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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Timothy Brady and Deon Lee, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

Malen & Associates, P.C.,

Defendant.

Docket No:

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Timothy Brady and Deon Lee, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated (hereinafter referred to collectively as "*Plaintiffs*"), by and through the undersigned counsel, complain, state and allege against Malen & Associates, P.C. (hereinafter referred to as "*Defendant*"), as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This action seeks to recover for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.*, ("FDCPA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).
- 3. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this Judicial District.

4. At all relevant times, Defendant conducted business within the State of New York.

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff Timothy Brady is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York residing in Suffolk County, New York.
- 6. Plaintiff Deon Lee is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York residing in Nassau County, New York.
 - 7. Plaintiffs are "consumers" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 8. On information and belief, Defendant's principal place of business is located in Westbury, New York.
- 9. Defendant is regularly engaged, for profit, in the collection of debts allegedly owed by consumers.
 - 10. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

ALLEGATIONS

- 11. Defendant alleges each of the Plaintiffs owe a debt ("the debt").
- 12. The debts were primarily for personal, family or household purposes and are therefore "debts" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 13. Sometime after the incurrence of the debts, Plaintiffs fell behind on payments owed.
 - 14. The debts were incurred on credit cards issued by Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.
 - 15. At all relevant times herein, Plaintiffs' debts accrued, and was subject to, interest.
- 16. At all relevant times herein, Plaintiffs' debts accrued, and was subject to, late fees.
- 17. Thereafter, at an exact time known only to Defendant, the debts were assigned or otherwise transferred to Defendant for collection.
- 18. In its efforts to collect the debt, Defendant contacted Plaintiff Brady by letter dated May 2, 2016. ("Exhibit 1.")
- 19. In its efforts to collect the debt, Defendant contacted Plaintiff Lee by letter dated April 25, 2016. ("Exhibit 1.")
 - 20. The letters were the initial communication to each Plaintiff received from

Defendant.

21. The letters are "communications" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

First COUNT Failure to Adequately Convey the Amount of the Debt AS TO PLAINTIFF BRADY

- 22. Plaintiff Brady repeats and realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 23. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g provides that within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing certain enumerated information.
- 24. One such requirement is that the debt collector provide "the amount of the debt." 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).
- 25. A debt collector has the obligation not just to convey the amount of the debt, but to convey such clearly.
 - 26. The letter sets forth a "Balance Due."
- 27. The letter fails to disclose whether the "Balance Due" may increase due to additional interest.
- 28. The letter fails to disclose whether the "Balance Due" may increase due to additional late fees.
- 29. The letter fails to indicate whether payment of the amount stated would satisfy the debt.
- 30. The letter fails to indicate whether payment of the amount stated by any date certain would satisfy the debt.
- 31. The letter fails to include any "safe harbor" language concerning the accrual of interest and/or fees. *Avila v. Riexinger & Associates, LLC*, 817 F.3d 72, 76 (2d Cir. 2016).
- 32. The letter, because of the aforementioned failures, would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the amount of his or her debt.
- 33. The letter, because of the aforementioned failures, would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the amount of his or her debt because the consumer would not know whether interest and fees would continue to accrue, or whether the amount of

the debt was static.

- 34. The least sophisticated consumer could reasonably believe that the debt could be satisfied by remitting the "Balance Due" at any time after receipt of the letter.
- 35. The least sophisticated consumer could also reasonably believe that the "Balance Due" was accurate only on the date of the letter because of the continued accumulation of interest and/or late fees.
- 36. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the letter fails to indicate the applicable interest rate, or date of accrual.
- 37. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the letter fails to indicate the amount of applicable and/or possible late fees.
 - 38. For these reasons, Defendant failed to clearly state the amount of the debt.
- 39. For these reasons, Defendant failed to unambiguously state the amount of the debt.
- 40. For these reasons, the letter would likely make the least sophisticated consumer uncertain as to the amount of the debt.
- 41. For these reasons, the letter would likely make the least sophisticated consumer confused as to the amount of the debt.
- 42. Defendant violated § 1692g as it failed to clearly, explicitly and unambiguously convey the amount of the debt.
- 43. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 44. The question of whether a collection letter is deceptive is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."
- 45. While § 1692e specifically prohibits certain practices, the list is non-exhaustive, and does not preclude a claim of falsity or deception based on any non-enumerated practice.
- 46. A collection letter is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate.
 - 47. A collection letter is also deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it is reasonably

susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer.

