UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MICHAEL BROWN, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

-against-

GOOGLE, LLC, and GOOGLE PAYMENT CORP.,

Defendants.

STATEWIDE CLASS <u>ACTION COMPLAINT</u> 8:20-cv-1311 (BKS/DJS)

Plaintiff Michael Brown, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated, brings this action against defendants Google LLC and Google Payment Corporation (hereafter "Google") to recover money lost to illegal gambling pursuant to New York General Obligations Law § 5-421. *See also* N.Y. Penal Code §§ 225.00 through 225.95. Google promotes, enables, and profits from games downloaded from the Google Play Store and played by numerous New York residents that constitute illegal gambling under the statutory law and the strong public policy of the state of New York. Plaintiff seeks to represent a class pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

- 1. Plaintiff Michael Brown is an adult resident citizen of the state of New York, residing in Clinton County, New York.
- 2. Defendant Google LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Mountain View, California. Google LLC is the primary operating subsidiary

of the publicly traded holding company Alphabet Inc. Google LLC does business by agent in this state, district, and division.

- 3. Defendant Google Payment Corp. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Mountain View, California. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of defendant Google LLC. Google Payment Corp. provides in-app payment processing services to Android app developers and Android users, collecting a 30% commission on most in-app purchases such as the ones made the basis of this lawsuit. It does business by agent in this state, district, and division. For ease of reference, Google LLC and Google Payment Corp. will be referred to hereinafter collectively as "Google."
- 4. This is a class action brought by New York citizens against corporations with citizenship in California and Delaware. The amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million, exclusive of interest and costs. Subject matter jurisdiction exists pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d).
- 5. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2), because this is a "judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 6. Google is one of the leading technology companies in the world. Its parent company Alphabet Inc. has a market capitalization approaching \$1 trillion. One of its leading businesses stems from its ownership and control of the Android mobile operating system, which is installed on virtually every smart phone and tablet not manufactured by Apple. Nearly all applications that run on the Android operating system are downloaded via the Google Play Store.
- 7. While the Android OS was originally touted as an "open" system that allowed for installation of software applications not controlled by Google, today the truth is quite different.

Google has erected contractual and technological barriers that foreclose any competing methods to distribute apps to Android users. As a result, the Google Play Store maintains an almost-total monopoly on the distribution of apps made to run on the Android OS, including in-app purchases. As noted, Google takes up to 30% of all revenue generated by app sales in the Google Play Store and in-app purchases made on apps obtained through the Google Play Store. Millions of software developers make applications for the Android OS that as a practical matter are available only via the Google Play Store.

- 8. Many apps, including those that are the subject of this lawsuit, are initially free to download but contain in-app purchases that a customer can choose to purchase inside the app. Google provides the payment interface for all such purchases and, as noted, takes a hefty percentage of the money for itself. A 30% processing fee is many times the charge that other payment processors outside the Android ecosystem, such as Western Union, charge for processing such payments.
- 9. The money charged for in-app purchases is paid to Google. An Android customer is required to provide a method of payment, usually a credit or debit card, for all purchases made in the Google Play Store, including in-app purchases. Google then has a contractual obligation to the software developers to remit a portion of the money Google receives from the purchases, typically 70%, to the developers. This contractual arrangement is between Google and the developers who sell products in the Google Play Store. As between plaintiff and the class members and Google, however, all in-app and other purchases involve the payment of money *to Google*, not the developers.
- 10. This case concerns Google's profiting from illegal gambling machine games that it sells in its Google Play Store. Google and its chief mobile software competitor, Apple, both allow

customers to purchase games that are no more or no less than casino-style slot machines, casino style table games, and other common gambling games.

