# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

Matthew G. Kleczewski, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

Messerli & Kramer, P.A., Gina C. Ziegelbauer, Esq., individually, and John Does, Esqs.,

Defendants.

**Court File No.: 2:18-cv-422** 

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT** 

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

I.

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1. Plaintiff, Matthew G. Kleczewski (hereinafter "Plaintiff") brings this action for damages, declaratory and injunctive relief in response to Messerli & Kramer, LLC. (hereinafter Defendant Messerli); Gina C. Ziegelbauer's (hereinafter "Defendant Ziegelbauer"); and Defendant John Does' (hereinafter "Defendant Does") (collectively referred to as "Defendants") violations of the rights afforded to Plaintiff under the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq. and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.
- 2. Defendants knowingly and unnecessarily publicly filed Plaintiff's and many other similarly situated consumers' highly confidential and statutorily protected consumer

reports<sup>1</sup> as part of state court collection actions commenced in various Wisconsin courts statewide. Plaintiff seeks relief under the FCRA as such "use" of Plaintiff's consumer reports is not a permitted purpose, nor do the credit scores in any way "evidence" the writing of the underlying credit card transactions. Defendants' egregious practices run afoul of exactly the individual privacy rights Congress intended to prevent with its enactment of both the FCRA and FDCPA. The FCRA was passed to keep consumer credit reports strictly private and protected from unlawful disclosure to unauthorized parties. Defendants violated these privacy provisions and should now be held accountable.

3. Courts in the Seventh Circuit acknowledge that the purpose of the FDCPA as a whole is to "eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors," 15 U.S.C. §1692(a), and, as such, debt collectors are liable for failure to comply with "any provision" of the Act. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a). Courts in various other federal districts have acknowledged that the FDCPA is a broad remedial statute that imposes strict liability on debt collectors and its terms are to be applied in a liberal manner.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As will be elaborated on below, a "credit score" is a "consumer report." *See*, 15 U.S.C § 1681a(d)(1)(A) and 15 U.S.C § 1681g(f)(2)(A). Consumer reports are statutorily protected by the FCRA from wrongful disclosure to third parties. For purposes of this Complaint, Plaintiffs will use the terms "credit report," "consumer report" and "credit score" interchangeably. They all maintain the same level of protection.

#### II.

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 4. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (Federal Question), 28 U.S.C. § 1337 (Commerce), 15 U.S.C. § 1692k and 15 U.S.C. § 1681(p) (FCRA).
- 5. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's claims arose in this District and at all times herein relevant, Defendants operated and were employed when engaging in the collection conduct alleged herein, and have used a principal place of business in this District.

#### III.

#### **PARTIES**

- 6. Plaintiff resides in Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Plaintiff is a "person" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(b), a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), and is protected by, and entitled to enforce, the remedies of the FCRA and the FDCPA.
- 7. Defendant Messerli is a law firm headquartered in the State of Minnesota from an address of 1400 South Fifth Street, 100 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415. Defendant Messerli also does business from the addresses of 500 West Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217 and 3033 Campus Drive, Suite 250, Plymouth, Minnesota 55441. At all times herein relevant, Defendant Messerli regularly attempted to collect consumer debts alleged to be due

another. Defendant Messerli is, therefore, a "debt collector" as that term is defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6). Defendant Messerli is also a "person" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(b) and 15 U.S.C. §1681b(f) and is subject to the requirements of the FCRA.

- 8. Defendant Ziegelbauer is lawyer licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin. At all times herein relevant, Defendant Ziegelbauer regularly attempted to collect consumer debts alleged to be due another. Defendant Ziegelbauer is, therefore, a "debt collector" as that term is defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6). Defendant Ziegelbauer is also a "person" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(b) and 15 U.S.C. §1681b(f) and is subject to the requirements of the FCRA.
- 9. Defendant Does are, or were, likewise, lawyers licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin with offices at 500 West Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217 or in Minnesota at 3033 Campus Drive, Suite 250, Plymouth, Minnesota 55441. At all times herein relevant, Defendant Does regularly attempted to collect consumer debts alleged to be due another. Defendant Does are, therefore, "debt collectors" as that term is defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6). Defendant Does are also "persons" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(b) and 15 U.S.C. §1681b(f) and are thus subject to the requirements of the FCRA.

