UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN MILWAUKEE DIVISION

TERESA BUSHBERGER, AMY VEGA,) Case No.: 17-cv-786
BARBARA LAKKARD, and SHARON MEYER Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,)) CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT))
Plaintiffs, vs.)) Jury Trial Demanded)
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC,))
Defendant.	

INTRODUCTION

1. This class action seeks redress for collection practices that violate the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* (the "FDCPA") and the and the Wisconsin Consumer Act, chapter 427, Wisconsin Statutes (the "WCA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The court has jurisdiction to grant the relief sought by the Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1337. Venue in this District is proper in that Defendant directed its collection efforts into the District.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff Teresa Bushberger is an individual who resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County).
- 4. Plaintiff Amy Vega is an individual who resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County).
- 5. Plaintiff Barbara Lakkard is an individual who resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County).

- 6. Plaintiff Sharon Meyer is an individual who resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County).
- 7. Plaintiffs are each a "consumer" as defined in the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), in that Defendant sought to collect from them a debt allegedly incurred for personal, family or household purposes.
- 8. Plaintiffs are each also a "customer" as defined in the Wisconsin Consumer Act, Wis. Stat. § 421.301(17), in that they engaged in a consumer transaction.
- 9. Defendant Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC ("Portfolio") is a debt collection agency with its principal place of business located at 120 Corporate Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23502.
- 10. Portfolio is engaged in the business of a collection agency, using the mails and telephone to collect consumer debts originally owed to others.
- 11. Portfolio is engaged in the business of collecting debts owed to others and incurred for personal, family or household purposes. Portfolio is a debt collector as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a and Wis. Stat. § 427.103(3).

FACTS

Bushberger Letters

- 12. On or about October 20, 2016, Portfolio mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff Bushberger regarding an alleged debt, allegedly originally owed to "Original Creditor: COMENITY BANK" ("Comenity") and "Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC" ("Portfolio"). A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as Exhibit A.
- 13. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.

14. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form debt collection letter used by Portfolio to attempt to collect alleged debts

Portfolio to attempt to collect alleged debts.

15. <u>Exhibit A</u> lists the address of the original creditor, Comenity, directly above the

statement of the creditor to whom the debt is owed as follows:

Seller: COMENITY BANK FORMERLY KNOWN AS WORLD FINANCIAL NETWORK BANK

Merchant: BOSTON STORE

Original Creditor: COMENITY BANK

Original Creditor Address: ONE RIGHTER PKWY SUITE 100, WILMINGTON DE 19803

Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC

16. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt that Portfolio was attempting to

collect was a Boston store credit account, originally issued by Comenity and currently owned by

Portfolio, and used only for personal, family or household purposes including purchases of

personal and home goods at Boston department stores.

17. Comenity and Portfolio are two distinct business entities.

18. Exhibit A lists Comenity's address directly above Portfolio's name on Exhibit A.

19. Listing Comenity's address on Exhibit A directly above the current creditor's

name is a material false, misleading or confusing statement.

20. On or about November 2, 2016, Portfolio mailed a debt collection letter to

Plaintiff Bushberger regarding an alleged debt, allegedly originally owed to "Original Creditor:

SYNCHRONY BANK" ("Synchrony") and "Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: Portfolio

Recovery Associates, LLC" ("Portfolio"). A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as

Exhibit B.

21. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit B</u> is a form letter, generated by computer,

and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.

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22. Upon information and belief, Exhibit B is a form debt collection letter used by

Portfolio to attempt to collect alleged debts.

23. Exhibit B lists the address of the original creditor, Synchrony, directly above the

statement of the creditor to whom the debt is owed as follows:

Seller: SYNCHRONY BANK

Merchant: TJX

Original Creditor: SYNCHRONY BANK

Original Creditor Address: P.O. BOX 965033, ORLANDO FL 32896-5033

Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC

24. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt that Portfolio was attempting to

collect was a TJMaxx store credit account, originally issued by Synchrony and currently owned

by Portfolio, and used only for personal, family or household purposes including purchases of

personal and home goods at Boston department stores.

25. Synchrony and Portfolio are two distinct business entities.

26. Exhibit B lists Synchrony's address directly above Portfolio's name on Exhibit B.

27. Listing Synchrony's address on Exhibit B directly above the current creditor's

name is a material false, misleading or confusing statement.

Vega Letters

28. On or about June 7, 2016, Portfolio mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff

Vega regarding an alleged debt, allegedly originally owed to "Original Creditor: CAPITAL ONE

BANK (USA) N.A." ("Capital One") and "Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: Portfolio Recovery

Associates, LLC" ("Portfolio"). A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as Exhibit C.

29. Upon information and belief, Exhibit C is a form letter, generated by computer,

and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.

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- 30. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit C</u> is a form debt collection letter used by Portfolio to attempt to collect alleged debts.
- 31. <u>Exhibit C</u> lists the address of the original creditor, Capital One, directly above the statement of the creditor to whom the debt is owed as follows:

Seller: CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.

Original Creditor: CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.

Original Creditor Address: 4851 COX ROAD, GLEN ALLEN VA 23060 Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC.

