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12	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT			
13	DISTRICT OF NEVADA			
14	LIVEHELPNOW, LLC,	Case No	).	
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16	vs.			
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21	Plaintiff LiveHelpNow, LLC ("LHN" or "Plaintiff"), by and through its undersigned			
22	attorneys, files this complaint for Patent Infringement against Defendant tawk.to, Inc. ("Tawk")			
23	and in support thereof alleges as follows:			
24	<u>SUMMARY</u>			
25	1. This is an action for patent infringement of five separate patents under the patent			
26	laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1, et seq. LHN seeks damages, preliminary and permanent			
27	injunctive relief, and recovery of its reasonable costs and attorneys' fees.			
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1 2. LHN is the leading provider of enterprise-level live chat software servicing more 2 than 6,000 companies with over 22,000 users, and more than 30,000 websites. Collectively, the 3 LHN Patents, as defined herein, cover aspects of LHN's pioneering inventions in the area of 4 Internet based applications improving real-time communication between website operators and 5 website visitors ("live chatting") including monitoring, gathering, managing and sharing of 6 information by providing whisper technology ("LHN Whisper"), or ability for a website operator 7 to communicate a message to another operator directly in the active chat session, while this 8 message remains hidden to the website visitors/customers.

9 3. LHN Whisper provides many advantages previously not available to website
10 operators, such as: (a) coaching for training newly hired operators more quickly than traditional
11 methods would allow; and (b) ability for expert operators to "chime in" on the chats of less
12 experienced operators who, for example, may not have the skills required to answer complex
13 visitor/customer inquiries in full detail thus improving customer support.

4. Many competitors that provide live chatting, including Defendant, adopted LHN's
inventions and transitioned, at least in part, to the use of technology improperly copying LHN
Whisper in their live chatting products. During the COVID pandemic, like many of its
competitors, LHN experienced financial uncertainty, and therefore, had to focus its available
resources only on a very small fraction of such competitors, those that actually engaged in
meaningful business discussions with LHN. Unlike its industry peers, Tawk has remained silent,
electing to continue copying LHN's technology instead.

5. As demonstrated by Defendant's infringement of the LHN Patents, LHN Whisper
is an integral part of Tawk's live chatting products.

#### THE PARTIES

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6. Plaintiff LHN is a Pennsylvania limited liability company with a principal place
of business located at 515 S West End Blvd, Suite 202, Quakertown, Pennsylvania 18951.

7. LHN is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant Tawk is a
 corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada, with its principal place
 of business at 187 East Warm Springs Road, Suite B298, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and
1338(a) because this Complaint includes a cause of action for patent infringement under the patent
laws of the United States, including, but not limited to, 35 U.S.C. §§271, 281, 283-285, and 287.
This case primarily involves a federal question. Complete diversity of citizenship also exists, and
the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

10 9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant Tawk because it resides in 11 this District, has transacted business in this District, has derived substantial revenue from goods 12 and services offered for sale and/or sold in this District, and/or has established sufficient minimum 13 contacts with the State of Nevada such that it is subject to the personal jurisdiction of this Court. 14 Personal jurisdiction in Nevada over Tawk is also consistent with the requirements of due process. 15 Venue is proper because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to LHN's claims 16 occurred in this judicial District, thus, infringement of LHN's patent is likely to occur in this 17 District, Pursuant to LR IA 1-6, venue lies in the unofficial Southern Division of this judicial 18 district.

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## **BACKGROUND FACTS**

20 10. On November 3, 2015, United States Patent No. 9,178,950 (the "950 patent") was
21 duly and properly issued to Michael Kansky, for an invention entitled "Method, System And
22 Apparatus For Establishing And Monitoring Sessions With Clients Over A Communication
23 Network." A true and correct copy of the '950 patent is attached to this complaint as Exhibit 1.

11. LHN is the owner by assignment of the '950 patent.

25 12. LHN possesses all rights necessary to bring this suit for infringement of the '950
26 patent.

1 13. On February 28, 2017, United States Patent No. 9,584,375 (the "375 patent") was
 2 duly and properly issued to Michael Kansky, for an invention entitled "Method, System And
 3 Apparatus For Establishing And Monitoring Sessions With Clients Over A Communication
 4 Network." A true and correct copy of the '375 patent is attached to this complaint as Exhibit 2.

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14. LHN is the owner by assignment of the '375 patent.

6 15. LHN possesses all rights necessary to bring this suit for infringement of the '375
7 patent.

8 16. On September 17, 2019, United States Patent No. 10,419,372 (the "372 patent")
9 was duly and properly issued to Michael Kansky, for an invention entitled "Method, System And
10 Apparatus For Establishing And Monitoring Sessions With Clients Over A Communication
11 Network." A true and correct copy of the '372 patent is attached to this complaint as Exhibit 3.

