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Plaintiffs Lynda Kelly and Miranda Soegi by their attorneys, make the following allegations and claims for their Complaint against Defendants eHarmony, Inc. (hereinafter "eHarmony"), and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive. All claims brought herein are asserted by Plaintiffs individually and on behalf of a nationwide class. These allegations are made upon information and belief, except as to allegations specifically pertaining to Plaintiffs, which are made upon knowledge.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over all causes of action asserted herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(d) and the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-2 (Feb. 18, 2005), because the aggregate claims of the Class exceed the sum or value of \$5,000,000.00, and there is diversity of citizenship between proposed class members and Defendants; and over supplemental state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 2. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. §1391(a)(1) and (2) and/or Pub. L. 109-2. As set out below, Defendants made or caused their services which form the basis of this action to be offered for sale and sold to the public, in this District in California, specifically, from the principal offices of eHarmony located in Pasadena, California. As such, all Defendants conduct substantial business in this District, including conduct directed at members of the Class, including the promotion, sale, and marketing of their services, sufficient to render all of them within the jurisdiction of this Court. The events and conduct giving rise to the violations of law

in this action constitute interstate commerce, and a significant portion thereof occurred in this District.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 3. This class action is brought by Plaintiffs seeking damages and equitable relief on their own behalves and on behalf of all others similarly situated in the United States who have purchased a membership for dating services provided by eHarmony, all of which were delivered by eHarmony based upon identical characteristic misrepresentations, to wit, that eHarmony has a scientifically proven system in place which ensures the safety of its members during the matching process and that only compatible and sincere singles seeking long-term relationships are matched. In fact, eHarmony does not have such a system and, as a result, its members have been matched with scam artists and/or have paid for services which they did not receive.
- 4. In misrepresenting the services it provides and omitting to disclose that it takes no measures to protect its members from scam artists, eHarmony has perpetuated a massive consumer fraud upon thousands of unsuspecting consumers within the United States who have purchased its services. As of now, eHarmony has neither taken steps to modify its illegal sales practices nor has it taken any other appropriate remedial action.

PARTIES

5. Plaintiff Lynda Kelly resides in Santa Clara County, California. Kelly first purchased eHarmony's services in or about August 31, 2008. Said Plaintiff agreed to pay the premium charged by eHarmony based upon its representations about the security it provided to its members and that eHarmony's matching system ensured that she would be matched only with compatible and sincere persons who were seeking long-term relationships. Beginning in or about September 2008, eHarmony matched said Plaintiff with a person whom, according to eHarmony, was named "John Williams". However, the person with whom eHarmony matched said Plaintiff was not named "John Williams" but was a scam artist operating from somewhere in the African Continent with no intention of having a long-term relationship with said Plaintiff and instead wanted only to fraudulently induce Plaintiff into giving him money for purposes that would not benefit said Plaintiff in any manner.

6. Plaintiff Miranda Soegi resides in Long Beach, California. Ms. Soegi purchased eHarmony's services in or about 2005 through 2009 and agreed to pay the premium charged by eHarmony based upon its representations about the security it provided to its members and that eHarmony's matching system ensured that she would be matched only with compatible and sincere persons who were seeking long-term relationships. However, eHarmony has yet to provide those services as its

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matching system, for which she paid a premium over other dating services, does nothing to screen out scam artists as set forth herein.

- 7. Defendant eHarmony is a Delaware corporation with its principal offices in Pasadena, California. eHarmony provides online dating services, including the services in dispute herein, which it sells primarily on its website and causes to be placed in the steam of commerce in this District and throughout the United States.
- 8. At this time Plaintiffs are unaware of the true names and capacities of Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, and Plaintiffs will seek leave to amend this Complaint when said names and capacities have been ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that each of the DOE Defendants is in some manner responsible or liable for the acts, activities and damages alleged herein.
- 9. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that at all times herein relevant, each of the Defendants was the agent, servant, representative and employee of the remaining Defendants, and in doing the things hereinafter alleged, each was acting within the course and scope of said agency and employment and with the ratification and authorization of their respective principals.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

10. In or about August 2000, eHarmony began providing dating services to the general public. eHarmony has marketed itself, and has been able to charge premium prices for its services in the marketplace, by claiming that its "patented

matching technology is based on more than 35 years of empirical and clinical research on what goes into successful relationships, and it brings together singles using a scientifically-proven set of compatibility principles." As of the time that Plaintiffs chose to purchase eHarmony's services, eHarmony represented on its website that "our patented Compatibility Matching System® narrows the field of candidates to a highly select group of singles that are compatible with you. . . . eHarmony does the matching for you based on 29 DimensionsTM of personality that are scientifically-based predictors of long-term relationship success." With regard to its "scientific matching", eHarmony stated, at all pertinent times, that "By combining the best scientific research with detailed profiling of every member, we screen thousands of profiles to bring you only the ones that have the potential to be truly right for you."

premium prices to its members, by emphasizing that its matching technology ensured "safety and security". On its website, eHarmony indicated that "We value your safety and security as much as you do. That's why we designed eHarmony to be the safest possible online relationship site" and further represented that "Our in-depth Personality Profile and rigorous matching system make sure only sincere singles seeking long-term relationships are matched." eHarmony also referred to the extra benefits of its "Compatibility Matching System" to justify membership fees that exceed those of other dating services: "The results are matches unlike anything you

will find anywhere else. The process may take longer, cost a little bit more than dating services, but eHarmony isn't about dating. Our goal is to help you find your soul mate. eHarmony is the most powerful system." Such representations, however, are false.