11. There are numerous such gambling games that Google makes available in the Google Play Store, and there is very little variation on how they work. When a customer downloads the game and opens it for the first time, the customer has a set number of free starting "coins," for example, 100,000 or 1,000,000, to play the slots. The games themselves work precisely like a casino slot machine or other games in Las Vegas. In addition to slots, customers can play blackjack, roulette, poker, keno, bingo, and other card and gambling games. A loss results in a loss of "coins," but the customer has the chance to win more coins. Eventually a customer runs out of coins, and is prompted to use real money to buy more coins for the opportunity to keep playing the game. Hundreds of such games exist. The 200 most downloaded games are in the following table:

	Slotomania™ Free Slots: Casino Slot		Bingo Adventure-Free casino game with bingo
1	Machine Games	101	bonus
	Jackpot Party Casino Games: Spin FREE		
2	Casino Slots	102	Superb Casino - HD Free Slots Games
	Cash Frenzy™ Casino – Free Slots		
3	Games	103	FoxwoodsONLINE - Free Casino
	POP! Slots ™- Play Vegas Casino Slot		Gambino Slots: Free Online Casino Slot
4	Machines!	104	Machines
	Cashman Casino: Vegas Slot Machines!		
5	2M Free!	105	Blazing 7s™ Casino Slots - Free Slots Online
6	DoubleU Casino - Free Slots	106	Bravo Casino- Free Vegas Slots
			Baba Wild Slots - Slot machines Vegas Casino
7	Vegas Slots - DoubleDown Casino	107	Games
	House of Fun™: Free Slots & Casino		
8	Slots Machines	108	VegasStar™ Casino - FREE Slots
	Lotsa Slots - Free Vegas Casino Slot		Grand Win Casino - Hot Vegas Jackpot Slot
9	Machines	109	Machine
	Huuuge Casino Slots - Slot Machines		
10	777	110	MONOPOLY Bingo!
	Slots: Heart of Vegas™ – Free Slot		
11	Casino Games	111	Texas HoldEm Poker Deluxe

	Big Fish Casino - Play Slots and Casino		Vegas World Casino: Free Slots & Slot Machines
	Games	112	
	Lightning Link Casino: Free Vegas Slots!		
13	10M Bonus	113	Casino X - Free Online Slots
			Lucky Play Casino – Free Las Vegas Slots
14	Caesars Casino: Free Slots Games	114	Machines
15	Wizard of Oz Free Slots Casino	115	Bingo Holiday: Free Bingo Games
	Hit it Rich! Lucky Vegas Casino Slot		
16	Machine Game	116	Bingo City 75: Free Bingo & Vegas Slots
	Quick Hit Casino Games - Free Casino		, , ,
17	Slots Games	117	Real Casino - Free Vegas Casino Slot Machines
	Billionaire Casino Slots - Slot Machines		
	777	118	Double Win Vegas - FREE Slots and Casino
	Jackpot Magic Slots™: Social Casino &		
19	Slot Games	119	DoubleX Casino - Free Slots
	Gold Fish Casino Slots - FREE Slot		
20	Machine Games	120	Lucky Draw - 3D Casino Slots
	Scatter Slots - Hot Vegas Slot Machines		Slot Bonanza - Free casino slot machine game
21	Casino 777	121	
	myVEGAS Slots - Las Vegas Casino Slot		Real Casino Vegas:777 Classic Slots & Casino
22	Machines	122	Games
	Zynga Poker – Free		
23	Texas Holdem Online Card Games	123	Wheel of Fortune Slots Casino
	Game of Thrones Slots Casino - Slot		
24	Machine Games	124	WinStar Online Casino & eGames
	Jackpot Mania™ - DAFU Casino Vegas		Stardust Casino Slots – FREE Vegas Slot
25	Slots	125	Machines
	my KONAMI Slots - Free Vegas Casino		World Poker Tour - PlayWPT Free
26	Slot Machines	126	Texas Holdem Poker
	Bingo Pop - Live Multiplayer Bingo		
27	Games for Free	127	Epic Diamond Slots – Free Vegas Slot Machines
	Club Vegas: Online Slot Machines with		Quick Cash Classic Slots - Free Vegas Slots
28	Bonus Games	128	Games
	MONOPOLY Slots Free Slot Machines &		Win Vegas x NASCAR: 777 Classic Slots, Free
29	Casino Games	129	Casino
30	Cash Tornado Slots - Vegas Casino Slots	130	Magic Vegas Casino: Slots Machine
			mychoice casino jackpot slots + free casino
31	Willy Wonka Slots Free Casino	131	games
	Vegas Live Slots : Free Casino Slot		
32	Machine Games	132	Vegas Casino Slots 2020 - 2,000,000 Free Coins
	GSN Casino: Play casino games- slots,		
33	poker, bingo	133	Slots Vacation - FREE Slots
	88 Fortunes - Casino Games & Free Slot		Slots Billionaire: Free Slots Casino Games
34	Machines	134	Offline
	Bingo Journey - Lucky & Free Bingo		
35	Games	135	The Big Jackpot