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LHN is the owner by assignment of the '372 patent.

13 18. LHN possesses all rights necessary to bring this suit for infringement of the '372
14 patent.

15 19. On March 16, 2021, United States Patent No. 10,951,559 (the "'559 patent") was
16 duly and properly issued to Michael Kansky, for an invention entitled "Method, System And
17 Apparatus For Establishing And Monitoring Sessions With Clients Over A Communication
18 Network." A true and correct copy of the '559 patent is attached to this complaint as Exhibit 4;
19 a Certificate of Correction from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the '559 patent is
20 attached to this complaint as Exhibit 5.

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20. LHN is the owner by assignment of the '559 patent.

22 21. LHN possesses all rights necessary to bring this suit for infringement of the '559
23 patent.

24 22. On March 22, 2022, United States Patent No. 11,283,739 (the "739 patent;"
25 collectively with the 950 patent, the 375 patent, the 372 patent and the 559 patent referred to
26 herein as the "LHN Patents") was duly and properly issued to Michael Kansky, for an invention
27 entitled "Method, System And Apparatus For Establishing And Monitoring Sessions With Clients

Over A Communication Network." A true and correct copy of the '739 patent is attached to this
 complaint as Exhibit 6.

23. LHN is the owner by assignment of the '739 patent.

4 24. LHN possesses all rights necessary to bring this suit for infringement of the '739
5 patent.

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## **DEFENDANT'S INFRINGEMENT**

7 25. Tawk, at least under the brand name "tawk.to" and/or "Tawk.to" makes, uses,
8 imports, sells, and/or offers for sale, and has made, imported, sold, and/or offered for sale, live
9 chatting products and services, that practice the technology disclosed and claimed in the LHN
10 Patents (collectively the "Tawk Infringing Products").

LHN is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Tawk offers the Tawk
Infringing Products for sale both alone and in various combinations, arrangements and kits, under
various designations, and offers them for sale at least on its own website. Tawk encourages,
assists and instructs customers, affiliates, and partners to use the Tawk Infringing Products in a
manner that infringes the asserted patents. As a result, Tawk also indirectly infringes the asserted
patents.

17 27. By making, using, importing, offering for sale, and/or selling the Tawk Infringing
18 Products, Tawk has infringed and continues to infringe on LHN's valuable intellectual property
19 rights.

20 28. Through its infringement of the LHN Patents, Tawk has caused and continues to
 21 cause LHN serious and ongoing harm, including both monetary damages and irreparable harm
 22 that cannot be compensated with monetary damages and for which LHN has no adequate remedy
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## WILLFUL INFRINGEMENT

25 29. Tawk has known of the LHN Patents and of its infringement of the '950 and '375
26 patents since at least August 8, 2019, when it received a letter from LHN's counsel providing it
27 with those patents. LHN is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that: Tawk has known

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of the '372 patent and its infringement of that patent since the date on which the patent issued,
September 17, 2019; Tawk has known of the '559 patent and its infringement of that patent since
the date on which the patent issued, March 16, 2021; and Tawk has known of the '739 patent and
its infringement of that patent since the date on which the patent issued, March 22, 2022.

30. After being notified of its continued infringement on January 24, 2020 when it
received another letter from LHN's counsel providing it with LHN's latest issued '372 patent,
Tawk once again elected to remain silent and continue making, offering for sale, and/or selling
its Tawk Infringing Products.

9 31. After over two years of the COVID pandemic, Tawk was reminded of its
10 infringement on March 21, 2023 in yet another letter from LHN's counsel providing Tawk with
11 LHN's two more issued '559 and '739 patents. Rather than responding, or engaging in any
12 discussions with LHN, Tawk continues making, offering for sale, and/or selling its Tawk
13 Infringing Products.

14 32. LHN is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Tawk's infringement of
15 the LHN Patents is knowing, willful, intentional, and intended to profit off of LHN's innovative
16 technologies.

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#### **<u>COUNT ONE</u>** (Infringement of the '950 Patent as to Tawk)

19 33. LHN incorporates and re-alleges as if fully set forth herein each and every
 20 allegation contained in preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

34. Tawk Infringing Products meet each and every limitation of at least claim 5 of the
'950 patent. Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is a claim chart showing how an example of the
Infringing Products meets these limitations, and thus infringes the '950 patent for at least this
reason.