- 48. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e requires debt collectors, when they notify consumers of their account balance, to disclose whether the balance may increase due to interest and fees. *Avila v. Riexinger & Associates, LLC*, 817 F.3d 72, 76 (2d Cir. 2016).
- 49. As previously alleged, the least sophisticated consumer could reasonably read the letter to mean that the "Balance Due" was static.
- 50. As previously alleged, the least sophisticated consumer could also reasonably read the letter to mean that the "Balance Due" was dynamic due to the continued accumulation of interest and/or late fees.
- 51. Because the letter is susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer, it is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 52. Because the letter can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate, as described, it is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 53. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e by using a false, deceptive and misleading representation in its attempt to collect a debt.

SECOND COUNT Failure to Adequately Convey the Amount of the Debt AS TO PLAINTIFF LEE

- 54. Plaintiff Lee repeats and realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 55. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g provides that within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing certain enumerated information.
- 56. One such requirement is that the debt collector provide "the amount of the debt." 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).
- 57. A debt collector has the obligation not just to convey the amount of the debt, but to convey such clearly.
 - 58. The letter sets forth a "Balance Due."

- 59. The letter fails to disclose whether the "Balance Due" may increase due to additional interest.
- 60. The letter fails to disclose whether the "Balance Due" may increase due to additional late fees.
- 61. The letter fails to indicate whether payment of the amount stated would satisfy the debt.
- 62. The letter fails to indicate whether payment of the amount stated by any date certain would satisfy the debt.
- 63. The letter fails to include any "safe harbor" language concerning the accrual of interest and/or fees. *Avila v. Riexinger & Associates, LLC*, 817 F.3d 72, 76 (2d Cir. 2016).
- 64. The letter, because of the aforementioned failures, would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the amount of his or her debt.
- 65. The letter, because of the aforementioned failures, would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the amount of his or her debt because the consumer would not know whether interest and fees would continue to accrue, or whether the amount of the debt was static.
- 66. The least sophisticated consumer could reasonably believe that the debt could be satisfied by remitting the "Balance Due" at any time after receipt of the letter.
- 67. The least sophisticated consumer could also reasonably believe that the "Balance Due" was accurate only on the date of the letter because of the continued accumulation of interest and/or late fees.
- 68. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the letter fails to indicate the applicable interest rate, or date of accrual.
- 69. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the letter fails to indicate the amount of applicable and/or possible late fees.
 - 70. For these reasons, Defendant failed to clearly state the amount of the debt.
- 71. For these reasons, Defendant failed to unambiguously state the amount of the debt.
 - 72. For these reasons, the letter would likely make the least sophisticated consumer

uncertain as to the amount of the debt.

- 73. For these reasons, the letter would likely make the least sophisticated consumer confused as to the amount of the debt.
- 74. Defendant violated § 1692g as it failed to clearly, explicitly and unambiguously convey the amount of the debt.
- 75. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 76. The question of whether a collection letter is deceptive is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."
- 77. While § 1692e specifically prohibits certain practices, the list is non-exhaustive, and does not preclude a claim of falsity or deception based on any non-enumerated practice.
- 78. A collection letter is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate.
- 79. A collection letter is also deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it is reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer.
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- 83. Because the letter is susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer, it is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 84. Because the letter can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate, as described, it is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 85. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e by using a false, deceptive and misleading representation in its attempt to collect a debt.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 86. Plaintiffs bring this action individually and as a class action on behalf of all persons similarly situated in the State of New York from whom Defendant attempted to collect a consumer debt using the same unlawful form letter herein, from one year before the date of this Complaint to the present.
- 87. This action seeks a finding that Defendant's conduct violates the FDCPA, and asks that the Court award damages as authorized by § 1692k(a)(2) of the FDCPA.
- 88. Defendant regularly engages in debt collection, using the same unlawful letter described herein, in its attempts to collect delinquent consumer debts from other persons.
- 89. The Class consists of more than 35 persons from whom Defendant attempted to collect delinquent consumer debts using the same unlawful letter described herein.
- 90. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Class. Common questions of law or fact raised by this class action complaint affect all members of the Class and predominate over any individual issues. Common relief is therefore sought on behalf of all members of the Class. This class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.
- 91. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to the individual members of the Class, and a risk that any adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class would, as a practical matter, either be dispositive of the interests of other members of the Class not party to the adjudication, or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests. Defendant has acted in a manner applicable to the Class as a whole such that declaratory relief is warranted.
- 92. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect and represent the interests of the Class. The management of the class action proposed is not extraordinarily difficult, and the factual and legal issues raised by this class action complaint will not require extended contact with the members of the Class, because Defendant's conduct was perpetrated on all members of the Class and will be established by common proof. Moreover, Plaintiffs have retained counsel experienced in actions brought under the FDCPA.

