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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

CAT BROOKS and RASHEED SHABAZZ,
individually and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THOMSON REUTERS CORPORATION,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:21-cv-1418-EMC

**[PROPOSED] ORDER DENYING
MOTION TO DISMISS AND
MOTION TO STRIKE**

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1 Before the Court is Defendant Thomson Reuters' motion to dismiss and motion to strike.
2 Having considered the parties' briefing and oral argument, as well as Plaintiffs' complaint, the
3 Court finds that Plaintiffs' allegations plausibly support their claims.

4 Specifically, Thomson Reuters' actions, as alleged, constitute an unlawful and unfair business
5 practice under California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*, a
6 violation of California's common law right of publicity, and unjust enrichment under California
7 law. Plaintiffs' claims for equitable relief may also proceed because there is no adequate and
8 complete remedy at law.

9 The Court also finds that the California Consumer Privacy Act, Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1798.100,
10 *et seq.*, the Communications Decency Act, 47 U.S.C. § 230, federal copyright law, and the First
11 Amendment do not bar Plaintiffs' claims against Thomson Reuters.

12 Finally, the Court denies Thomson Reuters' anti-SLAPP motion to strike for three reasons.
13 Plaintiffs' claims fall squarely within the law's public-interest exception, Cal. Civ. Proc. Code §
14 425.17(b), they do not describe protected activity, Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 425.16(b)(1); and there
15 is a reasonable probability Plaintiffs will prevail on their claims. *See Makaeff v. Trump Univ., LLC*,
16 715 F.3d 254, 261 (9th Cir. 2013).

17 For all these reasons, the Court DENIES Thomson Reuters' motion to dismiss and motion to
18 strike.

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20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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22 Dated: _____, 2021

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24 Hon. Edward M. Chen
25 United States District Judge
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