36	Slots (Golden HoYeah) - Casino Slots	136	DoubleDown Classic Slots - FREE Vegas Slots!
	Neverland Casino Slots 2020 - Social		
37	Slots Games	137	Buffalo 5-Reel Deluxe - Free Classic Slots Casino
	Cash Mania Slots - Free Slots Casino		
38	Games	138	Best Casino Slots - 777 Vegas Slots Games
	Classic Slots-Free Casino Games & Slot		-
39	Machines	139	Video Poker - Classic Casino Games Free Offline
	Tycoon Casino™: Free Vegas Jackpot		
40	Slots	140	Play Las Vegas - Casino Slots
	Jackpot Slot Machines - Slots Era™		Vegas Night Slots - HOT&FREE VEGAS CASINO
41	Vegas Casino	141	GAMES
	Double Win Casino Slots - Real Vegas		Full House Casino - Free Vegas Slots Machine
42	Night Slots	142	Games
			Ultimate Slots: 2019 Vegas Casino Slot
43	Vegas Friends - Casino Slots for Free	143	Machines
	Hot Shot Casino: Free Casino Games &		
44	Blazing Slots	144	Let's Vegas Slots
	High 5 Casino: The Home of Fun & Free		
45	Vegas Slots	145	Bingo 90 Live: Vegas Slots & Free Bingo
	Rock N' Cash Casino Slots -Free Vegas		
46	Slot Games	146	Slots of Vegas
47	Ignite Classic Slots	147	Lucky Lottery Scratchers
	Casino Slots DoubleDown Fort Knox		
48	Free Vegas Games	148	San Manuel Slots
			Diamond Sky Casino – Classic Vegas Slots &
49	Bingo Blaze - Free Bingo Games	149	Lottery
	Winning Slots		Best Bet Casino™ Best Free Slots & Casino
50	casino games:free vegas slot machine	150	Games
	Huge Win Slots - Real Casino Slots in		
51	Vegas Nights	151	Vegas Craps by Pokerist
	Double Rich - Hottest Vegas Casino		
52	Slots Games	152	Vegas Slots Galaxy Free Slot Machines
			Slots : FREE Vegas Slot Machines - 7Heart
53	Slots Casino - Jackpot Mania	153	Casino!
	Jackpot Fever – Free Vegas Slot		麻將 明星3缺1麻將-台灣16張麻將
54	Machines	154	Mahjong 、SLOT、Poker
	Slots™ - Classic Slots Las Vegas Casino		Woohoo Slots : Play Free Casino Slot Machine
55	Games	155	Games
	Wild Classic Slots™ - Best Wild Casino		
56	Games	156	Slots™
	Casino Jackpot Slots - Infinity Slots™		
	777 Game	157	Casino Frenzy - Free Slots
58	星城Online	158	Manly Slots: Slots for Men
	Stars Slots Casino - Vegas Slot		
59	Machines	159	Spin 4 Win Slots - Real Vegas for Senior Slot Fan