JURY DEMAND

93. Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial of this action by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request judgment as follows:

- a. Certify this action as a class action; and
- b. Appoint Plaintiffs as Class Representatives of the Class, and their attorneys as Class Counsel; and
- c. Find that Defendant's actions violate the FDCPA; and
- d. Grant damages against Defendant pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and
- e. Grant Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and
- f. Grant Plaintiffs' costs; together with
- g. Such other relief that the Court determines is just and proper.

DATED: April 3, 2017

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May 2, 2016

TIMOTHY BRADY **112 ELM ST** CENTEREACH NY 11720

Client: CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.

Originating Creditor: CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. Balance Due: \$ 1050.41 File #: 2544 ja

Account Number ending in: 5909

The above named client has referred your outstanding account to this office.

Your check or money order should be made payable to Malen & Associates, p.c., as attorneys, and forwarded directly to our office. Our file number must appear on your payment.

Unless you notify this office within thirty (30) days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of this notice that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, this office will obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment, if any, and mail you a copy of such verification or judgment. If you request this office in writing within thirty (30) days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original or of different from the current creditor. creditor, if different from the current creditor.

At this time, no attorney with this firm has personally reviewed the particular circumstances of your account.

- 1. The total amount of the debt due as of charge-off: \$ 1050.41
- 2. The total amount of interest accrued since charge-off: \$.00
- 3. The total amount of non-interest charges or fees accrued since charge-off: \$.00
- 4. The total amount of payments made on the debt since the charge-off: \$.00

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. We are a debt collector.

The following statements are for informational purposes only:

Debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including but not limited to:

- (i) the use or threat of violence;
- (ii) the use of obscene or profane language; and
- (iii) repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:

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Apr 25, 2016

DEON J LEE 215 URBAN AVE WESTBURY NY 11590-3850

Client: CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.

Originating Creditor: CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.

Balance Due: \$ 2299.42 File #: 2436 ja

Account Number ending in: 6342

The above named client has referred your outstanding account to this office.

Your check or money order should be made payable to Malen & Associates, p.c., as attorneys, and forwarded directly to our office. Our file number must appear on your payment.

Unless you notify this office within thirty (30) days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of this notice that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, this office will obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment, if any, and mail you a copy of such verification or judgment. If you request this office in writing within thirty (30) days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

At this time, no attorney with this firm has personally reviewed the particular circumstances of your account.

- 1. The total amount of the debt due as of charge-off: \$ 2299.42
- 2. The total amount of interest accrued since charge-off: \$.003. The total amount of non-interest charges or fees accrued since charge-off: \$.00

4. The total amount of payments made on the debt since the charge-off: \$.00

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Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

I, <u>Craig B. Sanders</u> , counsel for <u>Plaintiff</u> , do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):
☐ monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
☐ the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
☐ the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1
Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or its stocks:
RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)
Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court."
NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 50.1(d)(2)
 Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County: NO
 If you answered "no" above: a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? YES
b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? YES
If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County?
(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).
BAR ADMISSION
I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court. Yes No
Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court? ☐ Yes (If yes, please explain) ■ No
I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature: <u>/s Craig B. Sanders</u>

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York						
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	SUMMONS IN A CI	VIL ACTION				
To: (Defendant's name and address)	Malen & Associates, P.C. 123 Frost Street WESTBURY, New York 11590					
A lawsuit has been filed	l against you.					
Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Craig B. Sanders, Esq. 100 Garden City Plaza Suite 500 Garden City, New York 11530						
If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.						
		CLERK OF COURT				
Date:						
		Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk				

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Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

Civil Action No.

PROOF OF SERVICE

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