- 32. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt that Portfolio was attempting to collect was a personal credit card account, originally issued by Capital One and currently owned by Portfolio, and used only for personal, family or household purposes.
 - 33. Capital One and Portfolio are two distinct business entities.
 - 34. <u>Exhibit C</u> lists Capital One's address directly above Portfolio's name on <u>Exhibit C</u>.
- 35. Listing Capital One's address on <u>Exhibit C</u> directly above the current creditor's name is a material false, misleading or confusing statement.
- 36. On or about June 7, 2016, Portfolio mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff Vega regarding an alleged debt, allegedly originally owed to "Original Creditor: HSBC BANK NEVADA N.A." ("HSBC") and "Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC" ("Portfolio"). A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as Exhibit D.
- 37. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit D</u> is a form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.
- 38. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit D</u> is a form debt collection letter used by Portfolio to attempt to collect alleged debts.
- 39. <u>Exhibit D</u> lists the address of the original creditor, HSBC, directly above the statement of the creditor to whom the debt is owed as follows:

Seller: CAPITAL ONE N.A.

Original Creditor: HSBC BANK NEVADA N.A.

Original Creditor Address: 26525 N. RIVERWOODS BLVD, SUITE 100, METTAWA IL 60045

Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC.

40. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt that Portfolio was attempting to collect was a personal credit card account, originally issued by HSBC and currently owned by Portfolio, and used only for personal, family or household purposes.

- 41. HSBC and Portfolio are two distinct business entities.
- 42. <u>Exhibit D</u> lists HSBC's address directly above Portfolio's name on <u>Exhibit D</u>.
- 43. Listing HSBC's address on Exhibit D directly above the current creditor's name is a material false, misleading or confusing statement.
- 44. The unsophisticated consumer would mistakenly believe that the address listed in paragraphs 14, 22, 30, 38, from Exhibits A, B, C and D, was the address of the current creditor.
- 45. The unsophisticated consumer could consequently mistakenly attempt to contact the original creditor with questions, make payments to the wrong business entity, or write to the original creditor to dispute or verify the debt.
- 46. If the consumer sent a check to Comenity, HSBC, or Capital One instead of Portfolio, the payment would not satisfy the alleged debt owed to the correct creditor, Portfolio, who would be within its rights to continue collection efforts or even file a lawsuit to collect the debt.
- 47. In addition, the consumer may be barred from recovering a payment to the incorrect party by the voluntary payment doctrine. Even if the voluntary payment doctrine does not apply or would not be enforced, the logistical challenge of obtaining a refund would discourage consumers from attempting to recover their erroneous payment.

- 48. Additionally, if the consumer wrote to Comenity, HSBC or Capital One's address to dispute the debt or request verification, because Comenity/HSBC/Capital One no longer own the debt, the dispute or verification request would be futile and the thirty day window to dispute or request verification with Portfolio would likely pass before the consumer became aware of the error. The unsophisticated consumer would miss out on being able to validate the debt.
- 49. The language reproduced in paragraphs 14, 22, 30, 38, above, thus overshadows the FDCPA debt validation notice.
- 50. Exhibits A D fail to clearly and unambiguously inform the unsophisticated consumer that, in order to invoke his or her right to require Portfolio to cease most collection activities until they provide verification of the debt, the consumer must make the request to Portfolio in writing. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(4), 1692g(a)(5).
- 51. The practical effect of the providing the address of the original creditor so prominently in the letter next to the name of the current creditor and debt collector is to discourage consumers from disputing debts in writing with Portfolio and instead send them to the wrong address.
- 52. Portfolio did not effectively convey to the consumers their rights under the FDCPA. *McCabe v. Crawford & Co.*, 272 F. Supp. 2d 736, 743 (N.D. Ill. 2003); *see also Desantis v. Computer Credit, Inc.*, 269 F.3d 159, 161 (2d Cir. 2001) (a "debt collector violates the Act if it fails to convey the information required by the Act.").
- 53. Failure to provide the correct validation notice within five days of the initial communication with Plaintiff and the class is a *per se* violation of the FDCPA. *Janetos v. Fulton Friedman & Gullace, LLP*, 825 F.3d 317, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 6361 *15-16 (7th Cir. Apr. 7,

2016) ("we have not extended the implicit materiality requirement of § 1692e to reach claims under § 1692g(a).).

54. For purposes of Plaintiff's claim under 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e and 1692e(10), Defendant's statement is a material violation of the FDCPA. A consumer who attempts to exercise validation rights with the wrong business entity at the wrong address does not effectively invoke his or her rights under 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b):

(b) Disputed debts

If the consumer notifies the debt collector in writing within the thirty-day period described in subsection (a) of this section that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, or that the consumer requests the name and address of the original creditor, the debt collector shall cease collection of the debt, or any disputed portion thereof, until the debt collector obtains verification of the debt or a copy of a judgment, or the name and address of the original creditor, and a copy of such verification or judgment, or name and address of the original creditor, is mailed to the consumer by the debt collector. Collection activities and communications that do not otherwise violate this subchapter may continue during the 30-day period referred to in subsection (a) unless the consumer has notified the debt collector in writing that the debt, or any portion of the debt, is disputed or that the consumer requests the name and address of the original creditor. Any collection activities and communication during the 30-day period may not overshadow or be inconsistent with the disclosure of the consumer's right to dispute the debt or request the name and address of the original creditor.