- 12. Unfortunately, rather than using a "rigorous matching system" and other procedures which "make sure only sincere singles seeking long-term relationships are matched", eHarmony did not employ any meaningful measures in that respect and Plaintiffs Kelly and Soegi paid for services they did not receive and, further, Plaintiff Kelly was matched with a scam artist whose only intent was to steal money from said Plaintiff. Based upon eHarmony's misrepresentations and concealment of material fact, Plaintiffs and the Class members unknowingly purchased the dating services, at a premium relative to other services in the marketplace, and have suffered damages as a result.
- always has known that it could not ensure its members that their matches were safe and compatible. Also, numerous members have been victimized by scam artists and have notified eHarmony directly and indirectly through websites on the internet. Nevertheless, eHarmony continued its practice of assuring the general public, including Plaintiffs and members of the Class, that its matching system was safe and would ensure that only compatible, sincere and interested persons would be matched.

14. By engaging in the above described conduct, eHarmony committed acts and omissions with actual malice and accompanied by a wanton and willful disregard of persons, including Plaintiffs and members of the Class, who foreseeably might by harmed by those acts and omissions.

15. As a direct result of eHarmony's actions set forth herein, Plaintiffs and the consumers who comprise the Class who have purchased eHarmony's dating services have suffered injury in fact, have been damaged and have suffered a loss of money or property for paying at least hundreds of dollars for services that were not provided as represented.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 16. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and all other members of a class consisting of all purchasers of eHarmony's services in the United States (the "Class"). Excluded from the Class are Defendants herein, and any person, firm, trust, corporation or other entity related to or affiliated with any of the Defendants, including, without limitation, persons who are directors of Defendants or any of Defendants' controlling parties.
- 17. The Class is composed of tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of persons nationwide and is sufficiently numerous for class treatment. 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.

- 18. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Class, and Plaintiffs have no interests adverse to the interests of other Class members.
- 19. 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 eHarmony's representations, omissions, and conduct regarding its dating services were misleading or false;
 - b. Whether eHarmony's representations and conduct were likely to deceive consumers into believing that its dating services would ensure safety and matching only with compatible and sincere persons seeking long-term relationships;
 - c. Whether eHarmony violated California Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq., section 17500, et seq., and California Civil Code section 1750, et seq.;
 - d. When eHarmony initiated the deceptive marketing campaign alleged herein;
 - e. Whether eHarmony undertook a course of improper conduct to conceal the true extent of its matching system;

- f. Whether the members of the Class have been injured by eHarmony's conduct;
- g. Whether the members of the Class have sustained damages and are entitled to restitution as a result of eHarmony's wrongdoing and, if so, what is the proper measure and appropriate formula to be applied in determining such damages and restitution; and
 - h. Whether the members of the Class are entitled to injunctive relief.
- 20. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class and have retained counsel experienced and competent in the prosecution of class action litigation.
- 21. A class action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims herein asserted. Plaintiffs anticipate that no unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered in the management of this class action.
- 22. A class action will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. Class treatment also will permit the adjudication of relatively small claims by many Class members who could not otherwise afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein. If a Class or general public action is not permitted, Class members will continue to suffer losses and Defendants' misconduct will continue without proper remedy.

- 23. Defendants have acted and refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.
- 24. The nature of notice to the proposed class is contemplated to be by email and direct mail upon certification of the class or, if such notice is not practicable, by the best notice practicable under the circumstance including, but not limited to, publication in major newspapers and on the internet.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Unlawful, Unfair and Fraudulent Business Acts and Practices in Violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200, et seq.

(Against All Defendants)

- 25. Each of the above allegations is incorporated herein.
- 26. eHarmony's aforementioned misrepresentations and omissions of fact and wrongful warranty practices were largely disseminated and directed from the principal offices of eHarmony in Pasadena, California. Therefore, based upon the choice of law rules applied in this District, Plaintiffs preliminarily identify the substantive laws of California as the most likely to apply to the errors and omissions complained of herein.
- 27. The acts, practices, misrepresentations and omissions by eHarmony described above, and eHarmony's dissemination of deceptive and misleading advertising and marketing materials in connection therewith, constitute unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business acts and practices and untrue and misleading

advertising within the meaning of California Business & Professions Code §17200, et seq.

- 28. eHarmony engaged in "unfair" business acts or practices by the promotional efforts undertaken and disseminated. eHarmony knew that its dating services were not as it represented, and it determined to nevertheless benefit economically by providing its dating services to consumers. eHarmony's misconduct offends public policy and is immoral, unscrupulous, unethical and offensive, and causes substantial injury to consumers.
- 29. eHarmony's unlawful, fraudulent or unfair business acts and practices present a continuing threat to Plaintiffs, Class members and the general public in that eHarmony has refused to publicly acknowledge its wrongdoing, correct its wrongdoing, and provide compensation for the damages it has caused to consumers.
- 30. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code §17203, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves, the other Class members, and the general public, seek an order of this Court enjoining eHarmony from representing to the general public that their dating services are safe and ensure that members will be matched only with others who are compatible, sincere and seeking long-term relationships. Plaintiffs, on the same basis, seek restitution of any monies wrongfully acquired or retained by eHarmony and disgorgement of eHarmony's ill-gotten gains obtained by means of its unfair practices.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Untrue and Misleading Advertising in Violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, et seq. (Against All Defendants)

