

## Tree.com Announces Jury Verdict in Patent Infringement Case

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CHARLOTTE, N.C., March 12, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- [Tree.com](#), Inc. (NASDAQ: [TREE](#)) today announced that a federal jury in Charlotte, North Carolina, returned a verdict in the patent infringement case against defendants Zillow, Inc., Adchemy, Inc., and NexTag, Inc. The jury found the defendants did not infringe LendingTree's U.S. Patent Nos. 6,385,594 and 6,611,816 and determined that those patents are invalid. The jury found in favor of LendingTree on the defendants' counterclaims alleging inequitable conduct and antitrust violations. A formal judgment has not yet been entered in the case and certain issues not before the jury remain to be resolved.

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stated that it is pleased with the jury's findings on the defendants' counterclaims, but it is disappointed with the verdict on its patent claims and believes it has strong grounds for appeal.

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stated that the verdict will not impact its ability to offer LendingTree's current suite of products and services. The verdict does not affect the business outlook and guidance for 2014 discussed in

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's press release issued  
March 10, 2014

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network lenders or other affiliated parties to comply with regulatory requirements; failure to maintain the integrity of systems and infrastructure; liabilities as a result of privacy regulations; failure to adequately protect intellectual property rights or allegations of infringement of intellectual property rights; and changes in management. These and additional factors to be considered are set forth under "Risk Factors" in Tree.com's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended

December 31, 2012

and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended

September 30, 2013

, and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Tree.com undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results or expectations.

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