### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CANESHA DAVIS, individually, and on behalf of all other similarly situated consumers,	) Case No.:
Plaintiff,	)
VS.	) COMPLAINT ) CLASS ACTION
TSAROUHIS LAW GROUP, LLC,	
Defendant.	)
	)

Plaintiff, Canesha Davis, individually and, on behalf of all other similarly situated consumers, alleges:

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is an action for damages arising from Defendant's violations of the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692 et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA").

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331.
- 3. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C §1391(b).

#### **PARTIES**

4. Plaintiff is a natural person, who at all relevant times has resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and is a "consumer" as the phrase is defined and applied under 15 U.S.C. §1692(a) of the FDCPA.

5. Defendant is a law firm doing business in the State of Pennsylvania, with its principal place of business located at 21 South 9th St., Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102 and is a "debt collector" as the phrase is defined and applied under 15 U.S.C. §1692(a) of the FDCPA in that they regularly attempt to collect on debts primarily incurred for personal, family or household purposes.

#### FACTUAL STATEMENT

- 6. On a date better known by Defendant, Plaintiff allegedly incurred a debt for a personal loan from Mariner Finance LLC for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 7. To this end, on April 18, 2018, Defendant sent Plaintiff an initial dunning letter seeking to collect the alleged debt. Exhibit A.
- 8. The dunning letter states:
  - Unless you dispute the validity of this debt, or any portion thereof, within 30 days after receipt of this notice, the debt will be assumed to be a valid by our offices. If you notify our offices in writing within 30 days of receipt of this notice, that the debt or any portion thereof is disputed, our offices will provide you with verification of the debt or copy of the Judgment against you, and a copy of such verification of judgment will be mailed to you by our offices.
- 9. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g mandates that debt collectors provide certain notices in communications to consumers. In accordance with the statute, the notice must contain a statement that if the consumer notifies the debt collector in writing within the thirty-day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the debt collector will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of a judgment against the consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the consumer by the debt collector. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g (a)(4).

- 10. Additionally, pursuant to § 1692g (a)(5), the notice must contain a statement that "upon the consumer's written request within the thirty-day period, the debt collector will provide the consumer with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor."
- 11. The letter in question appears to mix the requirement of § 1692g (a)(4) with § 1692g(a)(5), preventing the consumer from getting the full legally required disclosure.
- 12. Defendant's error is more than simply technical; it deprives the consumer of the information concerning his rights, and it leads to different interpretations of the letter.
- 13. Defendant appears to say that if the consumer disputes the debt in writing, the debt collector will chose whether to obtain verification of the debt *or* to provide the name and address of the original creditor. This is inconsistent with the FDCPA requirements.
- 14. Under the FDCPA, to obtain verification of the debt, a dispute must be made in writing. However, to obtain information on the original creditor as opposed to the current creditor, the consumer must specifically request information on the creditor.
- 15. Given Defendant's wording of the letter, the consumer believes that he or she must dispute the debt in order to obtain the creditor information. This is false and inaccurate. Even worse, the consumer is left with no method of obtaining the creditor information because if he or she disputes the debt, Defendant will only act in accordance with section 1692g (a)(4) as opposed to section 1692g (a)(5).
- 16. Thus, Defendant's letter fails to sufficiently inform the least sophisticated consumer of his or her rights under §1692g.

#### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

#### The Class

- 17. Plaintiff brings this as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23.
- 18. Plaintiff seeks certification of the class, initially defined as follows:

All consumers with a Pennsylvania address that have received collection letters substantially similar to Exhibit A for debts incurred for personal, family, or household use, within one year prior to the filing of this complaint.

19. Excluded from the Class is Defendant herein, and any person, firm, trust, corporation, or other entity related to or affiliated with the defendant, including, without limitation, persons who are officers, directors, employees, associates or partners of Defendant.