- 31. Each of the above allegations is incorporated herein.
- 32. California Business & Professions Code §17500 prohibits various deceptive practices in connection with the dissemination in any manner of representations for the purpose of inducing, or which are likely to induce, directly or indirectly, customers to purchase services such as the dating services here at issue.
- 33. eHarmony's acts, practices, misrepresentations and omissions alleged herein were intended to, and did, induce the consuming public to purchase its dating services, and violated and continue to violate Business & Professions Code §17500, in that eHarmony caused advertisements for its dating services to be placed before the general public, but eHarmony's services did not conform to the advertisements.
- 34. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiffs, other Class members, and the general public are entitled to injunctive and equitable relief, restitution, and an order requiring disgorgement of eHarmony's ill gotten gains, as described above.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION Unlawful Practice in Sale of Consumer Goods in Violation of CA Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §1750, et. seq.

(Against All Defendants)

(Injunctive Relief Only)

35. Each of the above allegations is incorporated herein.

- 36. This cause of action is brought pursuant to the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §1750, et seq. (the "CLRA"). This cause of action does not seek monetary damages at this point, but is limited solely to injunctive relief. Plaintiffs will amend this Class Action Complaint to seek damages in accordance with the CLRA after providing the Defendant with notice pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1782.
- 37. The dating services as described above were bought by Plaintiffs, and other consumers similarly situated, primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
- 38. Prior to Plaintiffs' purchases of the above-mentioned dating services, Defendants violated California Civil Code §1770 in the following respects:
 - a. In violation of California Civil Code §1770(a)(5), eHarmony misrepresented that its dating services had characteristics which they do not have by representing that said services were safe and ensured matching with compatible and sincere members seeking long-term relationships when in fact eHarmony knew that it could neither ensure safety nor the matching of its members with only those who were compatible and sincerely seeking long-term relationships;
 - b. In violation of California Civil Code §1770(a)(5), eHarmony misrepresented that its dating services had uses which they do not have by representing that said services were safe and ensured matching with compatible

and sincere members seeking long-term relationships when in fact eHarmony knew that it could neither ensure safety nor the matching of its members with only those who were compatible and sincerely seeking long-term relationships;

- c. In violation of California Civil Code §1770(a)(5), eHarmony misrepresented that its dating services had benefits which they do not have by representing that said services were safe and ensured matching with compatible and sincere members seeking long-term relationships when in fact eHarmony knew that it could neither ensure safety nor the matching of its members with only those who were compatible and sincerely seeking long-term relationships;
- d. In violation of California Civil Code §1770(a)(7), eHarmony misrepresented that its dating services were of a particular standard by representing that said services were safe and ensured matching with compatible and sincere members seeking long-term relationships when in fact eHarmony knew that it could neither ensure safety nor the matching of its members with only those who were compatible and sincerely seeking long-term relationships;
- e. In violation of California Civil Code §1770(a)(7), eHarmony misrepresented that its dating services were of a particular quality by representing that said services were safe and ensured matching with compatible and sincere members seeking long-term relationships when in fact eHarmony knew that it could neither ensure safety nor the matching of its members with only those who were compatible and sincerely seeking long-term relationships;

- f. In violation of California Civil Code §1770(a)(9), eHarmony advertised its dating services with intent not to sell them as advertised by representing that said services were safe and ensured matching with compatible and sincere members seeking long-term relationships when in fact eHarmony knew that it could neither ensure safety nor the matching of its members with only those who were compatible and sincerely seeking long-term relationships; and
- g. In violation of California Civil Code §1770(a)(16), eHarmony misrepresented that its dating services had been supplied in accordance with a previous representation when it had not by representing that said services were safe and ensured matching with compatible and sincere members seeking long-term relationships when in fact eHarmony knew that it could neither ensure safety nor the matching of its members with only those who were compatible and sincerely seeking long-term relationships.
- 39. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that the above-mentioned misrepresentations resulted in the sale of the subject dating services to Plaintiffs and to other consumers similarly situated.
- 40. Pursuant to California Civil Code section 1780, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves, the other Class members, and the general public, seek an order of this Court enjoining the Defendants from continuing the methods, acts and practices set out above regarding their misrepresentations regarding Defendants' dating services.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Unfair and Deceptive Acts and Practices Under the Various State Laws in Which Class Members Reside, Stated in the Alternative to the First and Second Causes of Action, if the Court Eventually Determines that the Laws of a Consumers' Residence – and Not those of the State of California -- Apply to EHarmony's Wrongful, Unfair, and Deceptive Acts

(Against All Defendants)

- 41. Each of the above allegations is incorporated herein.
- 42. Plaintiffs assert that since eHarmony's wrongful acts and practices were directed and disseminated from eHarmony's headquarters in Pasadena, California, the choice of law rules in this Circuit render it likely that the California consumer protection statutes will be applied to the claims of class members nationwide. As the choice of law question cannot be conclusively addressed at this point in the litigation, Plaintiffs state the following alternative causes of action under the laws of the States of residence of class members, if it is later determined by the Court that the choice of law rules require the application of these State laws, and not exclusively those of California.
- 43. The practices discussed above, including but not limited to eHarmony's misrepresentations and concealment about its dating services, all constitute unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive, fraudulent, or unlawful acts or business practices in violation of the state consumer protection statutes listed in ¶¶ 44-90, below.