(emphasis added).

Lakkard Letter

- 55. On or about December 8, 2016, Portfolio mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff Lakkard regarding an alleged debt, allegedly owed to Portfolio and originally owed to "Synchrony Bank" ("Synchrony"). A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as Exhibit E.
- 56. The alleged debt identified in <u>Exhibit E</u> is an alleged credit card account, originally owed to Synchrony.

- 57. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit E</u> is a form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.
- 58. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit E</u> is a form debt collection letter used by Portfolio to attempt to collect alleged debts.
- 59. Plaintiff used this credit card only for personal, family or household purposes, namely, purchases of household goods and services. Plaintiff did not open or use the credit card account for any business purpose.
- 60. The credit card account identified in Exhibit E was in default, closed, and upon information and belief, charged off by Synchrony before Synchrony sold the account to Portfolio. Upon information and belief, Synchrony sells only defaulted and charged off credit card accounts to debt buyers such as Portfolio.
 - 61. Exhibit E states the following:

**The following is a breakdown of your balance since charge-off:

Total Amount of Debt Due at charge-off: \$1,593.35

Total Amount of Transactions since charge-off:

Interest: \$0.00

Non-Interest Charges/Fees or Balance Adjustments: \$0.00

Payments: \$0.00

Total Now Due: \$1,593.35

- 62. Exhibit E is confusing and misleading to the unsophisticated consumer.
- 63. Exhibit E threatens to collect "Interest" and "Non-Interest Charges/Fees or Balance Adjustments." Although the amounts of each in Exhibit E is \$0.00, the letter implies that there could be interest or fees added to the debt in a future letter. *Tylke v. Diversified Adjustment Serv.*, No. 14-cv-748; 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 153281, *7 (E.D. Wis. Oct. 28, 2014) ("the inclusion of a collection fee, even one showing a balance of zero, could imply the future possibility of one.").

- 64. Upon information and belief, Portfolio does not actually add interest and fees to consumer collection accounts.
 - 65. Further, Portfolio does not and could not add any "fees" to Plaintiff's account.
- 66. Any purchases made with a personal credit card account were "consumer credit transactions" under the WCA, Wis. Stat. §§ 421-427.
 - 67. Wis. Stat. § 421.301(10) defines a "consumer credit transaction":
 - a consumer transaction between a merchant and a customer in which real or personal property, services or money is acquired on credit and the customer's obligation is payable in installments or for which credit a finance charge is or may be imposed, whether such transaction is pursuant to an open-end credit plan or is a transaction involving other than open-end credit. The term includes consumer credit sales, consumer loans, consumer leases and transactions pursuant to open-end credit plans.
- 68. Credit card transactions are, by definition, "transactions pursuant to open-end credit plans." Wis. Stat. § 421.301(27)(a).
- 69. The WCA specifically prohibits the attachment of collection fees and other "default charges" on consumer credit transactions, even if the fee is separately negotiated. Wis. Stat. § 422.413(1) provides:

no term of a writing evidencing a consumer credit transaction may provide for any charges as a result of default by the customer other than reasonable expenses incurred in the disposition of collateral and such other charges as are specifically authorized by chs. 421 to 427.

See also Patzka v. Viterbo College, 917 F. Supp. 654, 659 (W.D. Wis. 1996).

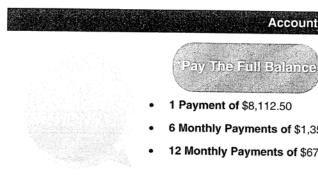
- 70. Neither Wis. Stat. § 422.202, entitled "Additional charges," nor any other section of the WCA, lists collection fees as a permissible fee a creditor may charge in connection with a consumer credit transaction.
- 71. Because credit card transactions are consumer credit transactions, <u>Exhibit E</u> falsely states or implies that Portfolio has a right to add collection fees to the debt.

- 72. Even if a provision of any agreement between Plaintiff and the original creditor would purport to permit Portfolio to impose a collection fee, the WCA prohibits such fees. Wis. Stat. § 421.106(1) ("Except as otherwise provided in chs. 421 to 427, a customer may not waive or agree to forego rights or benefits under chs. 421 to 427."); *See also Lox v. CDA, Ltd.*, 689 F.3d. 818 (7th Cir. 2012) (false representation that attorney fees would be added when they could not be, violated 1692e).
- 73. The alleged debt has been accelerated and sold to a debt buyer, Portfolio. There are no fees that could conceivably be added to Plaintiff's alleged debt.

Meyer Letter

- 74. On or about August 2, 2016, PRA mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff regarding an alleged debt, allegedly owed to PRA and originally owed to "CITIBANK, N.A." ("Citibank"). A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as <u>Exhibit F</u>.
- 75. The alleged debt identified in <u>Exhibit F</u> is an alleged credit card account, originally owed to Citibank and purchased by PRA. It was a "Sears"-branded credit card.
- 76. Plaintiff used this credit card only for personal, family or household purposes, namely, purchases of household goods and services, including purchases at Sears stores. Plaintiff did not open or use the credit card account for any business purpose.
- 77. The credit card account identified in <u>Exhibit F</u> was in default, closed, and upon information and belief, charged off by Citibank before Citibank sold the account to PRA.
- 78. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit F</u> is a form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.
- 79. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit F</u> is a form debt collection letter used by PRA to attempt to collect alleged debts.
 - 80. Exhibit F states that the "Balance" of the account is "\$8112.50."

81. Exhibit A then states the following:



Account Offers

OR



- 1 Payment of \$8,112.50
- 6 Monthly Payments of \$1,352.08
- 12 Monthly Payments of \$676.04

Your account will be considered "Paid in Full" after your final payment is successfully posted.

- Payment of \$6,490.00 and SAVE \$1,622,50
- Pay \$1,149.27 for 6 consecutive months and SAVE \$1,216.88
- Pay \$608.44 for 12 consecutive months and SAVE \$811.22

Your account will be considered "Settled in Full" after your final payment is successfully posted.

- 82. The "Pay The Full Balance" 6 and 12 monthly payment options in Exhibit F are confusing to the unsophisticated consumer.
- 83. If a consumer pays "\$,1352.08 for 6 months" or "\$676.04 for 12 months" the consumer will have paid PRA a total of \$8,112.48. This amount is less than the stated Balance of \$8,112.50.
- 84. It is not clear whether the consumer would have to pay the additional balance at the end of the payment plan. Unlike the "Savings Plan" options which expressly state how much the money the consumer would "SAVE," the 6 and 12 Month "Pay The Full Balance" options do not identify any amount that the consumer would "SAVE."
- 85. Moreover, the "Savings Plan" options disclose that "Your account will be considered 'Settled in full' after your final payment is posted."
- 86. The "Settled in full" designation refers to credit reporting. An account that is "Settled in full" is a negative item in a consumer's credit file.
- 87. In contrast, the 6 and 12 month pay the full balance options state: "Your account will be considered 'Paid in full' after your final payment is posted."

- 88. "Paid in full" also refers to credit reporting. A delinquent account that is "Paid in full" is also a negative item, but it has a less negative impact on a consumer's creditworthiness than a settled account does. Thus, all other variables being equal, a consumer who pays off a collection account in full would end up with a higher "credit score" than one who settles the same account.
- 89. If a consumer successfully completed 6 or 12 monthly payments, it is not clear whether she would have to also pay the remaining balance in order for the account to be reported as "Paid in full," or whether PRA would actually report the account as "Settled in full" due to the remaining balance, or whether PRA would forgive the remaining balance and still report the account as "Paid in full."
- 90. The consumer would be at a loss to determine the actual effects, on both the balance and her credit, of doing exactly what PRA told her to do.
- 91. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e generally prohibits "any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt."
- 92. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(2) specifically prohibits the "false representation of the character, amount, or legal status" of an alleged debt, or the "false representation of...compensation which may be lawfully received by any debt collector for the collection" of an alleged debt.
- 93. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) specifically prohibits the "use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt."
- 94. Wis. Stat. § 427.104(1)(j) states that a debt collector may not: "Claim, or attempt or threaten to enforce a right with knowledge or reason to know that the right does not exist.

- 95. Wis. Stat. § 427.104(1)(L) also specifically prohibits a debt collector from "[t]hreaten[ing] action against the customer unless like action is taken in regular course or is intended with respect to the particular debt."
- 96. Plaintiffs were confused by <u>Exhibit A</u>, <u>Exhibit B</u>, <u>Exhibit C</u>, <u>Exhibit D</u>, <u>Exhibit E</u> and <u>Exhibit F</u>.
- 97. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused by <u>Exhibit A</u>, <u>Exhibit B</u>, <u>Exhibit C</u>, <u>Exhibit D</u> and <u>Exhibit E</u>.
- 98. Plaintiffs had to spend time and money investigating <u>Exhibit A</u>, <u>Exhibit B</u>, <u>Exhibit C</u>, <u>Exhibit D</u>, <u>Exhibit E</u> and <u>Exhibit F</u>.
- 99. Plaintiffs had to take time to obtain and meet with counsel, including traveling to counsel's office by car and its related expenses, including but not limited to the cost of gasoline and mileage, to advise Plaintiffs on the consequences of <u>Exhibit A</u>, <u>Exhibit B</u>, <u>Exhibit C</u>, <u>Exhibit D</u>, Exhibit E and Exhibit F.
- 100. The FDCPA creates substantive rights for consumers; violations cause injury to consumers, and such injuries are concrete and particularized. *Bock v. Pressler & Pressler, LLP*, No. 11-7593, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81058 *21 (D.N.J. May 25, 2017) ("through [s]ection 1692e of the FDCPA, Congress established 'an enforceable right to truthful information concerning' debt collection practices, a decision that 'was undoubtedly influenced by congressional awareness that the intentional provision of misinformation' related to such practices, 'contribute[s] to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy,"); *Quinn v. Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC*, No. 16 C 2021, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 107299 *8-13 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 11, 2016) (rejecting challenge to Plaintiff's standing based upon alleged FDCPA statutory violation); *Lane v. Bayview Loan*

