

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON

IN RE:

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT CASES
INVOLVING FILE-SHARING SOFTWARE

Standing Order No.: _____

WHEREAS:

1. Various plaintiffs have filed lawsuits in this Court to enforce their copyright in major motion pictures. They allege that an unknown party, identified only by an Internet Protocol (“IP”) address, has copied and distributed their motion pictures without their consent through a public BitTorrent or other file-sharing network.

2. Plaintiffs have subpoenaed the Internet Service Provider (“ISP”) to obtain the identity of the party assigned the ISP account associated with the infringing activity, commonly called the subscriber. The subscriber may or may not be the same as the alleged infringer. In order to find out whether the subscriber is an innocent third party and, if so, the identity of the alleged infringer, plaintiffs request the Court to enter Orders allowing them to take certain action, such as issuing a subpoena to the subscriber for a deposition.

3. If subscribers ignore these lawsuits, subpoenas, and Orders, plaintiffs may ask the Court for relief against them, including entry of a default judgment for money damages.

4. Accordingly, it is important that the subscribers seek legal advice immediately concerning their rights and obligations.

THEREFORE:

1. The Court has established a panel of lawyers who are willing to provide assistance and advice to subscribers in these lawsuits at no charge for up to 3 hours.

2. To obtain this free service, subscribers must contact the following person and request appointment of counsel from the Court's Copyright Infringement Panel:

Nicole T. Munoz
Pro Bono Panel Administrator
U.S. District Court, District of Oregon
740 U.S. Courthouse | 1000 S.W. Third Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204
Phone: (503) 326-8014 | Fax: (503) 326-8010

3. Subscribers may also find an attorney by contacting the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling 503-684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll free elsewhere in Oregon at 800-452-7636.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Done on behalf of the Court on this ____ day of _____, 2016.

MICHAEL W. MOSMAN
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE