



“Defendant” or “Neiman Marcus”) in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2. The Court has federal question jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because this action arises out of a violation of federal law—47 U.S.C. § 227(b). *See Mims v. Arrow Fin. Serv., LLC* 132 S. Ct. 740 (2012).

3. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because Defendant’s violation of the TCPA took place in this District, where Plaintiff HUANG received an unlawful text message from Defendant.

### **PARTIES**

#### ***Plaintiff***

4. Plaintiff HUANG is, and at all relevant times hereto has been, a citizen of the state of New York and a resident of Queens County.

#### ***Defendant***

5. Defendant Neiman Marcus is incorporated in Delaware and has its principal place of business at 1618 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75201. Its address for service of process is CT Corporation System, 111 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### **The Telephone Consumer Protection Act**

6. The Telephone Consumer Protection Act (“TCPA”), 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq., was enacted by Congress in 1991 and is implemented by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”). In its June 18, 2015 Declaratory Ruling and Order (“2015 TCPA Order”), the FCC explained the original purposes of the TCPA:

As its very name makes clear, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act is a broad “consumer protection” statute that addresses the telemarketing practices not just of bad actors attempting to perpetrate frauds, but also of “legitimate businesses” employing calling practices that consumers find objectionable... The TCPA makes it unlawful for any business—“legitimate” or not—to make robocalls that do not comply with the provisions of the statute. While the Commission has traditionally sought to “reasonably accommodate[] individuals’ rights to privacy as well as the legitimate business interests of telemarketers,”..., we have not viewed “legitimate” businesses as somehow exempt from the statute, nor do we do so today.

2015 TCPA Order ¶ 2 n.6

7. The 2015 TCPA Order also explained the continuing relevance of the TCPA, especially in connection with wireless consumers:

Month after month, unwanted robocalls and texts, both telemarketing and informational, top the list of consumer complaints received by the Commission. The Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) and our rules empower consumers to decide which robocalls and text messages they receive, with heightened protection to wireless consumers, for whom robocalls can be costly and particularly intrusive... With this Declaratory Ruling and Order, we act to preserve consumers’ rights to stop unwanted robocalls, including both voice calls and texts, and thus respond to the many who have let us, other federal agencies, and states know about their frustration with robocalls.

2015 TCPA Order ¶ 1

8. The TCPA makes it “unlawful for any person... to make any call (other than a call made for emergency purposes or made with the prior express consent of the called party) using any automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice... to any telephone number assigned to a paging service, cellular telephone service... or any service for which the called party is charged for the call...” 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).

9. “Prior express content” requires

an agreement, in writing, bearing the signature of the person called that clearly authorizes the seller to deliver or cause to be delivered to the person called advertisements or telemarketing messages using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice, and the telephone number to which the signatory authorizes such advertisements or telemarketing messages to be

delivered.

47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(f)(8)

10. In addition, the written agreement must include a clear and conspicuous disclosure informing the signer that:

By executing the agreement, such person authorizes the seller to deliver or cause to be delivered to the signatory telemarketing calls using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice;

§ 64.1200(f)(8)(i)(A)

and

The person is not required to sign the agreement (directly or indirectly), or agree to enter into such an agreement as a condition of purchasing any property, goods, or services.

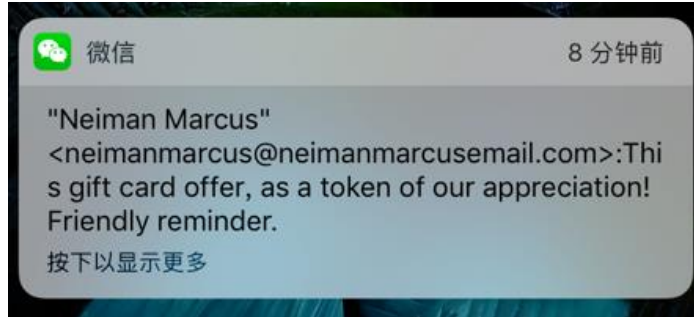
§ 64.1200(f)(8)(i)(B)

11. The 2015 TCPA Order reaffirmed the FCC's longstanding position that text messages qualify as "calls" under the TCPA. ¶107.