#### Numerosity

- 20. Upon information and belief, Defendant has sent collections letters in attempt to collect a debt to hundreds if not thousands of consumers Pennsylvania, each of which violates the FDCPA. The members of the Class, therefore, are believed to be so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
- 21. The letters sent by Defendant, and received by the Class, are to be evaluated by the objective standard of the hypothetical "least sophisticated consumer."
- 22. The exact number and identities of the Class members are unknown at this time and can only be ascertained through discovery. Identification of the Class members is a matter capable of ministerial determination from Defendant's records.

#### **Common Questions of Law and Fact**

23. There are questions of law and fact common to the class that predominates over any questions affecting only individual Class members. These common questions of law and fact include, without limitation: (i) whether Defendant violated various provisions of the FDCPA; (ii) whether the Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by the conduct of Defendant; (iii) whether the Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages and are entitled to restitution as a result of Defendants wrongdoing and, if so, what is the proper measure and appropriate statutory formula to

be applied in determining such damages and restitution; and (iv) whether the Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to declaratory and/or injunctive relief.

#### **Typicality**

24. The Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the class members. Plaintiff and all members of the Plaintiff's Class defined in this complaint have claims arising out of the Defendant's common uniform course of conduct complained of herein. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class, and Plaintiff has no interests adverse or antagonistic to the interests of other members of the Class.

#### Protecting the Interests of the Class Members

- 25. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the Class members' interests, in that the Plaintiff's counsel is experienced and, further, anticipates no impediments in the pursuit and maintenance of the class action as sought herein.
- 26. Neither the Plaintiff nor his counsel have any interests, which might cause them not to vigorously pursue the instant class action lawsuit.

#### Proceeding Via Class Action is Superior and Advisable

- 27. A class action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims herein asserted, this being specifically envisioned by Congress as a principal means of enforcing the FDCPA, as codified by 15 U.S.C.§ 1692(k).
- 28. The members of the Class are generally unsophisticated individuals, whose rights will not be vindicated in the absence of a class action.
- 29. Prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications resulting in the establishment of inconsistent or varying standards for the parties.

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- 30. Certification of a class is also appropriate in that the questions of law and fact common to members of the Plaintiff's Class predominate over any questions affecting an individual member, and a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.
- 31. Depending on the outcome of further investigation and discovery, Plaintiff may, at the time of class certification motion, seek to certify one or more classes only as to particular issues pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(4).
- 32. A class action will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. Class treatment also will permit the adjudication of relatively small claims by many Class members who could not otherwise afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein.
- 33. Absent a class action, the Class members will continue to suffer losses borne from Defendant's breaches of Class members' statutorily protected rights as well as monetary damages, thus allowing and enabling: (a) Defendant's conduct to proceed and; (b) Defendant to further enjoy the benefit of its ill-gotten gains.

Defendant has acted, and will act, on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class, thereby making appropriate a final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

# VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. §1692 et seq.

34. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the above paragraphs and incorporates them as if specifically set forth at length herein.

- 35. Defendant's false and deceptive representations to Plaintiff violate the below provisions of the FDCPA.
- 36. Section 1692e provides:

#### § 1692e. False or misleading representations

A debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt. Without limiting the general application of the foregoing, the following conduct is a violation of this section: . . .

- (3) The false representation or implication that any individual is an attorney or that any communication is from an attorney.
- (10) The use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt or to obtain information concerning a consumer.

#### 37. Section 1692g provides:

#### § 1692g. Validation of Debts

- (a) Notice of debt; Content. Within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the following information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing
  - (5) a statement that, upon the consumer's written request within the thirty-day period, the debt collector will provide the consumer with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Canesha Davis, respectfully requests that this Court do the following for the benefit of Plaintiff:

- A. Certify the class described herein and appoint Plaintiff as Lead Plaintiff, and Plaintiff's Counsel as Lead Counsel;
- B. Enter judgment against Defendant for statutory damages pursuant to the FDCPA;
- C. Enter judgment for injunctive relief stopping Defendant from using letters similar to Exhibit A;
- D. Award costs and reasonable attorneys' fees;
- E. Grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

#### JURY TRIAL DEMAND

38. Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

Dated this 6th of December, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Linker, Esq.