	Wynn Slots - Online Las Vegas Casino		Multi-Strike Poker ™ Free Multi-Play Video
60	Games	160	Poker
	Bingo: Lucky Bingo Games Free to Play		
61	at Home	161	Seminole Social Casino
	Clubillion™- Vegas Slot Machines and		Ellen's Road to Riches Slots & Casino Slot
62	Casino Games	162	Games
63	Coin Dozer: Sweepstakes	163	Players Paradise Casino Slots - Fun Free Slots!
	Lucky Time Slots Online - Free Slot		
64	Machine Games	164	SLOTS GRAPE - Free Slots and Table Games
	Show Me Vegas Slots Casino Free Slot		
65	Machine Games	165	Bingo PartyLand 2 - Free Bingo Games
	Bingo Frenzy! Bingo Cooking Free Live		Star Spins Slots: Vegas Casino Slot Machine
66	BINGO Games	166	Games
	Cash Storm Casino - Online Vegas Slots		Slots! CashHit Slot Machines & Casino Games
67	Games	167	Party
	Slots: DoubleHit Slot Machines Casino		
68	& Free Games	168	DoubleU Bingo - Free Bingo
	FaFaFa™ Gold Casino: Free slot		
69	machines	169	VIDEO POKER OFFLINE FREE!
70	SLOTS - Black Diamond Casino	170	Poker Night in America
	NEW SLOTS 2020 — free casino games &		Super Jackpot Slots - Vegas Casino Slot
71	slot machines	171	Machines
	Bingo ClubPop bingo games online		
72	with numbers	172	City of Dreams Slots - Free Slot Casino Games
	Cash Blitz - Free Slot Machines & Casino		
73	Games	173	Sunny's Rooster Reels
74	Bingo Drive – Free Bingo Games to Play	174	Vegas Deluxe Slots:Free Casino
	Vegas Downtown Slots™ - Slot		
75	Machines & Word Games	175	Binion's Casino
	Old Vegas Slots – Classic Slots Casino		
76	Games	176	CLUE Bingo!
	Jackpotjoy Slots: Slot machines with		
77	Bonus Games	177	OMG! Fortune Slots - Grand Casino Games
	HighRoller Vegas - Free Slots & Casino		
78	Games 2020	178	(Texas Boya Poker) بوكر تكساس بويا
	Golden Tiger Slots - Online Casino		Bingo Infinity™ - Free Casino Slots & Bingo
79	Game	179	Games
80	ManganDahen Casino - Free Slot	180	777 Slots - Free Vegas Slots!
81	Coin Trip	181	Coin Dozer: Casino
	Golden Casino: Free Slot Machines &		
82	Casino Games	182	Bingo Town - Live Bingo Games for Free Online
	Free Slot Machines & Casino Games -		
83	Mystic Slots	183	High Rollin' Vegas Slots
84	The Walking Dead: Free Casino Slots	184	Lucky North Casino- Free Slots
85	Take5 Free Slots – Real Vegas Casino	185	Lucky Win Casino™- FREE SLOTS

86	DH Texas Poker - Texas Hold'em	186	NPlay Pro
	Gold Fortune Casino™ - Free Vegas		
87	Slots	187	Lucky Duck Slots
88	ZitoBox	188	Slots Free - Vegas Casino Slot Machines
	Grand Jackpot Slots - Pop Vegas Casino		
89	Free Games	189	Tongits Go - The Best Card Game Online
			Play To Win: Win Real Money in Cash
90	Video Poker Classic Free	190	Sweepstakes
	Jackpot Planet - a New Adventure of		
91	Slots Games	191	Dragon 88 Gold Slots - Free Slot Casino Games
92	Slingo Arcade: Bingo Slots Game	192	777 Classic Slots: Free Vegas Casino Games
	Super Win Slots - Real Vegas Hot Slot		
93	Machines	193	Link It Rich! Hot Vegas Casino Slots FREE
	GSN Grand Casino – Play Free Slot		
94	Machines Online	194	Golden Wins Casino Slots
			Slots on Tour Casino - Vegas Slot Machine
95	Hard Rock Social Casino	195	Games HD
96	Slots Free - Big Win Casino™	196	Cash Fever Slots™-Vegas Casino
	Epic Jackpot Slots - Free Vegas Casino		Teen Patti Gold - 3 Patti, Rummy, Poker Card
97	Games	197	Game
	Slots Pharaoh's Way Casino Games &		
98	Slot Machine	198	HD Poker: Texas Holdem Online Casino Games
			Cashmania Slots 2020: Free Vegas Casino Slot
99	GamePoint Bingo - Free Bingo Games	199	Game
100	Vegas Slots: Deluxe Casino	200	Live Poker Tables–Texas holdem and Omaha

- 12. Plaintiff Michael Brown downloaded and played several of these casino-style gambling games, including Goldfish Casino, Cashman, and Jackpot Party. He downloaded the first of these games from the Google Play Store prior to April 3, 2016, and began purchasing coins through the app so he/she could continue to play for a chance to win free coins that would enable him/her to enjoy the games for a longer period of time on that date. In the three months prior to the filing of this complaint, he paid \$1,014.87 to Google for the privilege of continuing to play the illegal gambling games.
- 13. A customer such as plaintiff does not have the ability to collect actual cash as a result of "winning" games, but he does have the ability to win and therefore acquire more playing

time. New York's gambling statutes make clear that paying money in a game for a chance to win more playing time constitutes illegal gambling under New York law. Section 225.00 of the New York Penal Code defines "something of value" for purposes of the state gambling laws as:

"Something of value" means any money or property, any token, object or article exchangeable for money or property, or any form of credit or promise directly or indirectly contemplating transfer of money or property or of any interest therein, or involving extension of a service, entertainment or a privilege of playing at a game or scheme without charge.