Servicing, LLC, No. 15 C 10446, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 89258 *9-10 (N.D. Ill. July 11, 2016) ("When a federal statute is violated, and especially when Congress has created a cause of action for its violation, by definition Congress has created a legally protected interest that it deems important enough for a lawsuit."); Church v. Accretive Health, Inc., No. 15-15708, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 12414 *7-11 (11th Cir. July 6, 2016) (same); see also Mogg v. Jacobs, No. 15-CV-1142-JPG-DGW, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 33229, 2016 WL 1029396, at *5 (S.D. Ill. Mar. 15, 2016) ("Congress does have the power to enact statutes creating legal rights, the invasion of which creates standing, even though no injury would exist without the statute," (quoting Sterk v. Redbox Automated Retail, LLC, 770 F.3d 618, 623 (7th Cir. 2014)). For this reason, and to encourage consumers to bring FDCPA actions, Congress authorized an award of statutory damages for violations. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a).

101. Moreover, Congress has explicitly described the FDCPA as regulating "abusive practices" in debt collection. 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(a) – 1692(e). Any person who receives a debt collection letter containing a violation of the FDCPA is a victim of abusive practices. *See* 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(e) ("It is the purpose of this subchapter to eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors, to insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged, and to promote consistent State action to protect consumers against debt collection abuses").

COUNT I – FDCPA

- 102. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
 - 103. Count I is brought on behalf of Plaintiffs Bushberger and Vega.

- 104. Exhibits A D fail to unambiguously inform the consumer that, in order to invoke his or her right to obtain validation of the debt, the consumer must make the request in writing to Portfolio, not the original creditor. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(4), g(a)(5).
 - 105. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692g, 1692g(a), 1692g(b) and 1692e(10).

COUNT II – FDCPA

- 106. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
 - 107. Count II is brought on behalf of Plaintiffs Bushberger and Vega.
- 108. Exhibits A D list the address of the original creditor of the debt next to the name of the current owner of the debt.
- 109. The language in Portfolio's letter is false, misleading and confusing to the unsophisticated consumer. If the unsophisticated consumer sent payment to the listed address, the payment would not satisfy the alleged debt owed to the correct creditor, who would be within its rights to continue collection efforts or even file a lawsuit to collect the debt.
 - 110. Defendant has therefore violated 1692e, 1692e(2) and 1692e(10).

COUNT III – FDCPA

- 111. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
 - 112. Count III is brought on behalf of Plaintiff Lakkard.
- 113. The references in <u>Exhibit E</u> to "Interest," "Fees," "Non-Interest Charges" and "Balance Adjustments" are false, misleading and confusing.
- 114. Portfolio threatened to add interest and fees to Plaintiff's debts when Portfolio is not entitled to any fee and does not add interest to accounts such as Plaintiff's.

- 115. Portfolio's misrepresentation of the amounts it would attempt to collect, is an unfair and/or unconscionable method by which to try and collect an alleged debt.
- 116. As these statements are threatening and/or confusing to the unsophisticated consumer recipient so as to falsely imply that the creditor is entitled to receive a collection fee, they are an unfair and/or unconscionable method for attempting to collect a debt.
- 117. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused by the nebulous references in Portfolio's letter to "Fees," "Non-Interest Charges" and "Balance Adjustments" and would have no idea what those charges are, potentially could be, or whether they would be legitimate.
 - 118. Portfolio violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(10), 1692f and 1692f(1).

COUNT IV -- WCA

- 119. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
 - 120. Count IV is brought on behalf of Plaintiff Lakkard.
- 121. Exhibit E threatens to enforce a right to a collection fee, even though Defendant knew or should have had reason to know that no such right existed at the time the letters were sent.
- 122. <u>Exhibit E</u> also threatens to collect interest, even though Portfolio does not add interest to accounts such as Plaintiff's.
 - 123. Portfolio violated Wis. Stat. §§ 427.104(1)(j) and 427.104(1)(L).

COUNT V - FDCPA

- 124. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
 - 125. Count V is brought on behalf of Plaintiff Meyer.

- 126. The 6 month and 12 month "pay in full" options on Exhibit F are facially confusing to the unsophisticated consumer.
- 127. Six or twelve consecutive monthly payments of the listed rates do not add up to the balance of the debt.
- 128. It is not possible to determine whether the consumer is responsible for the remaining balance, or whether the account is completely resolved, or whether the account would be reported to CRAs as paid in full or settled.
 - 129. Portfolio violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2)(a), and 1692e(10).

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 130. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of three classes.
- 131. Class One consists of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent an initial collection letter in the form represented by Exhibits A D to the complain in this action, (c) seeking to collect a debt for personal, family or household purposes, (d) between June 2, 2016 and June 2, 2017, inclusive, (e) that was not returned by the postal service. Plaintiffs Bushberger and Vega are the designated representatives of Class One, which shall be called the "Wrong Address" class.
- 132. Class Two consists of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent a collection letter in the form represented by Exhibit E to the complaint in this action, (c) seeking to collect a debt for personal, family or household purposes, (d) between June 2, 2016 and June 2, 2017, inclusive, (e) that was not returned by the postal service. Plaintiff Lakkard is the designated representative of Class Two, which shall be known as the "Interest and Fees" class.

