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ASHTON-TATE RECEIVES CLASS ACTION SUIT

TORRANCE, Calif., June 16, 1989 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) announced today that it had been served with a class action lawsuit filed by Ronda Morganstein as representative of purchasers of Ashton-Tate Common Stock during the period February 5, 1988 to June 13, 1989. The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, was filed in the United States District Court, Central District in Los Angeles, and alleges violations of Federal and State securities laws in connection with the facts and circumstances leading to the recent announcement by the company of its anticipated reduced revenues and net losses for the quarters ending June 30, 1989 and September 30, 1989.

The suit also names certain of the officers and directors of the company, some of whom had sold shares of the company's Common Stock since February 5, 1988. Edward M. Esber, Jr., Chairman and CEO, stated, "We believe the charges to be without merit and will defend vigorously against them."

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Based in Torrance, Calif., Ashton-Tate markets best-selling microcomputer business applications software for DOS, OS/2 and Macintosh environments. Products are available in six major categories: database management systems, word processing, graphics integrated decision support software, spreadsheets and desktop publishing. The company offers a variety of software applications, tools and utilities under the Tate Publishing software label, as well as a library of best-selling computer hardware and software-related books and periodicals. Ashton-Tate also market a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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