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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

## **Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

## Opposer Information

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Entity	Corporation	Citizenship	Delaware
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### **Applicant Information**

Application No	86634255	Publication date	06/21/2016
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Applicants	Maura Grossman Apt. 1A New York, NY 10075 UNITED STATES Gordon V. Cormack Apt. 305 Waterloo, Ontario, N2L5C8		
	CANADA		

## Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 009. First Use: 2013/04/11 First Use In Commerce: 2013/04/11

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Computer software for reviewing, analyzing, categorizing, prioritizing and storing electronic documents for law firm and corporate departments; computer software for technology-assisted review of electronic documents; computer software forelectronic document and information management; computer software for searching, processing, culling, organizing, filtering, prioritizing, analyzing, reviewing, coding, printing and producing electronic documents in the field of legal discovery

Class 041. First Use: 2013/04/11 First Use In Commerce: 2013/04/11

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Educational services, namely, conducting symposia, seminars, conferences, and workshops in the field of legal discoveryand technology-assisted review of electronic documents and development and dissemination of scholarly materials in connection therewith; publication of articles relating to legal discovery and technology-assisted review of electronic documents, books, and journals

Class 042. First Use: 2013/04/11 First Use In Commerce: 2013/04/11

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Research and development of new technology and theory for others in the field of legal discovery and development and dissemination of scholarly materials in connection therewith; Providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable softwarefor reviewing, analyzing, categorizing, prioritizing and storing electronic documents for law firm and corporate departments; data conversion of electronic information; providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable software for technology-assisted review of electronic documents; providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable software for electronic document and information management; providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable computer software for preserving, collecting, processing, culling, filtering, searching, organizing, prioritizing, analyzing, reviewing, coding, printing, producing, and presenting electronic documents in the field of legal discovery; data conversion of electronic information

Class 045. First Use: 2013/04/11 First Use In Commerce: 2013/04/11

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Litigation support services; Legal services, namely, providing customized information through the review of documents for investigation or litigation; Litigation support services, namely, conducting technology-assisted review of electronicdocuments and electronic legal discovery in the nature of preserving, collecting, processing, culling, filtering, searching, organizing, prioritizing, analyzing, reviewing, coding, printing, producing, and presenting e-mails and other electronically stored information that couldbe relevant in a lawsuit or government investigation

## **Grounds for Opposition**

The mark is merely descriptive	Trademark Act Section 2(e)(1)	
The mark is generic	Trademark Act Sections 1, 2 and 45	
The mark is not inherently distinctive and has not acquired distinctiveness	Trademark Act Sections 1, 2 and 45; and Section 2(f)	

Attachments	CONTINUOUS ACTIVE LEARNING - Notice of Opposition OUR REF. 60232	
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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

RECOMMIND, INC.,

Opposer,

VS.

GORDON V. CORMACK and MAURA GROSSMAN.

Applicants.

Opposition No.:

Application Serial No.: 86/634,255

Mark: CONTINUOUS ACTIVE

LEARNING

Published: June 21, 2016

#### NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Box TTAB FEE Commissioner for Trademarks P.O. Box 1451 Arlington, VA 22313-1451

Recommind, Inc. ("Opposer"), a corporation having its principal place of business at 580 California Street, Seventh Floor, San Francisco, 94104, believes that it will be damaged by the registration of the CONTINUOUS ACTIVE LEARNING mark in Application Serial No. 86/634,255, filed by Gordon V. Cormack and Maura Grossman ("Applicants"), for "Computer software for reviewing, analyzing, categorizing, prioritizing and storing electronic documents for law firm and corporate departments; computer software for technology-assisted review of electronic documents; computer software for electronic document and information management; computer software for searching, processing, culling, organizing, filtering, prioritizing, analyzing, reviewing, coding, printing and producing electronic documents in the field of legal discovery" in Class 9, "Educational services, namely, conducting symposia, seminars, conferences, and workshops in the field of legal discovery and technology-assisted review of