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 44. acts or practices in violation of Alaska Stat. § 45.50.471, et seq. In particular, Alaska law provides, "(a) Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce are declared to be unlawful. (b) The terms 'unfair methods of competition' and 'unfair or deceptive acts or practices' include, but are not limited to, the following acts: . . . (4) representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have ...; ... (6) representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; . . . (8) advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (11) engaging in any other conduct creating a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding and which misleads, deceives or damages a buyer or a competitor in connection with the sale or advertisement of goods or services; . . . (12) using or employing deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, or knowingly concealing, suppressing, or omitting a material fact with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression, or omission in connection with the sale or advertisement of goods or services whether or not a person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged; . . . (15) knowingly making false or misleading statements concerning the need for parts, replacement, or repair service" Alaska Stat. § 45.50.471. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about

entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Alaska Stat. Ann. 45.50.471.

- 45. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1521, et seq. Particularly, Arizona law prohibits "The act, use or employment by any person of any deception, deceptive act or practice, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, or concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon such concealment, suppression or omission, in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby, is declared to be an unlawful practice." Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 44-1522(A). By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 44-1522(A).
- 46. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-101, et seq. In particular, Arkansas law provides, "(a) Deceptive and unconscionable trade practices made unlawful and prohibited by this chapter include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) Knowingly making a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services or as to whether goods are original or new or of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model; . . . (3) Advertising the goods or services with the

intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (10) Engaging in any other unconscionable, false, or deceptive act or practice in business, commerce, or trade. . . ." Ark Code Ann. § 4-88-107. Arkansas law further provides, "When utilized in connection with the sale or advertisement of any goods, services, or charitable solicitation, the following shall be unlawful: (1) The act, use, or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, or false pretense; or (2) The concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression, or omission." Ark Code Ann. § 4-88-108. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Ark Code Ann. §§ 4-88-107, 4-88-108.

47. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices or have made false representations in violation of Colo. Rev. Stat. § 6-1-101, et seq. In particular, Colorado law provides, "(1) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of such person's business, vocation, or occupation, such person: . . . (e) Knowingly makes a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, or quantities of goods, food, services, or property or a false representation as to the sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection of a person therewith; . . . (g) Represents that goods, food, services, or property are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if he knows or should know that they are of another; . .

. (i) Advertises goods, services, or property with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (u) Fails to disclose material information concerning goods, services, or property which information was known at the time of an advertisement or sale if such failure to disclose such information was intended to induce the consumer to enter into a transaction . . .". Colo. Rev. Stat. § 6-1-105. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Colo. Rev. Stat. § 6-1-105.

- 48. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 42-110a, et seq. In particular, Connecticut law provides that "(a) No person shall engage in unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." Conn. Gen. Stat. § 42-110b. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Conn. Gen. Stat. § 42-110b.
- 49. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Del. Code Ann. tit. 6, § 2511, et seq. In particular, Delaware law provides that "The act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon such

concealment, suppression or omission, in connection with the sale, lease or advertisement of any merchandise, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby, is an unlawful practice." Del. Code Ann. tit. 6, § 2513(a). By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Del. Code Ann. tit. 6, § 2513(a).

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 50. acts or practices or made false representations in violation of D.C. Code § 28-3901, et seq. Particularly, District of Columbia law provides, "It shall be a violation of this chapter, whether or not any consumer is in fact misled, deceived or damaged thereby, for any person to: (a) represent that goods or services have a source, sponsorship, approval, certification, accessories, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have; . . . (d) represent that goods or services are of particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model, if in fact they are of another; (e) misrepresent as to a material fact which has a tendency to mislead; (f) fail to state a material fact if such failure tends to mislead; . . . (h) advertise or offer goods or services without the intent to sell them or without the intent to sell them as advertised or offered" D.C. Code § 28-3904. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated D.C. Code § 28-3904.

51. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Fla. Stat. § 501.201, et seq. In particular, Florida law provides, "(1) Unfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared unlawful." Fla. Stat. § 501.204(1). By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Fla. Stat. § 501.204(1).

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 52. acts or practices in violation of Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-390, et seq. In particular, Georgia law provides, "(a) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of his business, vocation, or occupation, he: . . . (5) Represents that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have ...; ... (7) Represents that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; . . . (9) Advertises goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised". Ga. Code Ann. § 10-1-372. Georgia law further provides, "(a) Unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of consumer transactions and consumer acts or practices in trade or commerce are declared unlawful. (b) By way of illustration only and without limiting the scope of subsection (a) of this Code section, the following practices are declared unlawful: . . . (5) Representing that goods or

services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have . . . ; . . . (7) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; . . . (9) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised " Ga. Code Ann. § 10-1-393(a). By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Ga. Code Ann. §§ 10-1-372, 10-1-393(a).

53. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-1, et seq. In particular, Hawaii law provides, "(a) Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are unlawful." Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-2. Hawaii law further provides, "(a) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of the person's business, vocation, or occupation, the person: . . . (5) Represents that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have . . . ; . . . (7) Represents that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; . . . (9) Advertises goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (12) Engages in any other conduct which similarly creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding." Haw. Rev. Stat. § 481A-3. By misrepresenting that its dating

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services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 480-2, 481A-3.