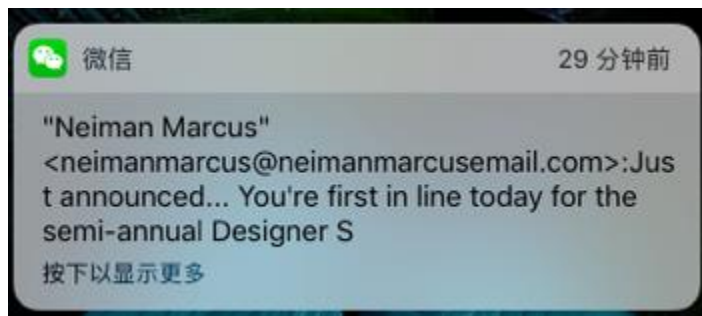
12. Additionally, the 2015 TCPA Order confirmed that text messages which originate from the Internet fall within the ambit of the TCPA's prohibitions. The text and legislative history of the TCPA revealed "Congress's intent to give the Commission broad authority to enforce the protections from unwanted robocalls as new technologies emerge." ¶ 113

**Defendant Violated the TCPA**

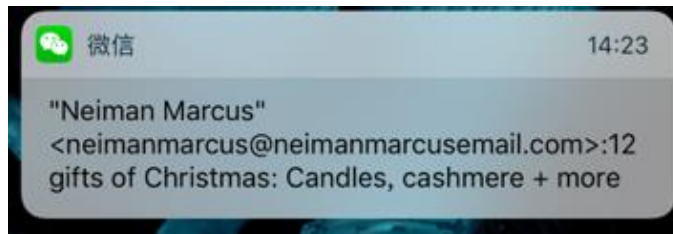
13. On November 29, 2016, Plaintiff HUANG received the following message from Neiman Marcus on her cellular phone through her WeChat texting app:



14. Plaintiff HUANG then received a second unsolicited WeChat text message from Defendant on November 30, 2016:



15. Plaintiff HUANG subsequently received a third unsolicited WeChat text message from Defendant on December 1, 2016:



16. These unsolicited marketing texts were sent to Plaintiff HUANG's cellular phone through an automated telephone dialing system for the sole purpose of promoting Defendant's products.

17. At no point did Plaintiff HUANG authorize Defendant to send marketing text messages to her cellular phone.

18. Neiman Marcus sent similar unsolicited marketing texts using an automated

telephone dialing system to many other similarly situated persons, who likewise never consented to receiving them.

### **WeChat Relies on Cellular Phones and Cellular Phone Numbers**

19. WeChat is “a free chat app for mobiles that offers free video and voice calls, videos, images, games, stickers and text messages to help you stay connected with people who matter most.”<sup>1</sup>

20. WeChat is a cellular phone-based system. Plaintiff HUANG’s WeChat texting app is identifiable through her cellular phone number. WeChat explains that “WeChat supports signing up with and linking mobile numbers from over 100 countries and regions, including India, the United States, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao.”<sup>2</sup>

21. Signing up for a WeChat account involves providing one’s cellular phone number. WeChat explains the steps involved in registering for the service:

1. Download the latest version of WeChat for your device platform.
2. After downloading and installing WeChat, open the app and select [Sign Up] .
3. Enter your mobile number as instructed.
4. An SMS verification code will be sent to your phone (for free!); enter the code into WeChat to verify your mobile number to register successfully.<sup>3</sup>

22. As one hi-tech consultant explained WeChat’s history and functionality, “WeChat was not a product that started as a website and then was adapted for mobile, it was (to paraphrase

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<sup>1</sup> <http://help.wechat.com/cgi-bin/micromsg-bin/oshelpcenter?opcode=2&lang=en&plat=android&id=120813euEJVf141023euMFzY&Channel=helpcenter> (last accessed 12/02/2016)

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a certain movie) *born into it, molded by it.*"<sup>4</sup>

23. WeChat informs its users that the app will become embedded in their mobile phones:

**(1) Access to Phone Address Book**

WeChat's access to your phone book is only for showing you friends who are already using WeChat and for querying device info, which is also one of the mobile permissions. Your device info can help us to verify your identity to prevent potential account theft. Please note that we use the phone book to show friends who are already using WeChat, that your phone book information is encrypted before access and is never at risk of being shared with anyone else.

