UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ELLIOT FRANCO, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

CLIENT SERVICES, INC.

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff ELLIOT FRANCO (hereinafter, "Plaintiff"), a New York resident, brings this class action complaint by and through his attorneys, The Law Office of Alan J. Sasson, P.C., against Defendant CLIENT SERVICES, INC., (hereinafter "Defendant"), individually and on behalf of a class of all others similarly situated, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, based upon information and belief of Plaintiff's counsel, except for allegations specifically pertaining to Plaintiff, which are based upon Plaintiff's personal knowledge.

INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. Congress enacted the FDCPA in 1977 in response to the "abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors." 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a). At that time, Congress was concerned that "abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to material instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy." *Id.* Congress concluded that "existing laws . . . [we]re inadequate to protect consumers," and that "the effective collection of debts" does not require "misrepresentation or other abusive debt collection practices." 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(b) & (c).
- 2. Congress explained that the purpose of the Act was not only to eliminate abusive debt collection practices, but also to "insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using

abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged." *Id.* § 1692(e). After determining that the existing consumer protection laws were inadequate, *id.* § 1692(b), Congress gave consumers a private cause of action against debt collectors who fail to comply with the Act. *Id.* § 1692k.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The Court has jurisdiction over this class action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* and 28 U.S.C. § 2201. If applicable, the Court also has pendent jurisdiction over the state law claims in this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).
- 4. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 5. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of a class of New York consumers seeking redress for Defendant's illegal practices, in connection with the collection of a debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff in violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. ("FDCPA").
- 6. Defendant's actions violated § 1692 *et seq*. of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the "FDCPA," which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive and unfair practices.
- 7. Plaintiff is seeking damages, and declaratory and injunctive relief.

PARTIES

- 8. Plaintiff is a natural person and a resident of the State of New York, and is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692(a)(3).
- 9. Defendant is a collection agency with an office maintained in St. Charles, Missouri.
- 10. Upon information and belief, Defendant is a company that uses the mail, telephone, and facsimile and regularly engages in business the principal purpose of which is to attempt to

collect debts alleged to be due another.

11. Defendant is a "debt collector," as defined under the FDCPA under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 12. Plaintiff brings claims, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (hereinafter "FRCP") Rule 23, individually and on behalf of the following nationwide consumer class (the "Class"):
 - All New York consumers to whom Defendant failed to adequately notify the amount owed their alleged debt in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1692g et seq.
 - The Class period begins one year to the filing of this Action.
- 13. The Class satisfies all the requirements of Rule 23 of the FRCP for maintaining a class action:
 - Upon information and belief, the Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable because there are hundreds and/or thousands of persons who have received debt collection letters and/or notices from Defendant that violate specific provisions of the FDCPA. Plaintiff is complaining of a standard form letter and/or notice that was sent to hundreds of persons (*See* Exhibit A, except that the undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers in an effort to protect Plaintiff's privacy);
 - There are questions of law and fact which are common to the Class and which
 predominate over questions affecting any individual Class member. These
 common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:
 - a. Whether Defendant violated various provisions of the FDCPA;
 - b. Whether Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by Defendant's conduct;
 - c. Whether Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages and are entitled to restitution as a result of Defendant's wrongdoing and if

- so, what is the proper measure and appropriate statutory formula to be applied in determining such damages and restitution; and
- d. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to declaratory and/or injunctive relief.
- Plaintiff's claims are typical of the Class, which all arise from the same operative facts and are based on the same legal theories.
- Plaintiff has no interest adverse or antagonistic to the interest of the other members of the Class.
- Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interest of the Class and has retained experienced and competent attorneys to represent the Class.
- A Class Action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims herein asserted. Plaintiff anticipates that no unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered in the management of this class action.
- A Class Action will permit large numbers of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously and without the duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. Class treatment will also 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. Absent a Class Action, class members will continue to suffer losses of statutory protected rights as well as monetary damages. If Defendant's conduct is allowed proceed to without remedy they will continue to reap and retain the proceeds of their ill-gotten gains.

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

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

- 14. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "13" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 15. Some time prior to January 9, 2017, an obligation was allegedly incurred by Plaintiff to Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. ("Capital One").
- 16. The Capital One obligation arose out of a transaction in which money, property, insurance or services, which are the subject of the transaction, are primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
- 17. The alleged Capital One International Purchasing, LLC obligation is a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 18. Capital One is the original "creditor" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(4).
- 19. Defendant contends that the alleged Capital One debt is past due.
- 20. Defendant collects and attempts to collect debts incurred or alleged to have been incurred for personal, family or household purposes on behalf of creditors using the United States Postal Services, telephone and internet.
- 21. At a time known only by Defendant, Capital One, directly or through an intermediary, contracted Defendant to collect its debt.
- 22. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
- 23. In its effort to collect on the alleged debt, Defendant contacted Plaintiff by written correspondence on January 9, 2017. *See* Exhibit A.

