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Quixtar Inc.		v	John Doe 1 through	h John Doe 30	
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OTTAWA

QUIXTAR INC.,

Plaintiff

v.

Case No. 07-59739-CZ HON. Calvin L. Basman

JOHN DOE 1 THROUGH JOHN DOE 30.

Defendants.

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### **COMPLAINT**

(734) 302-6032

There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the complaint.

- 1. Plaintiff Quixtar Inc. is a Virginia corporation with its principal place of business in Ada, Michigan.
- 2. Defendant John Doe 1 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the website www.freetheibo.com, as well as forums and web logs ("blogs") linked and closely relating to that website. John Doe 1 registered the www.freetheibo.com website anonymously through the Domains By Proxy, Inc., a subsidiary corporation of GoDaddy.com, Inc.
- 3. Defendant John Doe 2 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the web log http://forums.freetheibo.info/index.php, on information and belief through a web log hosted by GoDaddy.com, Inc.

- 4. Defendant John Doe 3 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the website www.drinkxs.biz, as well as forums and web logs ("blogs") linked and closely relating to that website. John Doe 3 registered the www.drinkxs.biz website anonymously through the Domains By Proxy, Inc., a subsidiary corporation of GoDaddy.com, Inc.
- 5. Defendant John Doe 4 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the web log http://theiborebellion.blogspot.com, through the web log service Blogspot, a subsidiary of Google, Inc.
- 6. Defendant John Doe 5 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the web log http://qreilly.blogspot.com, through the web log service Blogspot, a subsidiary of Google, Inc.
- 7. Defendant John Doe 6 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the web log http://freetheiboblog.typepad.com, through the web log service Six Apart, Ltd., doing business as Typepad.
- 8. Defendant John Doe 7 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the web log http://quixtarlostmycents.blogspot.com, through the web log service Blogspot, a subsidiary of Google, Inc.
- 9. Defendant John Doe 8 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the web log http://saveusdickdevos.blogspot.com, through the web log service Blogspot, a subsidiary of Google, Inc.
- 10. Defendant John Doe 9 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the web log http://Teamfoundingfathers.blogspot.com, through the web log service Blogspot, a subsidiary of Google, Inc.

- 11. Defendant John Doe 10 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the web log http://chrismcstu.blogspot.com, through the web log service Blogspot, a subsidiary of Google, Inc.
- 12. Defendant John Doe 11 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the web log http://Quixtartoday.blogspot.com, through the web log service Blogspot, a subsidiary of Google, Inc.
- 13. Defendant John Doe 12 is an unknown person who anonymously operates and posts information to the web log http://integrityisteam.blogspot.com, through the web log service Blogspot, a subsidiary of Google, Inc.
- 14. Defendant John Doe 13 is an unknown person operating under the pseudonym theiborebellion, who anonymously posted a video called H.A.M (Hooded Angry Man) available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRVi3FRYXw8.
- Defendant John Doe 14 is an unknown person operating under the pseudonym theiborebellion, who anonymously posted a video called H.A.M 2 (Hooded Angry Man 2) available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC7NiVKEeMk.
- 16. Defendant John Doe 15 is an unknown person operating under the pseudonym theiborebellion, who anonymously posted a video called The New Amway High Life available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWCx7DB678Q.
- 17. Defendant John Doe 16 is an unknown person operating under the pseudonym theiborebellion, who anonymously posted a video called Stevie Goes to China, available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGv7y8gj2cQ.
- 18. Defendant John Doe 17 is an unknown person operating under the pseudonym theiborebellion, who anonymously posted a video called Shameus McSteeley Quixtar vs. Meijer, available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvj-jLqqq3c&NR=.

- 19. Defendant John Doe 18 is an unknown person operating under the pseudonym theiborebellion, who anonymously posted a video called Rich DeVos Who's [sic] Running Your Company, available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vo-AaSHbUIo.
- 20. Defendant John Doe 19 is an unknown person operating under the pseudonym theiborebellion, who anonymously posted a video called Amway Yesterday, available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2pFmXWyDV0.
- 21. Defendant John Doe 20 is an unknown person operating under the pseudonym quixtarisascam, who anonymously posted a video called Quixtar Tell Me Sweet Little Lies, available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAwJrP1\_ZeE.
- 22. Defendant John Doe 21 is an unknown person operating under the pseudonym BostonTeaBerry, who anonymously posted a video called Return to Sender, available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHlBc4ibOa0.
- 23. John Doe 22 through John Doe 30 are other unknown parties who, on information and belief, have anonymously posted defamatory material on the Internet about Quixtar and its principals under various pseudonyms.
- 24. Quixtar has attempted to identify the various defendants by reviewing the offending websites, blogs, and videos. Due to the policies of the Internet service providers which host the various websites, blogs and videos, Quixtar has been unable to identify the responsible parties. An affidavit attesting to Quixtar's efforts to identify defendants is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 25. The amount in controversy exceeds \$25,000. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to MCL §§ 600.601, 600.605.