35. By making, using, importing, offering to sell, and/or selling the Tawk Infringing
Products, Tawk is infringing LHN's exclusive rights in the '950 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C.
§ 271, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

1 36. Tawk has induced, and continues to induce Tawk's customers, partners, affiliates, 2 and/or end users to infringe the asserted claims. Tawk has taken active steps to encourage and 3 facilitate direct infringement by Tawk's customers, and/or end users of the Tawk Infringing 4 Products, with knowledge of that infringement, such as providing the Tawk Infringing Products, 5 by contracting for the sale and distribution of the Tawk Infringing Products, by marketing the 6 Tawk Infringing Products, and by creating and/or distributing instructional materials, web pages, 7 marketing materials, and/or similar materials with instructions for using the Tawk Infringing 8 Products in an infringing manner. The use of the Tawk Infringing Products in accordance with 9 Tawk's instructions results in infringement of the asserted claims.

10 37. Tawk has also contributorily infringed, and continues to contributorily infringe, 11 the asserted claims by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or contracting for sale of the 12 Tawk Infringing Products that perform the patented method, knowing that the Tawk Infringing 13 Products are especially made for use in infringing the '950 patent, and are not staple articles of 14 commerce suitable for a substantial non-infringing use.

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#### 38. Tawk's infringement is knowing and willful.

## **COUNT TWO**

## (Infringement of the '375 Patent as to Tawk)

39. LHN incorporates and re-alleges as if fully set forth herein each and every 18 allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint. 19

40. Tawk Infringing Products meet each and every limitation of at least claim 1 of the 20 '375 patent. Attached hereto as Exhibit 8 is a claim chart showing how an example of the Infringing Products meets these limitations, and thus infringes the '375 patent for at least this 22 reason. 23

By making, using, importing, offering to sell, and/or selling the Tawk Infringing 41. 24 Products, Tawk is infringing LHN's exclusive rights in the '375 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. 25 § 271, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. 26

42. Tawk has induced, and continues to induce Tawk's customers, partners, affiliates, and/or end users to infringe the asserted claims. Tawk has taken active steps to encourage and

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facilitate direct infringement by Tawk's customers, and/or end users of the Tawk Infringing
Products, with knowledge of that infringement, such as providing the Tawk Infringing Products,
by contracting for the sale and distribution of the Tawk Infringing Products, by marketing the
Tawk Infringing Products, and by creating and/or distributing instructional materials, web pages,
marketing materials, and/or similar materials with instructions for using the Tawk Infringing
Products in an infringing manner. The use of the Tawk Infringing Products in accordance with
Tawk's instructions results in infringement of the asserted claims.

43. Tawk has also contributorily infringed, and continues to contributorily infringe,
the asserted claims by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or contracting for sale of the
Tawk Infringing Products that perform the patented method, knowing that the Tawk Infringing
Products are especially made for use in infringing the '375 patent, and are not staple articles of
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<u>COUNT THREE</u> (Infringement of the '372 Patent as to Tawk)

Tawk's infringement is knowing and willful.

45. LHN incorporates and re-alleges as if fully set forth herein each and every allegation contained in preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

46. Tawk Infringing Products meet each and every limitation of at least claim 1 of the
'372 patent. Attached hereto as Exhibit 9 is a claim chart showing how an example of the
Infringing Products meets these limitations, and thus infringes the '372 patent for at least this
reason.

47. By making, using, importing, offering to sell, and/or selling the Tawk Infringing
Products, Tawk is infringing LHN's exclusive rights in the '372 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C.
§ 271, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

48. Tawk has induced, and continues to induce Tawk's customers, partners, affiliates,
and/or end users to infringe the asserted claims. Tawk has taken active steps to encourage and
facilitate direct infringement by Tawk's customers, and/or end users of the Tawk Infringing
Products, with knowledge of that infringement, such as providing the Tawk Infringing Products,

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<sup>1</sup> by contracting for the sale and distribution of the Tawk Infringing Products, by marketing the
<sup>2</sup> Tawk Infringing Products, and by creating and/or distributing instructional materials, web pages,
<sup>3</sup> marketing materials, and/or similar materials with instructions for using the Tawk Infringing
<sup>4</sup> Products in an infringing manner. The use of the Tawk Infringing Products in accordance with
<sup>5</sup> Tawk's instructions results in infringement of the asserted claims.

49. Tawk has also contributorily infringed, and continues to contributorily infringe,
the asserted claims by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or contracting for sale of the
Tawk Infringing Products that perform the patented method, knowing that the Tawk Infringing
Products are especially made for use in infringing the '372 patent, and are not staple articles of
commerce suitable for a substantial non-infringing use.

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Tawk's infringement is knowing and willful.