electronic documents and development and dissemination of scholarly materials in connection therewith; publication of articles relating to legal discovery and technology-assisted review of electronic documents, books, and journals" in Class 41, "Research and development of new technology and theory for others in the field of legal discovery and development and dissemination of scholarly materials in connection therewith; Providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable software for reviewing, analyzing, categorizing, prioritizing and storing electronic documents for law firm and corporate departments; data conversion of electronic information; providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable software for technologyassisted review of electronic documents; providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable software for electronic document and information management; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable computer software for preserving, collecting, processing, culling, filtering, searching, organizing, prioritizing, analyzing, reviewing, coding, printing, producing, and presenting electronic documents in the field of legal discovery; data conversion of electronic information" in Class 42, and "Litigation support services; Legal services, namely, providing customized information through the review of documents for investigation or litigation; Litigation support services, namely, conducting technology-assisted review of electronic documents and electronic legal discovery in the nature of preserving, collecting, processing, culling, filtering, searching, organizing, prioritizing, analyzing, reviewing, coding, printing, producing, and presenting e-mails and other electronically stored information that could be relevant in a lawsuit or government investigation" in Class 45.

As grounds for the opposition, it is alleged as follows:

1. Opposer provides various software-as-a-service platforms for use in the fields of e-discovery, regulatory compliance, records management, and data retention. Opposer's

software applications rely on various predictive coding methodologies to assist users in reviewing large volumes of documents. These predictive coding methodologies are commonly referred to as technology-assisted review ("TAR") of electronically stored information.

- 2. Applicants filed Application Serial No. 86/634,255 for the CONTINUOUS ACTIVE LEARNING mark on May 19, 2015. In their application, Applicants claimed a first use anywhere and a first use in commerce date of April 11, 2013. The application was published in the *Official Gazette* on June 21, 2016.
- By the application herein opposed, Applicants seek to register the CONTINUOUS ACTIVE LEARNING mark for "Computer software for reviewing, analyzing, categorizing, prioritizing and storing electronic documents for law firm and corporate departments; computer software for technology-assisted review of electronic documents; computer software for electronic document and information management; computer software for searching, processing, culling, organizing, filtering, prioritizing, analyzing, reviewing, coding, printing and producing electronic documents in the field of legal discovery" in Class 9, "Educational services, namely, conducting symposia, seminars, conferences, and workshops in the field of legal discovery and technology-assisted review of electronic documents and development and dissemination of scholarly materials in connection therewith; publication of articles relating to legal discovery and technology-assisted review of electronic documents, books, and journals" in Class 41, "Research and development of new technology and theory for others in the field of legal discovery and development and dissemination of scholarly materials in connection therewith; Providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable software for reviewing, analyzing, categorizing, prioritizing and storing electronic documents for law firm and corporate departments; data conversion of electronic information; providing temporary use

of on-line non-downloadable software for technology-assisted review of electronic documents; providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable software for electronic document and information management; providing temporary use of on-line non-downloadable computer software for preserving, collecting, processing, culling, filtering, searching, organizing, prioritizing, analyzing, reviewing, coding, printing, producing, and presenting electronic documents in the field of legal discovery; data conversion of electronic information" in Class 42, and "Litigation support services; Legal services, namely, providing customized information through the review of documents for investigation or litigation; Litigation support services, namely, conducting technology-assisted review of electronic documents and electronic legal discovery in the nature of preserving, collecting, processing, culling, filtering, searching, organizing, prioritizing, analyzing, reviewing, coding, printing, producing, and presenting e-mails and other electronically stored information that could be relevant in a lawsuit or government investigation" in Class 45.

- 4. Applicants' alleged mark "CONTINUOUS ACTIVE LEARNING" is the category name of a particular method of predictive coding used in the area of technology-assisted review of electronically stored information.
- 5. "CONTINUOUS ACTIVE LEARNING" is not capable of distinguishing Applicants' goods and services because it the generic name of, or in the alternative, so highly descriptive of a type of predictive coding that it is incapable of acquiring distinctiveness as a trademark.
- 6. Opposer and others in the e-discovery industry have a present and prospective right to use the term "CONTINUOUS ACTIVE LEARNING" generically and/or descriptively in

their business to refer to predictive coding used for technology-assisted review of electronically

stored information.

7. In view of the fact that allowing registration of Applicants' mark would preclude

e-discovery companies, including Opposer, from referring to the "CONTINUOUS ACTIVE

LEARNING" coding methodology by the common, generic name for that coding methodology,

Opposer would thereby be injured by Applicants' intended registration of the CONTINUOUS

ACTIVE LEARNING mark in Application Serial No. 86/634,255.

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to Application Serial No. 86/634,255 to Morrison & Foerster LLP's Deposit Account 03-1952

(Reference No. 60232-6014.501).

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that Application Serial No. 86/634,255 be rejected, and

that this opposition be sustained in favor of Opposer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 21, 2016

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