- 24. Defendant's written correspondence to Plaintiff is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(2).
- 25. The communication states in pertinent part: "Current Balance: \$5,765.45."
- 26. While the debt indicates a Current Balance of \$568.13 it fails to state whether that balance is static or dynamic in violation of this Circuit's case law. *See Avila* infra.
- 27. 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.
- 28. One such requirement is that the debt collector provides "the amount of the debt." 15 U.S.C. \$1692g(a)(1).
- 29. The above statements would leave the least sophisticated consumer unsure as to whether additional fees would accrue, as Defendant only provides Plaintiff with its Current Balance, as of January 9, 2017.
- 30. Defendant's actions as described herein are part of a pattern and practice used to collect debts.
- 31. As set forth in the following Counts Defendant violated the FDCPA.

First Count Violation of 15 U.S.C. §1692g Amount of Debt

- 32. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "31" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 33. 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.
- 34. One such requirement is that the debt collector provides "the amount of the debt." 15 U.S.C. \$1692g(a)(1).
- 35. A debt collector has the obligation not just to convey the amount of the debt, but to convey such clearly.
- 36. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g requires debt collectors to inform debtors of their account balance and 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).
- 37. Defendant's collection letter violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g by failing to include the safe harbor language set out in *Avila*, 817 F.3d at 76.
- 38. An unsophisticated consumer would be left uncertain by the said letter as to whether the said account was accruing interest and/or fees or not.
- 39. Pursuant to section 5001 of New York Civil Practice Law and Rules, a creditor shall recover prejudgment interest "upon a sum awarded because of a breach of performance of a contract." N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 5001(a); see also *Rhodes v. Davis*, 628 Fed. Appx. 787, 794 (2 Cir. 2015). (Under New York Law, "[i]nterest is generally mandatory "upon a sum awarded because of a breach of performance of a contract" (citing Id. §5001(a))).
- 40. Section 5004 sets the rate of prejudgment interest at nine percent. N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 5004. When calculating the interest due, it "shall be computed from the earliest ascertainable date the cause of action existed." *Id.* § 5001(b).
- 41. "In New York, a breach of contract cause of action accrues at the time of the breach." *Ely-Cruikshank Co. v. Bank of Montreal*, 81 N.Y.2d 399, 402, 615 N.E.2d 985, 599 N.Y.S.2d 501 (1993) (citations omitted).

42. "New York law provides that "[i]nterest shall be recovered upon a sum awarded because of a breach of performance of a contract," N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 5001(a), and that interest is to be computed "from the earliest date the cause of action existed," N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 5001(b), at the rate of nine percent per annum, N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 5004. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to prejudgment interest on the installments that were not timely paid." *Kasperek v. City Wire Works, Inc.*, No. 03 CV 3986 (RML), 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19803, at *8 (E.D.N.Y. Mar. 12, 2009).

Second Count Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e Misleading Representations Regarding Amount of Debt

- 43. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "42" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 44. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e provides:

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:

- (2) The false representation of –
- the character, amount, or legal status of any debt; or
- (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.
- 45. The "Current Balance" in this case was for an amount that included original principal and contractual interest.
- 46. Collection notices that state only the "Current Balance" but do not disclose that the balance might increase due to interest "misleading" within the meaning of Section 1692e.
- 47. The Plaintiff was left uncertain as to whether the "Current Balance" was accruing interest as

- there was no disclosure that indicated otherwise.
- 48. Plaintiff was left unsure whether the "Current Balance" would accrue any type of interest as there was no disclosure that indicated otherwise.
- 49. To the extent that the Creditor or Defendant intended to waive the automatically accrued and accruing interest, it was required to disclose that in the most conspicuous of terms.
- 50. Defendant was required to include a disclosure that automatically accrued interest was accruing, or in the alternative, the creditor has made an intentional decision to waive the automatically accruing interest, yet it did not make any of those disclosures in violation of 1692e.
- 51. Failure to disclose such a waiver of the automatically accrued interest is in of itself deceptive and "misleading" within the meaning of Section 1692e.
- 52. Defendant knew that the balance would increase due to interest.
- 53. "Applying these principles, we hold that Plaintiffs have stated a claim that the collection notices at issue here are misleading within the meaning of Section 1692e... a consumer who pays the "current balance" stated on the notice will not know whether the debt has been paid in full." *Avila v. Riexinger & Assocs., LLC*, Nos. 15-1584(L), 15-1597(Con), 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 5327, at *10-11 (2d Cir. Mar. 22, 2016)
- 54. The Plaintiff and the unsophisticated consumer would be led to believe that the "Current Balance" would remain as is and that paying the amount due would satisfy the debt irrespective of when payment was remitted.
- 55. Absent a disclosure by the holder of the debt that the automatic interest is waived, the Defendant and or the creditor could still seek the automatic interest . . . , or sell the consumer's debt to a third party, which itself could seek the interest and from the consumer. *Avila*, at *10-11.
- 56. A debt-collector must disclose that interest is accruing, or in the alternative, it must disclose

