



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Ashton-Tate Employees  
FROM: Luther Nussbaum *Luther Nussbaum*  
DATE: January 5, 1987  
RE: Lawsuit Against Migent and Queue Associates

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The company has filed suit involving claims against two companies and several employees of those companies for misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of contract and unfair competition. The two companies are Migent, Inc. of Incline Village, Nev., and Queue Associates, Inc. of Pacific Grove, Calif.

This issue obviously affects all of us at Ashton-Tate. It is a legal matter, details of which cannot be discussed by any employee. Any calls or questions regarding this matter should be referred immediately and only to Jeanne Jalan, director of public relations at extension 7783.

A copy of the press release announcing this suit is attached.

For release: **IMMEDIATE**

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**ASHTON-TATE SUES FOR THEFT**

TORRANCE, Calif., January 5, 1987 -- Ashton-Tate today announced it has filed a complaint in California Superior Court against two microcomputer software companies, alleging they have misappropriated proprietary Ashton-Tate software technology.

The charges in the complaint against Migent, Inc. of Incline Village, Nev., and Queue Associates, Inc. of Pacific Grove, Calif., and individuals associated with both companies, include misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of contract and unfair competition.

"Like software piracy, the illegal transfer of one company's basic software technology to another company for it to develop and sell imitation products is a growing concern for U.S. microcomputer software companies," said Edward M. Esber Jr., Ashton-Tate chairman and chief executive officer. "This is an example of such misappropriation, and we have taken this action not only on behalf of Ashton-Tate and its shareholders but also for the growing number of companies which share our concern."

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Ashton-Tate is a leading developer and marketer of microcomputer business applications software. Among its products are dBASE III PLUS, MultiMate Advantage, Framework II and the MASTER-GRAPHICS series for IBM personal computers and compatibles.

For the first nine months of fiscal 1987 ended Oct. 31, 1986, Ashton-Tate reported revenues of \$147.9 million and net income of \$19.5 million, increases of 85 percent and 83 percent, respectively, from the same period last year.

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