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### **NEIGHBORCITY FIRES BACK WITH ANTITRUST CLAIMS IN MRIS CASE...**

#### **NAMES NAR AS DEFENDANT**

On September 24, 2012, counsel for American Home Realty Network Inc., which owns and operates [www.neighborcity.com](http://www.neighborcity.com), filed their Answer to the MRIS Copyright Infringement complaint, and brought federal and state anti-trust and unfair competition claims against MRIS and NAR. The Counter-Claims also indicated that RMLS, which is suing AHRN in Minnesota, may be joined as a counter-defendant in the Maryland action. In addition to allegations of violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and the Lanham Act, AHRN is claiming damages as a result of violation of the Maryland unfair competition statutes and the California unfair competition (Cartwright Act ) statutes for acts directed against AHRN, which has its principal place of business in San Francisco, CA.

Jonathan Cardella, CEO of AHRN, Inc. said:

“After many months of participating in this case from a defensive standpoint, I am happy to say that we now have the opportunity to present our own claims for the illegal activities of MRIS and others. We are following in the footsteps of the United States Department of Justice , which sued NAR several years ago for similar conduct, in bringing these illegal activities to light for the benefit of the American consumer.

We continue to believe that this lawsuit is founded on an effort to put our company out of business through illegal anti-competitive activity. We intend to show that the present model used by MLS’s across the country to assert exclusive rights in the contents of real estate listings is flawed, and MLS’s have, without complying with copyright law, used their claim of copyright ownership as a club to beat down any company that they consider to be a threat to their monopolistic business methods. We will continue to vigorously defend our right to inform American consumers to assist them in making choices on the biggest purchases of their lives.”

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