- 54. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Idaho Code Ann. § 48-601, et seq. In particular, Idaho law provides, "The following unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared to be unlawful, where a person knows, or in the exercise of due care should know, that he has in the past, or is: . . . (5) Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have . . . ; . . . (7) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; . . . (9) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (17) Engaging in any act or practice which is otherwise misleading, false, or deceptive to the consumer" Idaho Code Ann. § 48-603. misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Idaho Code Ann. § 48-603.
- 55. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. 505/1, et seq. In particular, Illinois law provides, "Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or

practices, including but not limited to the use or employment of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation or the concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact, with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression or omission of such material fact, or the use or employment of any practice described in Section 2 of the 'Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act', approved August 5, 1965, [footnote] in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared unlawful whether any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby. . . ." 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. 505/2. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. 505/2.

56. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Ind. Code § 24-5-0.5-1, et seq. In particular, Indiana law provides, "(a) The following acts or representations as to the subject matter of a consumer transaction, made orally, in writing, or by electronic communication, by a supplier, are deceptive acts: (1) That such subject of a consumer transaction has sponsorship, approval, performance, characteristics, accessories, uses, or benefits it does not have which the supplier knows or should reasonably know it does not have. (2) That such subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model, if it is not and if the supplier knows or should reasonably know that it is not. . . . (11) That the consumer will be able to purchase the subject of

the consumer transaction as advertised by the supplier, if the supplier does not intend to sell it." Ind. Code § 24-5-0.5-3. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Ind. Code § 24-5-0.5-3.

57. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-623, et seq. In particular, Kansas law provides, "(a) No supplier shall engage in any deceptive act or practice in connection with a consumer transaction; (b) Deceptive acts and practices include, but are not limited to, the following, each of which is hereby declared to be a violation of this act, whether or not any consumer has in fact been misled: (1) Representations made knowingly or with reason to know that: (A) Property or services have sponsorship, approval, accessories, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have; . . . (D) property or services are of particular standard, quality, grade, style or model, if they are of another which differs materially from the representation; . . . (F) property or services has uses, benefits or characteristics unless the supplier relied upon and possesses a reasonable basis for making such representation; or (G) use, benefit or characteristic of property or services has been proven or otherwise substantiated unless the supplier relied upon and possesses the type and amount of proof or substantiation represented to exist; (2) the willful use, in any oral or written representation, of exaggeration, falsehood, innuendo or ambiguity as to a material fact; (3) the willful failure to state a material

fact, or the willful concealment, suppression or omission of a material fact" Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-626. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-626.

- 58. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 367.110, et seq. In particular, Kentucky law provides, "(1) Unfair, false, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared unlawful. (2) For the purposes of this section, unfair shall be construed to mean unconscionable." Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 367.170. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 367.170.
- 59. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 51:1401, et seq. Particularly, Louisiana law provides, "Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared unlawful." La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 51:1405A. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 51:1405A.
- 60. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of 5 Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 5, § 205-A, et seq. In

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particular, Maine law provides, "Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are declared unlawful." Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 5, § 207. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 5, § 207.

61. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 13-101, et seq. In particular, Maryland law provides, "Unfair or deceptive trade practices include any: (1) False, falsely disparaging, or misleading oral or written statement, visual description, or other representation of any kind which has the capacity, tendency, or effect of deceiving or misleading consumers; (2) Representation that: (i) Consumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services have a sponsorship, approval, accessory, characteristic, ingredient, use, benefit, or quantity which they do not have; . . . or . . . (iv) Consumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model which they are not; (3) Failure to state a material fact if the failure deceives or tends to deceive; . . . (5) Advertisement or offer of consumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services: (i) Without intent to sell, lease, or rent them as advertised or offered; . . . (9) Deception, fraud, false pretense, false premise, misrepresentation, or knowing concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with the intent that a consumer rely on the same in

connection with: (i) The promotion or sale of any consumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer service" Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 13-301. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 13-301.

- 62. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A, § 1, et seq. In particular, Massachusetts law provides "(a) Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared unlawful." Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A, § 2. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A, § 2.
- 63. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Mich. Comp. Laws § 445.901, et seq. In particular, Michigan law provides, "(1) Unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive methods, acts, or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce are unlawful and are defined as follows: . . . (c) Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have (e) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another. . . . (g)

Advertising or representing goods or services with intent not to dispose of those goods or services as advertised or represented. (s) Failing to reveal a material fact, the omission of which tends to mislead or deceive the consumer, and which fact could not reasonably be known by the consumer. . . . (bb) Making a representation of fact or statement of fact material to the transaction such that a person reasonably believes the represented or suggested state of affairs to be other than it actually is. . . . (cc) Failing to reveal facts that are material to the transaction in light of representations of fact made in a positive manner." Mich. Comp. Laws § 445.903. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Mich. Comp. Laws § 445.903.

64. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Minn. Stat. § 8.31, et seq. In particular, Minnesota law provides, "A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of business, vocation, or occupation, the person: . . . (5) represents that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have . . . ; . . . (7) represents that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; . . . (9) advertises goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . or (13) engages in any other conduct which similarly creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding." Minn. Stat. § 325D.44, sub. 1.