26. Defendants caused their Internet postings to be published throughout the State of Michigan, including Ottawa County. Venue is properly laid in this Court pursuant to MCL § 600.1627.

# COUNT 1 TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH EXISTING CONTRACTS

- 27. Quixtar incorporates paragraphs 1-26.
- 28. On information and belief, each of the John Doe defendants is aware that Quixtar has valid contractual relationships with Quixtar Independent Business Owners ("IBOs") who purchase and distribute Quixtar products.
- 29. On information and belief, each of the John Doe defendants currently has an interest in a multi-level marketing company that competes with Quixtar.
- 30. Defendants have, either individually or in concert, intentionally and improperly interfered with Quixtar's contracts with its IBOs through the Internet postings and websites identified above, including but not limited to:
  - (a) encouraging Quixtar IBOs to resign from the Quixtar business;
  - (b) telling Quixtar IBOs to stop building their Quixtar business;
  - (c) telling Quixtar IBOs not to purchase certain Quixtar products;
  - (d) encouraging Quixtar IBOs to improperly compete with the business of Quixtar or its IBOs in breach of their contracts with Quixtar:
  - (e) causing one or more Quixtar IBOs to improperly solicit other IBOs in breach of their contracts with Quixtar;
  - (f) causing one or more Quixtar IBOs to improperly use Quixtar's confidential and proprietary line of sponsorship information in breach of their contracts with Quixtar; and
  - (g) disparaging Quixtar, its products and prices.

- 31. Defendants have knowingly propagated false or misleading descriptions of fact, or false or misleading representations of fact, which misrepresent the nature, characteristics, or qualities of Quixtar' goods, services, and commercial activities.
- 32. Defendants' actions are per se wrongful, or if lawful, were undertaken with malice and without legal justification for the purpose invading Quixtar's contractual rights and/or business relationships. There are no legitimate business reasons to justify or motivate Defendants' actions.
- 33. Quixtar has been damaged by such actions of Defendants, and is likely to suffer irreparable injury if Defendants are not enjoined from their wrongful acts.

#### COUNT 2

## TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH ADVANTAGEOUS BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

- 34. Quixtar incorporates paragraphs 1-33.
- 35. Quixtar expects future business relationships with prospective IBOs who may participate in the Quixtar business.
- 36. Defendants have knowledge of those relationships and/or expectancies between Quixtar and its prospective IBOs.
- 37. Defendants intentionally and improperly interfered with Quixtar's relationships and/or expectancies with prospective IBOs through the actions described above, including but not limited to encouraging prospective Quixtar IBOs not to join Quixtar, and unfairly disparaging Quixtar, its products and prices.
- 38. Defendants' actions are per se wrongful, or if lawful, were undertaken with malice and without legal justification for the purpose invading Quixtar's current and/or prospective business relationships. There are no legitimate business reasons to justify or motivate Defendants' actions.

39. Quixtar has been damaged by such actions of Defendants, and is likely to suffer irreparable injury if Defendants are not enjoined from their wrongful acts.

**COUNT 3** 

**UNFAIR COMPETITION** 

40. Quixtar incorporates paragraphs 1-39.

41. Defendants' conduct intentionally deceives or misleads current and prospective

IBOs about Quixtar's business, including but not limited to misleading current and prospective

IBOs into believing that Quixtar business practices are unethical, that its products are not

competitively priced, and even that Quixtar is operating contrary to law.

42. Defendants, either individually or in concert, have engaged in massive effort to

falsely disparage Quixtar as a means to drain support from existing Quixtar IBOs, and to

encourage IBOs to resign from Quixtar and to associate with a competing business. Defendants'

conduct is manifestly unfair, unethical, and improper.

43. Quixtar has been damaged by such actions of Defendants, and is likely to suffer

irreparable injury if Defendants are not enjoined from their wrongful acts.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF** 

THEREFORE, Plaintiff Quixtar Inc. requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor i)

enjoining defendants' wrongful and disparaging conduct; ii) awarding Quixtar damages in excess

of \$25,000 plus its costs and attorney fees, and iii) granting Quixtar any other relief the Court

deems equitable and just.

DATED: October 8, 2007

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Edward J. Bardelli (P53849)

Attorneys for Plaintiff

# **EXHIBIT A**

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