A game where a patron pays money for the chance to win more playing time without charge violates New York law.

14. Google is not some minor or incidental participant in these illegal gambling games. It is the principal promoter and facilitator of the illegal activity. Google maintains dictatorial control over what apps can be downloaded from the Google Play Store, and the payment method to purchase in-app items. As the maker of the Fortnite game alleged in a recent antitrust injunction lawsuit against Google:

Google has eliminated competition in the distribution of Android apps using myriad contractual and technical barriers. Google's actions force app developers and consumers into. Google's own monopolized "app store"—the Google Play Store. Google has thus installed itself as an unavoidable middleman for app developers who wish to reach Android users and vice versa. Google uses this monopoly power to impose a tax that siphons monopoly profits for itself every time an app developer transacts with a consumer for the sale of an app or in-app content

Complaint for Injunctive Relief, *Epic Games v. Google LLC*, *et al*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, August 13, 2020, C3:20-cv-05671 ¶ 10 (copy attached). As noted, Google uses its unfettered control over apps played on the Android OS to extract a hefty 30% tax on all purchases made to buy apps or in-app content such as "coins" to gamble with.

- 15. Google has the ability, which it has employed on other apps, to geo-restrict games so that they can only be played in certain states. In fact, with cash-out gambling games it regularly restricts those game so that they can only be played in states where that type of gambling is legal. Google has also restricted gambling games such as the ones made the basis of this lawsuit so that minors cannot download or play them. It has the ability with existing technology it currently uses to prevent the games at issue here from being played in this state.
- 16. Google's Play Store is not just a venue to buy Android apps. It is a promotional tool. Google heavily promotes apps, such as the illegal gambling games that form the basis of this complaint, that promise to bring in revenue. Revenue from the Google Play Store is the reason Google is such a dominant force in the technology world.
 - 17. Thus, Google enables, permits, promotes, and profits from illegal gambling.

NEW YORK LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- 18. New York has a strong public policy against gambling in this state. The state's strong public policy against gambling includes a statutory right of persons who spend money on illegal gambling to recover their money.
- 19. The New York criminal laws pertaining to gambling are codified in the Penal Law at Sections 225.00 through 225.95. Section 225.05 states "A person is guilty of promoting gambling in the second degree when he knowingly advances or profits from unlawful gambling activity." Section 225. According to Section 225.95, a person commits the crime of "unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, marking, altering or modification of equipment and devices associated with gaming" when he or she "[m]anufactures, sells or distributes any cards, chips, cheques, tokens, dice, vouchers, game or device and he or she knew or reasonably should have known it was intended to be used to violate any provision of this article." N.Y. Penal Law § 225.95.

- 20. As already noted, "something of value" is not limited under New York law to the situation where one gambles in the hopes of winning actual cash money. Rather, "something of value" specifically includes anything "involving extension of a service, entertainment or a privilege of playing at a game or scheme without charge." N.Y. Penal Law § 225.00. As a matter of law, paying money to get "coins" one bets hoping to win more "coins" so as to gain the "privilege of playing at a game or scheme without charge" is gambling a thing of value under New York law.
- 21. As to the prohibition of "promoting" gambling in Section 225.05, the statute states that a person is guilty of this crime if he "knowingly advances or profits from unlawful gambling activity." N.Y. Penal Law § 225.05. By promoting, and receiving the proceeds from the illegal gambling games, Google clearly "advances" and "profits from" illegal gambling. It is therefore guilty of promoting gambling in the second degree under Section 225.05.
- 22. New York provides a statutory civil cause of action to recover money paid and lost due to gambling. Section 5-421 of the General Obligation Law provides:

Every person who shall, by playing at any game, or by betting on the sides or hands of such as do play, lose at any time or sitting, the sum or value of twenty-five dollars or upwards, and shall pay or deliver the same or any part thereof, may, within three calendar months after such payment or delivery, sue for and recover the money or value of the things so lost and paid or delivered, from the winner thereof.

