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JURISLINE.COM FILES SUIT AGAINST REED ELSEVIER, INC. TO ESTABLISH RIGHTS TO PUBLIC DOMAIN MATERIAL

New York, New York -- February 3, 2000 -- Jurisline.com, a leading legal portal that provides free online access to public domain legal research materials, announced today that on December 7, 1999, it filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against Reed Elsevier, Inc. The lawsuit seeks a declaratory judgment that Reed Elsevier's "Lexis" divisions do not hold any protectible copyright in the official text of the judicial opinions and statutes contained on Lexis's Law on Disc™ products, and that federal copyright law preempts certain provisions of Lexis's license agreements purporting to restrict Jurisline's ability to publish these public domain materials.

On January 27, 2000, Jurisline amended its complaint to include claims for damages and injunctive relief as a result of Reed Elsevier's anticompetitive behavior and violations of the antitrust laws. In response to Jurisline's suit, Matthew Bender, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reed Elsevier, filed suit on January 28, 2000, in New York State Court seeking damages and injunctive relief.

David Boies of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP is lead counsel for Jurisline.com. Most recently, Mr. Boies represented the United States Justice Department in its antitrust victory over Microsoft Corporation. Robert Silver, a partner at Boies, Schiller, stated that "federal copyright law makes clear that public domain materials may be freely copied and disseminated. Lexis's attempt to prevent Jurisline from publishing this material through a non-negotiated, standard-form contract is impermissible and is intended only to prevent Jurisline from offering competing services, to the harm of the public." Mr. Silver added that "Lexis's behavior is particularly remarkable, and inequitable, given that Lexis created its own database of these public domain materials in substantial part by copying them from West Publishing, and in fact brought suit against West under the antitrust laws to force West to allow Lexis to do so."

Jurisline provides members of the legal community with a viable alternative to traditional, fee-based legal research services, as well as other services, such as full text searching on EDGAR filings, trademark searching, continuing legal education information, corporate forms, legal links and legal news. "Jurisline is the first company to provide free access to a fully searchable and comprehensive database of public domain legal research materials," said Ken Chow, a partner with Jurisline. "Previously, these materials have been available only through subscriptions to costly services, preventing most people from having any access to online legal research."

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