	☐ Other ( <i>specify</i> ):						
	My fees are \$	for travel and	\$ for services, for a total of \$	0.00			
	I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.						
Date:		-	Server's signature				
		-	Printed name and title				
		-	Server's address				

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

Print Save As... Reset

# **ClassAction.org**

This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: <u>SmartProcure Sued for Allegedly Sending Junk Faxes</u>