- 133. Class Three consists of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent a collection letter in the form represented by Exhibit F to the complaint in this action, (c) seeking to collect a debt for personal, family or household purposes, (d) between June 2, 2016 and June 2, 2017, inclusive, (e) that was not returned by the postal service. Plaintiff Meyer is the designated representative of Class Three, which shall be known as the "Full Balance" class.
- 134. Each Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable. Upon information and belief, there are more than 50 members of each Class.
- 135. There are questions of law and fact common to the members of each class, which common questions predominate over any questions that affect only individual class members.

 The predominant common question is whether the Defendant complied with 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2), 1692e(10), 1692f and 1692f(1), 1692g, 1692g(a), 1692g(b), Wis. Stat. §§ 427.104(1)(j) and 427.104(1)(L).
- 136. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.
- 137. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class members. Plaintiffs have retained counsel experienced in consumer credit and debt collection abuse cases.
- 138. A class action is superior to other alternative methods of adjudicating this dispute. Individual cases are not economically feasible.

JURY DEMAND

139. Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that the Court enter judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Class and against Defendant for:

- (a) actual damages;
- (b) statutory damages;
- (c) attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs of suit; and
- (d) such other or further relief as the Court deems proper.

Dated: June 2, 2017

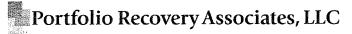
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EXHIBIT A



October 20, 2016



Seller: COMENITY BANK FORMERLY KNOWN AS WORLD FINANCIAL NETWORK BANK

Merchant: BOSTON STORE

Original Creditor: COMENITY BANK

Original Creditor Address: ONE RIGHTER PKWY SUITE 100, WILMINGTON DE 19803

Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC

Account Number: 5578

Current Balance: \$1,398.74

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Exhibit B



November 2, 2016

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC

Seller: SYNCHRONY BANK

Merchant: TJX

Original Creditor: SYNCHRONY BANK

Original Creditor Address: P.O. BOX 965033, ORLANDO FL 32896-5033 Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC

Account Number: **9**626

Current Balance: \$1,973.13

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Exhibit C



June 7, 2016

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC

Seller: CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.

Original Creditor: CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.

Original Creditor Address: 4851 COX ROAD, GLEN ALLEN VA 23060 Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC.

Account Number: 5010

Current Balance: \$979.11

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June 7, 2016

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Original Creditor: HSBC BANK NEVADA N.A.

Original Creditor Address: 26525 N. RIVERWOODS BLVD, SUITE 100, METTAWA IL 60045

Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC.

Account Number B699

Current Balance: \$886.58

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MASSACHUSETTS: Office located 49 Winter St., Weymouth, MA 02188. Telephone (800) 772-1413. Hours of operation are 9 AM to 6 PM EST Monday through Thursday. NOTICE OF IMPORTANT RIGHTS: YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A WRITTEN OR ORAL REQUEST THAT TELEPHONE CALLS REGARDING YOUR DEBT NOT BE MADE TO YOU AT YOUR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. ANY SUCH ORAL REQUEST WILL BE VALID FOR ONLY TEN DAYS UNLESS YOU PROVIDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THE REQUEST POSTMARKED OR DELIVERED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF SUCH REQUEST. YOU MAY TERMINATE THIS REQUEST BY WRITING TO THE DEBT COLLECTOR. COLLECTOR.

NEW YORK CITY: City of New York License Numbers 1096994, 1394695, 1394697, 1394696, 1394698, 1394700, 1394699, 1394694.

NORTH CAROLINA: Collection Agency Permit No. 4132.

TENNESSEE: This collection agency is licensed by the Tennessee Collection Service Board of the Department of Commerce and Insurance. (#00000770)

Exhibit E

December 8, 2016 Account Number:

SELLER: SYNCHRONY BANK

ORIGINAL CREDITOR: SYNCHRONY BANK CHARGE-OFF CREDITOR: SYNCHRONY BANK

LAST 4 DIGITS OF CHARGE-OFF ACCOUNT NUMBER: 7394

Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC



Balance: \$1,593.35**

Your account has been transferred to the Litigation Department. At this time, no attorney within the Litigation Department has personally reviewed the particular circumstances of your account.

Account Transferred to Litigation Department

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC wants to help you resolve this account!

Your account qualifies for our settlement program. Here are three options for you to choose from:

Single Payment Settlement	6 Month Payment Plan	12 Month Payment Plan
• Save \$478.01 off the balance	Save \$398.39 off the balance	Save \$318.71 off the balance
• Pay \$1,115.34	Pay \$199.16 per month for the next 6 months	Pay \$106.22 per month for the next 12 months

Your first payment must be received in our office no later than 01/09/2017. Your account will be considered "Settled in Full," once your final payment is successfully posted.