Minnesota law further provides, "Any person, firm, corporation, or association who, with intent to sell or in anywise dispose of merchandise, securities, service, or anything offered by such person, firm, corporation, or association, directly or indirectly, to the public, for sale or distribution, or with intent to increase the consumption thereof, or to induce the public in any manner to enter into any obligation relating thereto, or to acquire title thereto, or any interest therein, makes, publishes, disseminates, circulates, or places before the public, or causes, directly or indirectly, to be made, published, disseminated, circulated, or placed before the public, in this state, in a newspaper or other publication, or in the form of a book, notice, handbill, poster, bill, label, price tag, circular, pamphlet, program, or letter, or over any radio or television station, or in any other way, an advertisement of any sort regarding merchandise, securities, service, or anything so offered to the public, for use, consumption, purchase, or sale, which advertisement contains any material assertion, representation, or statement of fact which is untrue, deceptive, or misleading, shall, whether or not pecuniary or other specific damage to any person occurs as a direct result thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and any such act is declared to be a public nuisance and may be enjoined as such." Minn. Stat. § 325F.67. Minnesota law provides as well that, "The act, use, or employment by any person of any fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, misleading statement or deceptive practice, with the intent that others rely thereon in connection with the sale of any merchandise, whether or not any person has in fact been misled,

deceived, or damaged thereby, is enjoinable" Minn. Stat. § 325F.69, sub. 1. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Minn. Stat. §§ 325D.44, sub. 1, 325F.67 and 325F.69, sub. 1.

- 65. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.010, et seq. In particular Missouri law provides, "The act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce . . ., in or from the state of Missouri, is declared to be an unlawful practice. . . ." Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.020.1. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.020.1.
- 66. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 30-14-101, et seq. In particular, Montana law provides, "Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are unlawful." Mont. Code Ann. § 30-14-103. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Mont. Code Ann. § 30-14-103.

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- Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 67. acts or practices in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1601, et seq. In particular, Nebraska law provides, "Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce shall be unlawful." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1602. Nebraska law further provides, "(a) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of his or her business, vocation, or occupation, he or she: . . . (5) Represents that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have ...; ... (9) Advertises goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (c) This section does not affect unfair trade practices otherwise actionable at common law or under other statutes of this state." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 87-302. Bv misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 59-1602, 87-302.
- 68. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0903, et seq. Nevada law provides in particular, "A person engages in a 'deceptive trade practice' if, in the course of his business or occupation, he: . . . 5. Knowingly makes a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations or quantities of goods or services for sale or lease or a false representation as to the sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation or connection of a person therewith. . . . 7.

Represents that goods or services for sale or lease are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that such goods are of a particular style or model, if he knows or should know that they are of another standard, quality, grade, style or model. . . . 9. Advertises goods or services with intent not to sell or lease them as advertised. . . . 15. Knowingly makes any other false representation in a transaction. . . ." Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0915. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0915.

69. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 358-A:1, et seq. Particularly, New Hampshire law provides, "It shall be unlawful for any person to use any unfair method of competition or any unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of any trade or commerce within this state. Such unfair method of competition or unfair or deceptive act or practice shall include, but is not limited to, the following: . . . V. Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have . . . ; . . . VII. Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; . . . IX. Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised " N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 358-A:2. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety

and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 358-A:2.

- 70. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition unfair. unconscionable or deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.J.S.A. § 56:8-1, et seq. Particularly, New Jersey law provides, "The act, use or employment by any person of any unconscionable commercial practice, deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, or the knowing, concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon such concealment, suppression or omission, in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise or real estate, or with the subsequent performance of such person as aforesaid, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby, is declared to be an unlawful practice . . . " N.J.S.A. § 56:8-2. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated N.J.S.A. § 56:8-2.
- 71. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.M. Stat. § 57-12-1, et seq. In particular, New Mexico law provides, "D. 'unfair or deceptive trade practice' means an act specifically declared unlawful pursuant to the Unfair Practices Act, a false or misleading oral or written statement, visual description or other representation of any kind knowingly made in connection with the sale, lease, rental or loan of goods or services or in the extension of credit or in the collection of debts by a person in the

regular course of his trade or commerce, which may, tends to or does deceive or mislead any person and includes: . . . (5) representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have . . . ; . . . (7) representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade or that goods are of a particular style or model if they are of another; . . . (14) using exaggeration, innuendo or ambiguity as to a material fact or failing to state a material fact if doing so deceives or tends to deceive; . . . E. 'unconscionable trade practice' means an act or practice in connection with the sale, lease, rental or loan, or in connection with the offering for sale, lease, rental or loan, of any goods or services . . . : (1) takes advantage of the lack of knowledge, ability, experience or capacity of a person to a grossly unfair degree; or (2) results in a gross disparity between the value received by a person and the price paid." N.M. Stat. §57-12-2. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated N.M. Stat. §57-12-2.

72. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349, et seq. In particular, New York law provides, "Deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce or in the furnishing of any service in this state are hereby declared unlawful." N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349. By misrepresenting that its dating services

ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349.

- 73. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, et seq. In particular, North Carolina law provides, "Unfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce, are declared unlawful." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1(a). By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1(a).
- 74. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.D. Cent. Code § 51-15-01, et seq. In particular, North Dakota law provides, "The act, use, or employment by any person of any deceptive act or practice, fraud, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation, with the intent that others rely thereon in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged thereby, is declared to be an unlawful practice." N.D. Cent. Code § 51-15-02. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated N.D. Cent. Code § 51-15-02.
- 75. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 1345.01, et seq. In particular,

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Ohio law provides, "No supplier shall commit an unfair or deceptive act or practice in connection with a consumer transaction. Such an unfair or deceptive act or practice by a supplier violates this section whether it occurs before, during, or after the transaction." Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 1345.02(a). By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 1345.02(a).

