Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a), 53(b) and 57b, and Section 7(a) of the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003 ("CAN-SPAM Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 7706(a), to obtain temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, rescission of contracts, restitution, redress, disgorgement and other equitable relief for

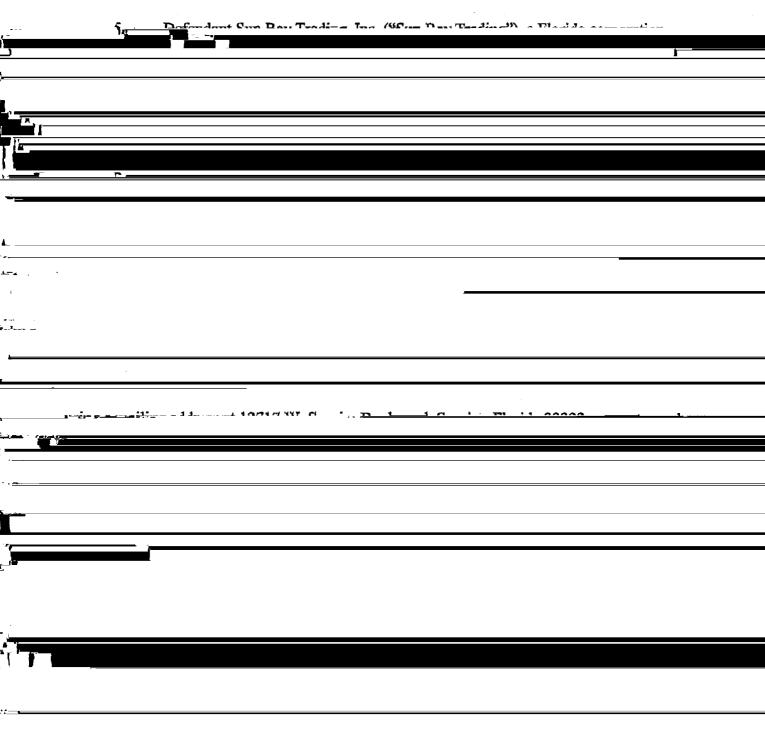
45(a), and Section 5(a) of the CAN-SPAM Act, 15 U.S.C. § 7704(a).

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

15 U.S.C.§ § 53(b) and 7706(a).

# **DEFENDANTS**



transacted business in the Southern District of Florida.

#### **COMMERCE**

10. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants have maintained a substantial course of trade in the offering for sale and sale of envelope stuffing employment opportunities, in or affecting commerce, as "commerce" is defined in Section 4 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 11. "Commercial electronic mail message" means any electronic mail message the primary purpose of which is the commercial advertisement or promotion of a commercial product or service (including the content on an Internet website operated for commercial purposes). 15 U.S.C. § 7702(2).
- 12. "Initiate," when used with respect to a commercial e-mail message, means to originate or transmit such message or to procure the origination or transmission of such message.

  15 U.S.C. § 7702(9).
  - 13. "Procure," when used with respect to the initiation of a commercial e-mail

## DEFENDANTS' BUSINESS PRACTICES

	15. Since at least June 2003, and continuing thereafter. Defendants have offered for
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	sale and sold envelope stuffing employment opportunities to consumers throughout the United
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	States. Defendants have promoted these envelope stuffing employment opportunities to
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Earn \$\$\$\$ from home," where the contents or subject matter of the e-mail does not pertain to a legitimate money-making opportunity in which consumers can earn a substantial amount of money; and

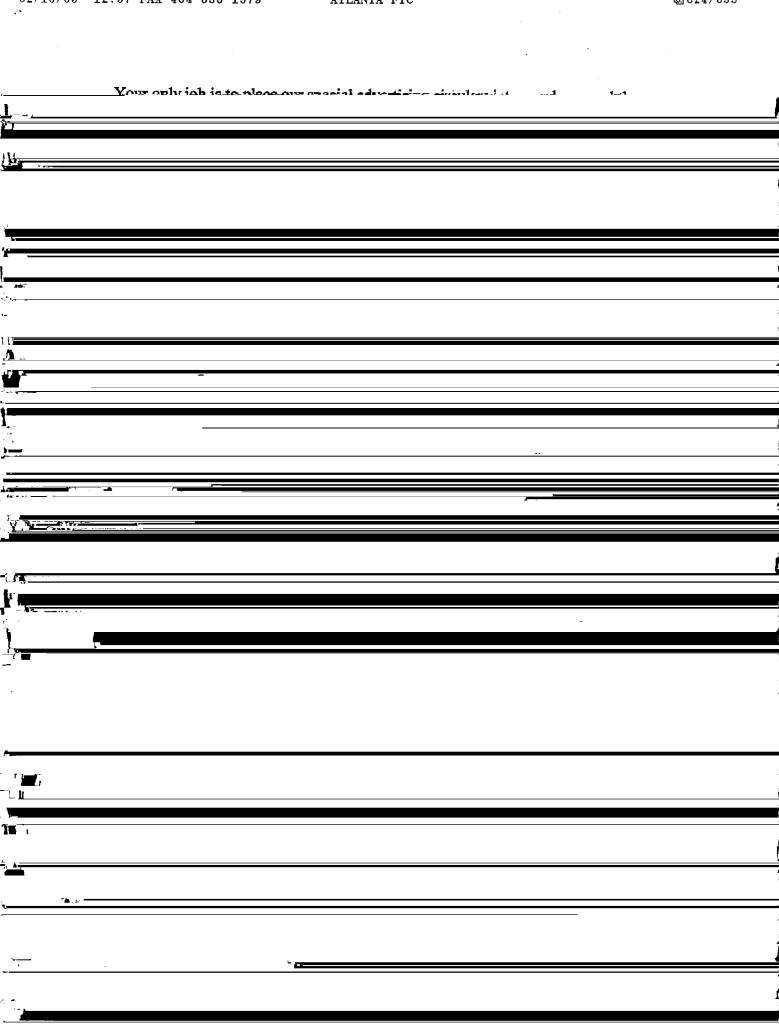
B. "Earn a Big Paycheck from Home Now!," "We need Homeworkers. Be

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Paychecks coming; Act now," and "Where will we send the paychecks," where the contents or subject matter of the e-mail does not pertain to a legitimate employment opportunity.