Benefits of settling this account by one of the plans as described above:

- Your debt on this account will be resolved
- All collection activities on this account will cease If our company is reporting this account to the three major credit reporting agencies, we will request that our company's tradeline be updated to reflect that this account is now settled.

Please contact our office no later than **01/09/2017** by calling during our business hours to discuss how we can work together to resolve this account. We reserve the right to withdraw or modify this offer at a later date if no payments or payment arrangements are made by **01/09/2017**.

Various Payment Options Available Including:

Call: 🖀 Mail: ⊠

Call Toll-Free at 1-866-428-8102 to:

- Discuss payment arrangements Authorize automatic withdrawals from your bank account Complete a debit card payment

Complete the attached coupon Make all checks and payments

iviake all checks and payments to: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC P.O. Box 12903 Norfolk VA 23541

Business Hours: 8 AM to 9 PM Mon. - Fri., and 8 AM to 5 PM Sat. (EST)

We are not obligated to renew this offer.

**The following is a breakdown of your balance since charge-off:

Total Amount of Debt Due at charge-off: \$1,593.35 Total Amount of Transactions since charge-off:

Interest: \$0.00

Non-Interest Charges/Fees or Balance Adjustments: \$0.00

Payments: \$0.00 Total Now Due: \$1,593.35

You may request copies of documentation relating to your account which includes original account-level documentation available to Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, account chain of title, and either a signed account application or account statements reflecting a purchase, payment or other use of the account. To do so, you must send your request in writing to: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, 140 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502. Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC will provide the documentation to you at no cost within 30 days of receiving your request.

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Notice: See Reverse Side for Important Information

*** PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR PAYMENT***

Account Number:

PO BOX 4115 CONCORD CA 94524

8550431716126

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

#BWNFTZF #9228550431716126#

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BARBARA LAKKARD 1333 W GRANADA ST APT 4 MILWAUKEE WI 53221-5100

Make all checks payable to Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC

7394

Payment Amount: _

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC P.O. Box 12903 Norfolk VA 23541

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MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC SEND ALL PAYMENTS TO: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, P.O. Box 12903, Norfolk, VA 23541

COMPANY ADDRESS: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, 120 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502

DISPUTES CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Disputes Department, 140 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502

DISPUTES DEPARTMENT E-MAIL ADDRESS: PRA_Disputes@portfoliorecovery.com

QUALITY SERVICE SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE Mon. - Fri. 8 AM to 5 PM (EST)

Not happy with the way you were treated? Our company strives to provide professional and courteous service to all our customers. Contact one of our staff to discuss issues related to our quality of service to you by phone at (866) 925-7109 or by e-mail at qualityservice@portfoliorecovery.com.

PRIVACY NOTICE: We collect certain personal information about you from the following sources: (a) information we received from you; (b) information about your transactions with our affiliates, others, or us; (c) information we receive from consumer reporting agencies. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone, except as permitted by law. We restrict access to nonpublic information about you to those employees and entities that need to know that information in order to collect your account. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal information.

NOTICE: We are required under state law to notify consumers of the following rights. This list does not include a complete list of rights consumers have under state and federal laws:

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EXHIBIT F

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC

August 2, 2016

Dear SHARON L MEYER,

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC ("PRA, LLC") is contacting you to collect the balance owed on your account.

Life happens and at times customers may fall behind on financial commitments. We understand. We are committed to working with you to design a plan that fits your budget.

Our account representatives are waiting. Call us today.

Sincerely, PRA, LLC



Account Details

NAME: SHARON L MEYER

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

SELLER: CITIBANK N.A.
MERCHANT: SEARS

ORIGINAL CREDITOR: CITIBANK N.A.

CREDITOR TO WHOM DEBT IS OWED: Portfolio

Recovery Associates, LLC

CURRENT BALANCE DUE: \$8,112.50

Customer Service

Paying your bill is easy with any of these options:

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Pay by phone

Call 1-800-772-1413 to make payment arrangements.

Pay online - anytime by visiting: www.portfoliorecovery.com

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Pay by mail - checks and payments to: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, P.O. Box 12914, Norfolk, VA 23541

Account Offers



- 1 Payment of \$8,112.50
- 6 Monthly Payments of \$1,352.08
- 12 Monthly Payments of \$676.04

Your account will be considered "Paid in Full" after your final payment is successfully posted.



- 1 Payment of \$6,490.00 and SAVE \$1,622.50
- Pay \$1,149.27 for 6 consecutive months and SAVE \$1,216.88
- Pay \$608.44 for 12 consecutive months and SAVE \$811.22

Your account will be considered "Settled in Full" after your final payment is successfully posted.

Your first payment must be received NO LATER than: 09/09/2016

*We are not obligated to renew this offer.

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Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOTICE: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DEPT 922 5546738016080 PO BOX 4115 CONCORD CA 94524

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

> SHARON L MEYER 11528 W COLDSPRING RD GREENFIELD WI 53228-2501

Account Number: 9592

Payment Amount:

94C2 PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC. P.O. Box 12914 Norfolk VA 23541





If the principal amount written-off is equal or greater than \$600.00, we <u>may be</u> required by the Internal Revenue Code to report this amount and issue a form 1099-C. If you have any questions regarding your personal taxes, it is recommended that you consult with a certified public accountant or other tax professional.