N.Y. General Obligations Law § 5-421.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

23. Plaintiff seeks to certify and represent a class pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The class sought to be certified is:

All New York residents who downloaded, played, and paid money for additional coins within games from the Google Play Store that featured slots, roulette, blackjack, poker, keno, craps, and other kinds of casino-style gambling games, bingo, or simulations thereof, where the player had a chance to win coins or other

means to play for additional periods of time, during a period commencing three months before the filing of this complaint and continuing to a date to be set by the Court following certification. All employees of the Court, and plaintiff's counsel and their families are excluded.

- 24. This class action satisfies the numerosity requirement of Rule 23(a)(1) because joinder of all members of the plaintiff class is impracticable. There are thousands of New York residents who are members of the class.
- 25. It also satisfies the commonality requirement of Rule 23(a)(2) because there are central questions of fact and law that are common to the class. Such common questions include, at a minimum, (a) whether these virtually identical gambling games sold through the Google Play Store violate New York's prohibition on illegal gambling; (b) whether gambling for additional play-time is a thing of value under New York law; (c) whether Google promoted gambling through its participation in the sale of in-app purchases through the Google Play Store; and (d) whether plaintiff and the class members are entitled to recover their money pursuant to Section 5-421 of the General Obligation Law.
- 26. The proposed class satisfies the typicality requirement of Rule 23(a)(3) because the named plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the class members. Both plaintiff and the class members lost money in an effort to win additional play-time on these illegal gambling games.
- 27. The named plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class pursuant to Rule 23(a)(4). Plaintiff has no interests that conflict with the interests of the class. Furthermore, plaintiff has retained competent and experienced counsel with decades of experience litigating class cases.
- 28. Plaintiff seeks certification of a class pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3), which allows class treatment of a claim where:

- (3) the court finds that the questions of law or fact common to class members predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, and that a class action is superior to other available methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the controversy. The matters pertinent to these findings include:
- (A) the class members' interests in individually controlling the prosecution or defense of separate actions;
- **(B)** the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already begun by or against class members;
- **(C)** the desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of the claims in the particular forum; and
- **(D)** the likely difficulties in managing a class action.
- 29. The common questions of law and fact in this case vastly predominate over any individual issues affecting only individual class members. The *only* individual issue presented by these class members is the exact amount of money damages to which each class member is entitled. Such damages issues are routinely held not to predominate over common questions in cases like this. Indeed, the individual damages issues will be quickly and accurately determined by examining Google's own records.
- 30. Class treatment is by far superior to individual litigation as a fair and efficient way to adjudicate this controversy. Given the relatively small individual amounts at issue, it unlikely whether there would be any adjudication at all without use of the class device. No individual class member would rationally commence and prosecute a lawsuit where the individual amount in controversy likely would not exceed the filing fees.
- 31. For this reason, none of the class members have any interest in controlling the prosecution of separate actions.
- 32. Likewise, to our knowledge, no class member has already commenced an action concerning this controversy.

- 33. It would much more desirable to concentrate this case in one action rather than allow the prosecution of individual actions because, as noted, such individual actions would likely never be filed because there would be no motivation for any individual class member to file an individual suit.
- 34. We foresee no particular difficulties in managing this case as a class action because 100% of the necessary information to compensate the individual class members is contained in Google's own records concerning purchases made through the Google Play Store.

CAUSE OF ACTION

35. Plaintiff, on his own behalf and on behalf of those similarly situated, seek recovery of all sums paid through in-app purchases in these games made through the Google Play Store pursuant to Section 5-421 of the New York General Obligations Law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court:

- 1. Take jurisdiction of this cause;
- 2. Following discovery, certify this case as a class action pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3);
- Appoint plaintiff's counsel as Class Counsel and the named plaintiff as class representative;
- 4. Enter a final judgment against Google LLC and Google Payment Corporation awarding plaintiff and the class members a refund of all money paid through the illegal gambling games described herein;
- 5. Award Class Counsel reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses to be paid out of the judgment in favor of the class;

- 6. Award the named plaintiff a reasonable sum of money for services in this case on behalf of the class, also to be paid out of the judgment in favor of the class;
- 7. Award interest and costs; and
- 8. Award any other relief to which the Court finds plaintiff and the class are entitled.

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