**(2) Access to Phone Storage**

In order for WeChat to run properly, it will create operations logs for recording things like chat history. As a consequence, WeChat requires sufficient storage to store your logs. In case of insufficient storage, your experience on WeChat may be compromised.<sup>5</sup>

24. WeChat is not an internet-only texting app because it relies on a cellular connection whenever the user is not connected to the internet: "WeChat is accessible through both Wi-Fi or cellular data. It is completely free to use when connected to Wi-Fi. Cellular data usage is charged by your network provider."<sup>6</sup>

**CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

25. Plaintiff seeks to represent a class consisting of:

All persons in the United States who, beginning four years prior to the filing of this action, received unsolicited WeChat or conventional text messages to their cellular phones from Defendant

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<sup>4</sup> <http://a16z.com/2015/08/06/wechat-china-mobile-first/> (last accessed 12/02/2016)

<sup>5</sup> <http://help.wechat.com/cgi-bin/micromsg-bin/oshelpcenter?opcode=2&plat=android&lang=en&id=151230AJJ3UN1512302uaqem&Channel=helpcenter> (last accessed 12/02/2016)

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Neiman Marcus's automated telephone dialing system, without providing Defendant with their prior express consent. (the "Class")

26. The proposed Class excludes current and former officers and directors of Defendant, members of the immediate families of the officers and directors of Defendant, Defendant's legal representatives, heirs, successors, assigns, and any entity in which it has or has had a controlling interest, and the judicial officer to whom this lawsuit is assigned.

27. Plaintiff reserves the right to revise the Class definition based on facts learned in the course of litigating this matter.

28. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. While the exact number of members of the proposed Class is unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through the appropriate discovery, Plaintiff believes that there are thousands of members in the proposed Class. Other members of the Class may be identified from records maintained by Defendant or by their own record of text messages. These members may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail, or by advertisement, using the form of notice customarily used in class actions such as this.

29. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class as all members of the Class are similarly affected by Defendant's wrongful conduct.

30. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the Class because Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to those of the other members of the Class. Plaintiff has retained experienced and competent counsel.

31. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Since the damages sustained by individual Members of the proposed Class may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it impracticable for the members of the Class to individually seek redress for the wrongful conduct



alleged herein. If Class treatment of these claims were not available, Defendant would likely be able to persist in its unlawful conduct with impunity.

32. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the Class. Among the common questions of law and fact to the Class are:

- i. whether Defendant sent unsolicited marketing text messages to cellular phones belonging to Plaintiff and the Class;
- ii. whether Defendant used an automated telephone dialing system to do so;
- iii. whether text recipients provided their prior express consent;
- iv. whether defendant's conduct was intentional or negligent; and
- v. whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to damages for Defendant's conduct.

33. The membership of the Class is readily ascertainable from electronic records.

34. The prosecution of this action as a Class action will reduce the possibility of repetitious litigation. Plaintiff knows of no difficulty which will be encountered in the management of this litigation which would preclude its maintenance as a Class action.

35. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. The damages suffered by any individual class member are too small to make it economically feasible for an individual class member to prosecute a separate action, and it is desirable for judicial efficiency to concentrate the litigation of the claims in this forum. Furthermore, the adjudication of this controversy through a class action will avoid the potentially inconsistent and conflicting adjudications of the claims asserted herein.

36. The prerequisites to maintaining a class action for injunctive relief or equitable relief pursuant to Rule 23(b)(2) are met, as Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds

generally applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive or equitable relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

37. The prerequisites to maintaining a class action for injunctive relief or equitable relief pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3) are met, as questions of law or fact common to the Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members and a class action is superior to other available methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the controversy.

38. The prosecution of separate actions by members of the Class would create a risk of establishing inconsistent rulings and/or incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant. Additionally, individual actions may be dispositive of the interest of all members of the Class, although certain members of the proposed Class are not parties to such actions.

39. Defendant's conduct is generally applicable to the Class as a whole and Plaintiff seeks, *inter alia*, equitable remedies with respect to the Class as a whole. As such, Defendant's systematic policies and practices make declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole appropriate.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

### **COUNT I**

#### **VIOLATION OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (47 U.S.C. § 227 *et seq.*)**

40. Plaintiff HUANG realleges and incorporates herein by references the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs and further alleges as follows:

41. Plaintiff HUANG brings this claim individually and on behalf of the other members of the Class for Defendant's violations of the TCPA.

42. Defendant directly or vicariously violated the TCPA when it used an automated telephone dialing system to send unsolicited and unauthorized marketing texts to the cellular phones of Plaintiff and the Class.

43. The TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3) provides:

- (1) Private right of action. A person or entity may, if otherwise permitted by the laws or rules of court of a State, bring in an appropriate court of that State--
  - (A) an action based on a violation of this subsection or the regulations prescribed under this subsection to enjoin such violation,
  - (B) an action to recover for actual monetary loss from such a violation, or to receive \$ 500 in damages for each such violation, whichever is greater, or
  - (C) both such actions.