HOURS OF OPERATION (EST): 8 AM to 11 PM Mon.-Fri., 8 AM to 8 PM Sat., 11 AM to 10 PM Sun.

COMPANY ADDRESS: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, 120 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Wisconsin

TERESA BUSHBERGE BARBARA LAKKARD, and)		
Plaintiff)		
v.		Civil Action No. 17-cv-786		
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY	ASSOCIATES, LLC)		
Defendan	t)		
	SUMMONS IN	A CIVIL ACTION		
To: (Defendant's name and address)	PORTFOLIO RECOVERY A c/o CORPORATION SERVI BANK OF AMERICA CEN' 1111 EAST MAIN STREET RICHMOND, VA 23219	ICE COMPANY TER, 16TH FLOOR		
A lawsuit has been file	d against you.			
are the United States or a United P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must	ed States agency, or an offic serve on the plaintiff an ans	ou (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you ter or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. swer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of on must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney,		
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		

Civil Action No. 17-cv-786

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

	This summons for (name	ne of individual and title, if any)				
was re	ceived by me on (date)	·				
	☐ I personally served	the summons on the individual a	t (place)			
			on (date)	; or		
	☐ I left the summons a	at the individual's residence or us	sual place of abode with (name)			
		, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,				
	on (date), and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or					
	☐ I served the summo	ns on (name of individual)		, w	who is	
	designated by law to a	accept service of process on behal	If of (name of organization)			
			on (date)	; or		
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	☐ Other (<i>specify</i>):					
	My fees are \$	for travel and \$	for services, for a total of \$	0.00		
	I declare under penalty	of perjury that this information	is true.			
Date:						
			Server's signature			
			Printed name and title			
			Server's address			

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

Place an X in the appropriate Box:			<u> </u>	Milwaukee Division			
I. (a) PLAINTIFFS		DEFENDANTS	DEFENDANTS				
TERESA BUSHBERGER, et al.		PORTFOLIO	PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC				
(b) County of Residence of Firs	st Listed Plaintiff Note: Note: 1.5 In U.S. PLAINTIFF CAS	filwaukee	County of Residence of	of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)	ONLY)		
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(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address	_		Attorneys (If Known)				
Ademi & O'Reilly, LLP, 3620 E. (414) 482-8000-Telephone (414)		53110					
II. BASIS OF JURISDICTI	ION (Place an "X" in	n One Box Only)		RINCIPAL PARTIES	(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)		
1 U.S. Government			_ <u>P</u>	PTF DEF PTF DEF			
2 U.S. Government Defendant	•		Citizen of Another State	2 Incorporated and I of Business In A	- - -		
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CONTRACT	TOR		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES		
120 Marine	5 Airplane Product Liability 0 Assault, Libel & Slander 0 Federal Employers' Liability 0 Marine 5 Marine Product Liability 0 Motor Vehicle 5 Motor Vehicle Product Liability 0 Other Personal Injury CIVIL RIGHTS 1 Voting 2 Employment 3 Housing/ Accommodations 4 Welfare	PERSONAL INJURY 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY 370 Other Fraud 371 Truth in Lending 380 Other Personal Property Damage Product Liability PRISONER PETITIONS 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence Habeas Corpus: 530 General 535 Death Penalty 540 Mandamus & Other 550 Civil Rights 555 Prison Condition	610 Agriculture 620 Other Food & Drug 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 630 Liquor Laws 640 R.R. & Truck 650 Airline Regs. 660 Occupational Safety/Health 690 Other LABOR 710 Fair Labor Standards Act 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations 730 Labor/Mgmt.Reporting & Disclosure Act 740 Railway Labor Act 790 Other Labor Litigation 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act IMMIGRATION 462 Naturalization Application 463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee 465 Other Immigration Actions	422 Appeal 28 USC 158 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS 820 Copyrights 830 Patent 840 Trademark 841 HIA (1395ff) 862 Black Lung (923) 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) 864 SSID Title XVI 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	400 State Reapportionment 410 Antitrust 430 Banks and Banking 450 Commerce 460 Deportation 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations 480 Consumer Credit 490 Cable/Sat TV 810 Selective Service 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 890 Other Statutory Actions 891 Agricultural Acts 892 Economic Stabilization Act 893 Environmental Matters 894 Energy Allocation Act 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Act 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes		
V. ORIGIN ☐ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment ☐ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment ☐ 8 Judge from Magistrate Judgment ☐ 8 Judgment ☐ 8 Judgment ☐ 9 Judge from Magistrate Judgment ☐ 9 Judgment ☐ 15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq							
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION Brief description of cause:							
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VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY	(See instructions):	JUDGE		DOCKET NUMBER			
DATE		SIGNATURE OF ATTOR	RNEY OF RECORD				
June 2, 2017 FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		s/ John D. Bl	ythin				

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- **II. Jurisdiction**. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example:

U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

ClassAction.org

This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: <u>Portfolio Recovery Accused of Sending Non-Compliant Letters</u>