any such waiver.

- 57. Waiver of interest even when made explicitly, has not prevented debt-collectors from continuing to illegally charge the waived interest, at the bare minimum a debt collector must make clear to the least sophisticated consumer that it intends to waive the interest.
- 58. A consumer who pays the "Current Balance" stated on the collection letter will be left unsure whether the debt has been paid in full, as the Defendant could still collect on any interest accumulated after the letters were sent but before the balance was paid.
- 59. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2) and 1692e(10) for misrepresenting the amount of the debt owed by the Plaintiff.
- 60. Defendant's letter is in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2) and 1692e(10) of the FDCPA for the use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt and for misrepresenting the amount of the debt owed by the Plaintiff.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows:

- (a) Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and
- (b) certifying Plaintiff as Class representative, and Alan J. Sasson, Esq., asClass Counsel;
- (b) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class statutory damages;
- (c) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class actual damages;
- (d) Awarding Plaintiff costs of this Action, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses;
- (e) Awarding pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest; and
- (f) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Alan J. Sasson Alan J. Sasson, Esq. Law Office of Alan J. Sasson, P.C. 2687 Coney Island Avenue, 2nd Floor Brooklyn, New York 11235 Phone: (718) 339-0856

Facsimile: (347) 244-7178

Attorney for Plaintiff

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

> /s/ Alan J. Sasson Alan J. Sasson, Esq.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York April 26, 2017

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CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

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, ALAN J	. SASSON	, counsel for PLAINTIFF, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ompulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):					
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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."							
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1.) Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County: NO							
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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: /s/ Alan J. Sasson

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York							
ELLIOT FRANCO, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiff(s) V.)))) Civil Action No.						
CLIENT SERVICES, INC. Defendant(s)))))						
SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION							
To: (Defendant's name and address) CLIENT SERVICES, INC. C/O CORPORATION SER 80 STATE STREET ALBANY, NEW YORK 122							
A lawsuit has been filed 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: LAW OFFICE OF ALAN J. SASSON, P.C. 2687 CONEY ISLAND AVENUE SECOND FLOOR BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11235							
If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be You also must file your answer or motion with the court.	e entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.						
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PROOF OF SERVICE

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Friday: 7am-5pm

Saturday: 7am-11am Sunday: Closed

PHONE: 877-665-3303

DATE: 01/09/2017

3451 Harry S Truman Blvd. Saint Charles, MO 63301-4047

CREDITOR: CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. ACCOUNT NUMBER: XXXXXXXXXXXX7506

BALANCE DUE: \$5,765.45

REFERENCE NUMBER 242

NEW INFORMATION ON YOUR ACCOUNT

Dear Valued Customer:

The above CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. account has been placed with our organization for collections.

Balance Due At Charge-Off:

5.765.45

Interest:

0.00

Other Charges:

0.00

Payments Made:

0.00

Current Balance:

5,765.45

Unless you notify our 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 from receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such judgment or verification. If you request of 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.

Please note, we have many payment options that may meet your individual needs. If we are unable to arrange repayment, Capital One will send your account to an attorney in your state for possible legal action. Please note, no decision has been made to take legal action against you at this time. If a lawsuit is filed, you'll have the opportunity at any court hearing to raise applicable defenses or property exemptions. I want to help you avoid any possible legal action. Please call me at 877-665-3303 for more information. I look forward to working with you to resolve this balance.

Joshua Pinkowski Client Services, Inc.

> THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

> FOR IMPORTANT RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES WHICH MIGHT APPLY TO YOUR STATE OF RESIDENCE. PLEASE SEE BELOW OR REVERSE SIDE (IF FAXED THEN FOLLOWING PAGE).

PO Box 1586 Saint Peters, MO 63376 REFERENCE NUMBER 5242 AMOUNT ENCLOSED



Checks Payable To: Client Services, Inc.

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