## **<u>COUNT FOUR</u>** (Infringement of the '559 Patent as to Tawk)

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 51. LHN incorporates and re-alleges as if fully set forth herein each and every
 allegation contained in preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

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52. Tawk Infringing Products meet each and every limitation of at least claim 14 of the '559 patent. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 10** is a claim chart showing how an example of the Infringing Products meets these limitations, and thus infringes the '559 patent for at least this reason.

53. By making, using, importing, offering to sell, and/or selling the Tawk Infringing
Products, Tawk is infringing LHN's exclusive rights in the '559 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C.
§ 271, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

54. Tawk has induced, and continues to induce Tawk's customers, partners, affiliates,
and/or end users to infringe the asserted claims. Tawk has taken active steps to encourage and
facilitate direct infringement by Tawk's customers, and/or end users of the Tawk Infringing
Products, with knowledge of that infringement, such as providing the Tawk Infringing Products,
by contracting for the sale and distribution of the Tawk Infringing Products, by marketing the
Tawk Infringing Products, and by creating and/or distributing instructional materials, web pages,

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1 marketing materials, and/or similar materials with instructions for using the Tawk Infringing 2 Products in an infringing manner. The use of the Tawk Infringing Products in accordance with 3 Tawk's instructions results in infringement of the asserted claims.

4 55. Tawk has also contributorily infringed, and continues to contributorily infringe, 5 the asserted claims by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or contracting for sale of the 6 Tawk Infringing Products that perform the patented method, knowing that the Tawk Infringing 7 Products are especially made for use in infringing the '559 patent, and are not staple articles of 8 commerce suitable for a substantial non-infringing use.

Tawk's infringement is knowing and willful.

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57. LHN incorporates and re-alleges as if fully set forth herein each and every allegation contained in preceding paragraphs of the Complaint.

**COUNT FIVE** (Infringement of the '739 Patent as to Tawk)

Tawk Infringing Products meet each and every limitation of at least claim 15 of 58. 14 the '739 patent. Attached hereto as Exhibit 11 is a claim chart showing how an example of the 15 Infringing Products meets these limitations, and thus infringes the '739 patent for at least this 16 reason. 17

59. By making, using, importing, offering to sell, and/or selling the Tawk Infringing 18 Products, Tawk is infringing LHN's exclusive rights in the '739 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. 19 § 271, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. 20

60. Tawk has induced, and continues to induce Tawk's customers, partners, affiliates, and/or end users to infringe the asserted claims. Tawk has taken active steps to encourage and 22 facilitate direct infringement by Tawk's customers, and/or end users of the Tawk Infringing 23 Products, with knowledge of that infringement, such as providing the Tawk Infringing Products, 24 by contracting for the sale and distribution of the Tawk Infringing Products, by marketing the 25 Tawk Infringing Products, and by creating and/or distributing instructional materials, web pages, 26 marketing materials, and/or similar materials with instructions for using the Tawk Infringing 27

Products in an infringing manner. The use of the Tawk Infringing Products in accordance with
 Tawk's instructions results in infringement of the asserted claims.

61. Tawk has also contributorily infringed, and continues to contributorily infringe,
the asserted claims by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or contracting for sale of the
Tawk Infringing Products that perform the patented method, knowing that the Tawk Infringing
Products are especially made for use in infringing the '739 patent, and are not staple articles of
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Tawk's infringement is knowing and willful.

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## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff LHN respectfully requests that this Court enters judgment in its
favor against Tawk, as follows:

12 1. Finding that Tawk has infringed, respectively, the '950 patent, the '375 patent,
13 the '372 patent, the '559 patent, and the '739 patent;

Awarding to LHN damages for Tawk's infringement as set forth herein as
permitted by law and determined at trial;

16 3. Awarding to LHN exemplary damages as allowed by applicable law;

4. Finding Tawk's conduct willful and trebling any applicable damages found or
assessed;

19 5. Finding that this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding LHN's
20 attorney fees and costs;

6. Awarding to LHN the costs of this action as allowed by applicable law;

Awarding to LHN pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on any monetary
award according to the maximum allowable legal rate;

8. Entering a permanent injunction under 35 U.S.C. § 283 enjoining each of Tawk,
its officers, partners, employees, agents, parents, subsidiaries, attorneys, and anyone acting or
participating with any of them, from manufacturing, making, selling, offering for sale,
importing, or using the Tawk Infringing Products identified herein or any product that infringes

1	any claim of the '950 patent, the '375 patent, the '372 patent, the '559 patent, or the '739				
2	patent; and				
3	9. Awarding LHN such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and				
4	equitable.				
5	JURY DEMAND				
6	Plaintiff LHN hereby respectfully requests a trial by jury of all issues so triable, pursuant				
7	to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.				
8	DATED this 28th day of April, 2023.				
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