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 76. acts or practices or made false representations in violation of Okla. Stat. tit. 15, § 751, et seq. In particular, Oklahoma law provides, "As used in the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act: . . . 13. 'Deceptive trade practice' means a misrepresentation, omission or other practice that has deceived or could reasonably be expected to deceive or mislead a person to the detriment of that person. Such a practice may occur before, during or after a consumer transaction is entered into and may be written or oral; 14. 'Unfair trade practice' means any practice which offends established public policy or if the practice is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous or substantially injurious to consumers. . . ." Okla. Stat. tit. 15, § 752. Oklahoma law further provides, "A person engages in a practice which is declared to be unlawful under the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act, Section 751 et seq. of this title, when, in the course of the person's business, the person: . . . 5. Makes a false representation, knowingly or with reason to know, as to the characteristics,

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ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, or quantities of the subject of a consumer transaction . . . ; . . . 7. Represents, knowingly or with reason to know, that the subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular standard, style or model, if it is of another; 8. Advertises, knowingly or with reason to know, the subject of a consumer transaction with intent not to sell it as advertised; . . . 20. Commits an unfair or deceptive trade practice as defined in Section 752 of this title " Okla. Stat. tit. 15, § 753. It continues to provide, "A. A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when in the course of business, vocation, or occupation, the person: . . . 5. Knowingly makes a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities of goods or services or a false representation as to the sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection of a person therewith; . . . 7. Represents that goods or services are a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are a particular style or model, if they are another; . . . C. The deceptive trade practices listed in this section are in addition to and do not limit the types of unfair trade practices actionable at common law or under other statutes of this state." Okla. Stat. tit. 78, § 53. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Okla. Stat. tits. 15, §§ 752 and 753, 78, § 53.

77. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.605, et seq. In particular, Oregon law provides, "A person engages in an unlawful practice when in the course of the

person's business, vocation or occupation the person: (1) Employs unconscionable tactic in connection with the sale, rental or other disposition of real estate, goods or services" Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.607. Oregon law further provides, "(1) A person engages in an unlawful practice when in the course of the person's business, vocation or occupation the person does any of the following: . . . (e) Represents that real estate, goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, quantities or qualities that they do not have . . . (g) Represents that real estate, goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that real estate or goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another. . . . (t) Concurrent with tender or delivery of any real estate, goods or services fails to disclose any known material defect or material nonconformity. (u) Engages in any other unfair or deceptive conduct in trade or commerce." Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.608. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 646.607, 646.608.

78. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of 73 Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 73, § 201-1, et seq. In particular, Pennsylvania law provides, "(4) 'Unfair methods of competition' and 'unfair or deceptive acts or practices' mean any one or more of the following: . . . (v) Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have . . . ; . . . (vii)

Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; . . . (ix) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (xxi) Engaging in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding." Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 73, § 201-2. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 73, § 201-2.

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 79. acts or practices in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws. § 6-13.1-1, et seq. In particular, Rhode Island law provides, "As used in this chapter: . . . (6) 'Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices' means any one or more of the following: (v) Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have ...; ... (vii) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; . . . (ix) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (xii) Engaging in any other conduct that similarly creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding; (xiii) Engaging in any act or practice that is unfair or deceptive to the consumer; (xiv) Using any other methods, acts or practices which mislead or deceive members of the public in a material respect; . . . (xvii) Advertising claims

concerning safety, performance, and comparative price unless the advertiser, upon request by any person, the consumer council, or the attorney general, makes available documentation substantiating the validity of the claim" R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-13.1-1. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-13.1-1.

- 80. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-10, et seq. In particular, South Carolina law provides, "Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared unlawful. . . ." S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-20. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-20.
- 81. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24-1, et seq. In particular, South Dakota law provides, "It is a deceptive act or practice for any person to: (1) Knowingly and intentionally act, use, or employ any deceptive act or practice, fraud, false pretense, false promises, or misrepresentation or to conceal, suppress, or omit any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise, regardless of whether any person has in fact been mislead, deceived, or damaged thereby." S. D. Codified Laws § 37-24-6(1). By misrepresenting that its dating

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services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated S. D. Codified Laws § 37-24-6(1).

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 82. acts or practices in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-18-101, et seq. In particular, Tennessee law provides "(b) Without limiting the scope of subsection (a), the following unfair or deceptive acts or practices affecting the conduct of any trade or commerce are declared to be unlawful and in violation of this part . . . (5) Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have . . . ; . . . (7) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; . . . (9) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (21) Using statements or illustrations in any advertisement which create a false impression of the grade, quality, quantity, make, value, age, size, color, usability or origin of the goods or services offered, or which may otherwise misrepresent the goods or services in such a manner that later, on disclosure of the true facts, there is a likelihood that the buyer may be switched from the advertised goods or services to other goods or services; . . . (27) Engaging in any other act or practice which is deceptive to the consumer or to any other person" Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-18-104. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only

compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-18-104.