20. When consumers open the e-mail messages initiated by Defendants, there is no substantive message regarding the representations made in the subject headings, but instead,

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money by inserting circu	lars into envelopes and mailing them. For instance, Defendants'
websites typically state:	
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Group #1 is \$550.00 Weekly Croun #3 is \$750 On Worlde Group #3 is \$950.00 Weekly Group #4 is \$3000.00 Weekly! . . . This is the Most Popular Group. Group #5 is for established mailers who start in Group #4 and get promoted after Once you're in Group #5 you have the potential to earn \$5000.00 but you must start in Group #4 if you want to be promoted to Group #5. We will leave it up to you to choose your own starting group.

Income Groups #3:

(\$950.00) Fee is \$95.00 plus \$10 S&H

You will receive 95 letters, 95 envelopes and 95 customer mailing labels.

Income Group #4:

(\$3,000.00) Fee is \$300.00

NOW ONLY \$150.00 plus \$10 S&H

You will receive 300 letters, 300 envelopes and 300 customer mailing labels. (Emphasis in original).

27. Consumers who complete the Program Selection Form and pay a registration fee ranging from \$65.00 to \$160.00 to Defendants, typically receive a package of supplies that contains the quantity of address labels, envelopes, and the "special advertising circulars"

Corresponding to the program selected by the consumer as well as instructions to process the

envelopes.

28. When consumers receive Defendants' package, they learn for the first time that

have been mailed, respond to the direct mail solicitation and actually purchase Defendants' new envelope stuffing employment opportunity for themselves. Few, if any, consumers receive even a single paycheck from Defendants for the 30. envelopes that they process and mail. In addition, few, if any, consumers receive any payment or reimbursement from Defendants for their out-of-pocket postage costs to mail the envelopes as promised

received payment for processing envelopes and reimbursement for postage costs. These attempts

stuffing employment opportunities, Defendants represent, expressly or by implication, that consumers who purchase Defendants' envelope stuffing employment opportunities are likely to earn a substantial amount of money, such as \$550.00 to \$3,000.00 per week, from Defendants'

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	employment opportunities are not likely to earn a substantial amount of money, such as \$550.00	

to \$3,000.00 per week, from Defendants' envelope stuffing employment opportunities.

	COUNT III
	40. In numerous instances, in the course of offering for sale and selling envelope
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basis of objective circumstances, that a subject heading of the message would be likely to mislead a recipient, acting reasonably under the circumstances, about a material fact regarding the contents or subject matter of the message (consistent Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45)). Section 7(a) of the CAN-SPAM Act, 15 U.S.C. § 7706(a), states: 47. [T]his Act shall be enforced by the [Federal Trade] Commission as if the violation

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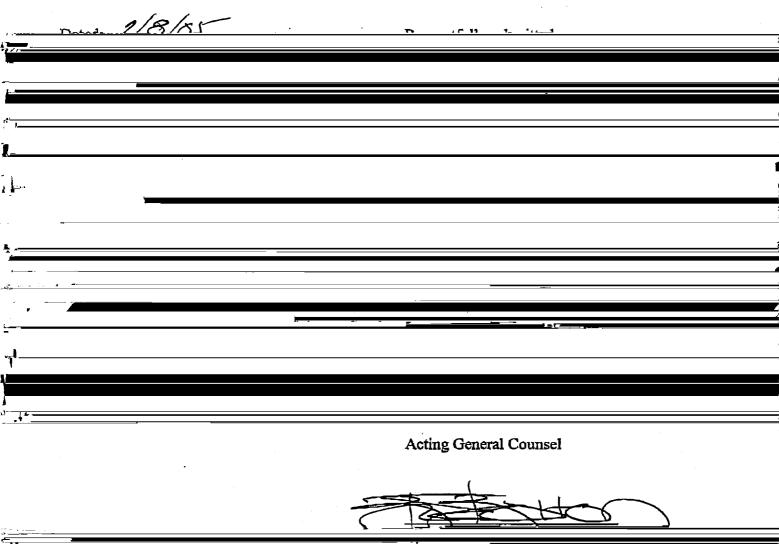
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	54. This Court, in the exercise of its equitable jurisdiction, may award ancillary relief
	to remedy injury caused by Defendants' law violations.
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	of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 53(b) and 57b, and Section 7(a) of the CAN-SPAM Act, 15 U.S.C.
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	§ 7706(a), and pursuant to its own equitable powers:
	1. Award Plaintiff such preliminary injunctive and ancillary relief, including, but not
	limited to, a temporary restraining order, as may be necessary to avert the likelihood of consumer

injury during the pendency of this action and to preserve the possibility of effective final relief;

2.

Permanently enjoin Defendants from violating Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and

additional relief as the Court may determine to be just and proper.



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