44. Additionally, the TCPA provides that the Court may, at its discretion, treble the statutory damages if it finds that Defendant's violation was willful or knowing. 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)

45. Defendant's violations of the TCPA were willful and knowing. But it is liable to Plaintiff and the Class even if they were only negligent.

46. Defendant should also be enjoined from engaging in similar unlawful conduct in the future.

47. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to all damages referenced herein, attorney's fees, costs, treble damages, injunctive relief, and any other remedies allowed by the TCPA.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, prays for relief and judgment against Defendant as follows:

(A) For an Order certifying the Class under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and naming Plaintiff as representative of the Class and Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel to represent members of the Class;

(B) For an Order declaring that Defendant's conduct violates the TCPA;

(C) For an Order finding in favor of Plaintiff and members of the Class;

(D) For statutory or treble damages for each violation of the TCPA, as determined by the evidence presented at trial;

(E) For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;

(G) For an Order enjoining Defendant from further violations of the TCPA;

(H) For an Order awarding Plaintiff and members of the Class their reasonable attorney's fees and expenses and costs of suit; and

(I) For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

**DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, hereby demands a jury trial on all claims so triable.

Dated: December 7, 2016

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**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.)

<p><b>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</b></p> <p>LI HUANG</p> <p>(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>Queens</u> <i>(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</i></p> <p>(c) Attorneys <i>(Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)</i></p> <p>C.K. Lee, Lee Litigation Group, PLLC, 30 East 39th Street, Second Floor, New York, NY 10016; (212) 465-1188</p>	<p><b>DEFENDANTS</b></p> <p>THE NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP, LLC</p> <p>County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____ <i>(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</i></p> <p>NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.</p> <p>Attorneys <i>(If Known)</i></p>
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<p><b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> <i>(Place an "X" in One Box Only)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question <i>(U.S. Government Not a Party)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity <i>(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)</i></p>	<p><b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES</b> <i>(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)</i></p> <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:33%;"></td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>PTF</b></td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>DEF</b></td> <td style="width:33%;"></td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>PTF</b></td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>DEF</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of This State</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td>Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>		<b>PTF</b>	<b>DEF</b>		<b>PTF</b>	<b>DEF</b>	Citizen of This State	<input 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 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
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**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*

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**V. ORIGIN** *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*

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**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing *(Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):*  
 Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"); 47 U.S.C. Sec. 227 et seq

Brief description of cause:  
 Defendant sent unsolicited commercial text messages to plaintiff's cellular phone in violation of TCPA

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**     CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.    DEMAND \$ \_\_\_\_\_    CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND:  Yes     No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY** *(See instructions):*    JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_    DOCKET NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 12/07/2015    SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD \_\_\_\_\_

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RECEIPT # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_ APPLYING IFP \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ MAG. JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY**

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

I, C.K. Lee, counsel for Li Huang, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

- monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
- the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
- the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason

**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1**

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stocks:

**RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)**

Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that " A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court."

**NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 50.1(d)(2)**

- 1.) Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County? No
- 2.) If you answered "no" above:
  - a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? No
  - b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? Yes

If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).

**BAR ADMISSION**

I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court.

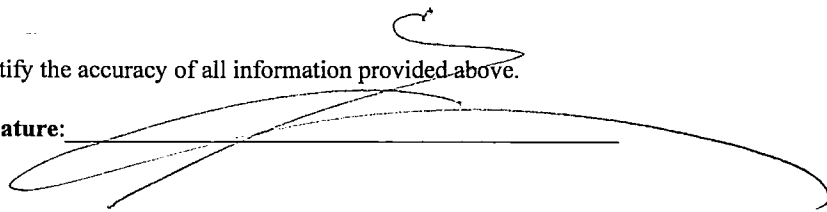
- Yes
- No

Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court?

- Yes (If yes, please explain)
- No

I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Eastern District of New York

LI HUANG

Plaintiff(s)

v.

THE NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP, LLC

Defendant(s)

Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) THE NEIMAN MARCUS GROUP, LLC
c/o CT CORPORATION SYSTEM
111 EIGHTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10011

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:

C.K. LEE
LEE LITIGATION GROUP, PLLC
30 EAST 39TH STREET, SECOND FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10016

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.

DOUGLAS C. PALMER
CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk



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