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 83. acts or practices in violation of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. § 17.41, et seq. In particular, Texas law provides, "(a) False, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared unlawful and are subject to action by the consumer protection division under Sections 17.47, 17.58, 17.60, and 17.61 of this code. (b) Except as provided in Subsection (d) of this section, the term 'false, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices' includes, but is not limited to, the following acts: . . . (5) representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have . . . ; . . . (7) representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; ... (9) advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (24) failing to disclose information concerning goods or services which was known at the time of the transaction if such failure to disclose such information was intended to induce the consumer into a transaction into which the consumer would not have entered had the information been disclosed" Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. § 17.46. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. § 17.46.

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Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 84. acts or practices in violation of Utah Code Ann. § 13-11-1, et seq. In particular, Utah law provides, "(1) A deceptive act or practice by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction violates this chapter whether it occurs before, during, or after the transaction. (2) Without limiting the scope of Subsection (1), a supplier commits a deceptive act or practice if the supplier knowingly or intentionally: (a) indicates that the subject of a consumer transaction has sponsorship, approval, performance characteristics, accessories, uses, or benefits, if it has not; (b) indicates that the subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model, if it is not; . . .(e) indicates that the subject of a consumer transaction has been supplied in accordance with a previous representation, if it has not; \dots (ii) fails to honor a warranty or a particular warranty term " Utah Code Ann. § 13-11-4. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Utah Code Ann. § 13-11-4.

85. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 9, § 2451, et seq. In particular, Vermont law provides, "(a) Unfair methods of competition in commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in commerce, are hereby declared unlawful." Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 9, § 2453. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and

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that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 9, § 2453.

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 86. acts or practices in violation of Va. Code Ann. § 59.1-196, et seq. In particular, Virginia law provides "A. The following fraudulent acts or practices committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction are hereby declared unlawful: . . . 5. Misrepresenting that goods or services have certain quantities, characteristics, ingredients, uses, or benefits; 6. Misrepresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model; 7. Advertising or offering for sale goods that are used, secondhand, repossessed, defective, blemished, deteriorated, or reconditioned, or that are 'seconds,' irregulars, imperfects, or 'not first class,' without clearly and unequivocally indicating in the advertisement or offer for sale that the goods are used, secondhand, repossessed, defective, blemished, deteriorated, reconditioned, or are 'seconds,' irregulars, imperfects or 'not first class'; 8. Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised, or with intent not to sell at the price or upon the terms advertised. . . . 14. Using any other deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation in connection with a consumer transaction " Va. Code Ann. § 59.1-200. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Va. Code Ann. § 59.1-200.

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87. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of Wash. Rev. Code. § 19.86.010, et seq. Particularly, Washington law provides, "Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby declared unlawful." Wash. Rev. Code § 19.86.020. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Wash. Rev. Code § 19.86.020.

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive 88. acts or practices in violation of W. Va. Code § 46A-6-101, et seq. In particular, West Virginia law provides "(7) 'Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices' means and includes, but is not limited to, any one or more of the following: . . . (E) Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have ...; ... (G) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model if they are of another; . . . (I) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised; . . . (L) Engaging in any other conduct which similarly creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding; . . . (M) The act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise or misrepresentation, or the concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely

upon such concealment, suppression or omission, in connection with the sale or advertisement of any goods or services, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby" W. Va. Code § 46A-6-102. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated W. Va. Code § 46A-6-102.

- 89. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of Wis. Stat. § 100.20, et seq. Particularly, Wisconsin law provides, "Methods of competition in business and trade practices in business shall be fair. Unfair methods of competition in business and unfair trade practices in business are hereby prohibited." Wis. Stat. § 100.20(1). By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Wis. Stat. § 100.20(1).
- 90. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 40-12-101, et seq. In particular, Wyoming law provides, "(a) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice unlawful under this act when, in the course of his business and in connection with a consumer transaction, he knowingly: (i) Represents that merchandise has a source, origin, sponsorship, approval, accessories or uses it does not have; . . . (iii) Represents that merchandise is of a particular standard, grade, style or model, if it is

not; . . . (x) Advertises merchandise with intent not to sell it as advertised; . . . or . . . (xv) Engages in unfair or deceptive acts or practices." Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 40-12-105. By misrepresenting that its dating services ensured safety and that it matched only compatible persons who were sincere about entering into long-term relationships, Defendants violated Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 40-12-105.

91. Plaintiffs and members of the Class have been injured by reason of eHarmony's unfair and deceptive acts and practices in regard to its marketing and sale practices relating to the subject dating services. These injuries are of the type that the above State consumer protection statutes were designed to prevent, and are the direct result of eHarmony's unlawful conduct.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter judgment as follows:

- A. Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a class action and certifying Plaintiffs as Class representatives;
- B. Awarding restitution and disgorgement as a result of Defendants' unfair business practices and untrue and misleading advertising on all Causes of Action except for Plaintiffs' CLRA Cause of Action (as Plaintiffs currently seek only injunctive relief pursuant to their CLRA claim at this point);

- C. Enjoining the Defendants from continuing their illegal practices set out above in all Causes of Action;
 - D. Awarding damages on the Fourth Cause of Action;
- E. Requiring Defendants to inform the public of their unlawful practices and enjoining Defendants from the practices complained of herein on all causes of action;
- F. Requiring Defendants to alter their procedures so that they conform to California law;
 - G. Awarding pre- and post-judgment interest;
 - H. Awarding attorney's fees, expenses and costs; and
- I. Providing such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury trial on all issues so triable as provided by Rule 38(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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