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TSAROUHIS LAW GROUP • ATTORNEYS AT LAW 21 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street—Suite 200, Allentown, Pa 18102

April 18, 2018

CANESHA DAVIS

Creditor: Amount Due: Account Number: Our Claim No.: MARINER FINANCE LLC \$1,445.28 5696

Dear CANESHA DAVIS:

Please be advised that we have been retained to represent the above referenced Creditor for the amount due as set forth above.

Very truly yours,

DEMETRIOS H. TSAROUHIS

#### NOTICE PURSUANT TO FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

This communication is from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Unless you dispute the validity of this debt, or any portion thereof, within 30 days after receipt of this notice, the debt will be assumed to be a valid by our offices. If you notify our offices in writing within 30 days of receipt of this notice that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, our offices will provide you with verification of the debt or copy of the Judgment against you, and a copy of such verification of judgment will be mailed to you by our offices.

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#### CIVIL COVER SHEET

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading 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. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- 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.Cv.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; NOTE: 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 there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

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- 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 actual dollar amount 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.

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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#### Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan Section 1:03 - Assignment to a Management Track

- (a) The clerk of court will assign cases to tracks (a) through (d) based on the initial pleading.
- (b) In all cases not appropriate for assignment by the clerk of court to tracks (a) through (d), the plaintiff shall submit to the clerk of court and serve with the complaint on all defendants a case management track designation form specifying that the plaintiff believes the case requires Standard Management or Special Management. In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.
- (c) The court may, on its own initiative or upon the request of any party, change the track assignment of any case at any time.
- (d) Nothing in this Plan is intended to abrogate or limit a judicial officer's authority in any case pending before that judicial officer, to direct pretrial and trial proceedings that are more stringent than those of the Plan and that are designed to accomplish cost and delay reduction.
- (e) Nothing in this Plan is intended to supersede Local Civil Rules 40.1 and 72.1, or the procedure for random assignment of Habeas Corpus and Social Security cases referred to magistrate judges of the court.

#### SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CASE ASSIGNMENTS (See §1.02 (e) Management Track Definitions of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan)

Special Management cases will usually include that class of cases commonly referred to as "complex litigation" as that term has been used in the Manuals for Complex Litigation. The first manual was prepared in 1969 and the Manual for Complex Litigation Second, MCL 2d was prepared in 1985. This term is intended to include cases that present unusual problems and require extraordinary treatment. See §0.1 of the first manual. Cases may require special or intense management by the court due to one or more of the following factors: (1) large number of parties; (2) large number of claims or defenses; (3) complex factual issues; (4) large volume of evidence; (5) problems locating or preserving evidence; (6) extensive discovery; (7) exceptionally long time needed to prepare for disposition; (8) decision needed within an exceptionally short time; and (9) need to decide preliminary issues before final disposition. It may include two or more related cases. Complex litigation typically includes such cases as antitrust cases; cases involving a large number of parties or an unincorporated association of large membership; cases involving requests for injunctive relief affecting the operation of large business entities; patent cases; copyright and trademark cases; common disaster cases such as those arising from aircraft crashes or marine disasters; actions brought by individual stockholder's stockholder's derivative and stockholder's representative actions; class actions or potential class actions; and other civil (and criminal) cases involving unusual multiplicity or complexity of factual issues. See §0.22 of the first Manual for Complex Litigation and Manual for Complex Litigation Second, Chapter 33.

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CANESHA DAVIS, individually, and on other similarly situated consume	behalf all
Plaintiff	)
v.	) Civil Action No.
TSAROUHIS LAW GROUP, LL	
Defendant	
	SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION
To: (Defendant's name and address) TSAROUR 21 South S	9th Street
Allentown,	, Pennsylvania 18102
A lawsuit has been filed against yo	ou.
P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the	s summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you ency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. e plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney,
Nicholas L	inker, Esq.,
ZEMEL LA	W LLC, d Street, Suite 203-C
Clifton, Ne	w Jersey 07013
862-227-3	
You also must file your answer or motion v	default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. with the court.
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