IV.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

10. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff and the putative class have suffered

- an injury in fact, that injury is traceable to Defendants' conduct, and the harm is likely to be redressed by a favorable judicial decision.
- 11. As shown in the paragraphs that follow, the Plaintiff and the putative class have suffered "an invasion of a legally protected interest" which is their privacy of personal and financial information occasioned by the conduct of the Defendants.
- 12. The paragraphs below show that the legally protected interest is concrete and particularized and "actual or imminent" and has affected the Plaintiff and the putative class in a personal and individual way.
- 13. The United States Supreme Court has held in *Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins*, 136 S. Ct. 1540, 2016 WL 2842447 (May 16, 2016), that for standing purposes, concrete injuries include intangible harms.
- 14. The Court in *Spokeo* further noted that:

"Because the doctrine of standing derives from the case or controversy requirement, and because that requirement in turn is grounded in historical practice, it is instructive to consider whether an alleged intangible harm has a close relationship to a harm that has traditionally been regarded as providing a basis for a lawsuit in English or American Courts."

And,

"...that Congress may elevate to the status of legally cognizable injuries concrete, de facto injuries that were previously inadequate in law."

*Id* at 1549 (Emphasis Added).

15. Invasion of privacy is an example in the Restatement (Second) of Torts 652A (1977) of "harm that has traditionally been regarded as providing a basis for a lawsuit in English or American courts."

16. The lead Senate sponsor, William Proxmire<sup>2</sup> stated that:

The aim of the Fair Credit Reporting Act is to see that the credit reporting system serves the consumer as well as the industry. ...the consumer has a right to see that the information is kept confidential and it is used for the purposed for which it is collected; and he has the right to be free from unwarranted invasions of his personal privacy...

(Emphasis Added).

One of the primary protections of the FCRA is the requirement that "users", such as Defendants, have a permissible purpose when they use a consumer report as demonstrated in 15. U.S.C. §§ 1681b(a) & 1681b(f).

V.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 18. As a consumer, Plaintiff, and others similarly situated, sought credit by the use of credit cards for personal financial needs from various consumer credit card issuers.
- 19. Plaintiff had a Discover credit card ending in 3593, which constitutes a debt as that term is defined at 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 20. Plaintiff was unable to repay the balance on his Discover credit card account.
- 21. Defendants, through one attorney, filed a state court collection complaint in the Circuit Court of Waukesha County on or about October 30, 2017, bearing the court file number 2017-SC-005039.
- 22. The complaint sought to recover a money judgment in the amount of \$1,827.25 against Plaintiff for the unpaid balance on the credit card, plus costs and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 115 Cong. Rec. 2413 (1969).

- disbursements and interest.
- 23. In further court proceedings on February 12, 2018, Defendant Ziegelbauer attached a copy of a monthly billing statement referred to in paragraph 7 of her state court collection action Affidavit, specifically as Exhibit B, relating to Plaintiff's credit card debt.
- 24. Specifically, one document Defendants attached to the state court collection complaint was Plaintiff's credit score information for twelve months. (See attached Exhibit 1 Defendant Ziegelbauer's Exhibit B, Billing Statement dated June 12, 2016 through July 11, 2016, specifically page 5, which has been further redacted).
- 25. Plaintiff's twelve month credit scores, which were published by Defendants, constitutes part of his private personal credit history as shown in his "consumer report" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(d)(1).
- 26. This illegal use by publication of Plaintiff's twelve month credit scores violated the requirements of 15 U.S.C. §1681b(f) as none of the Defendants had a permissible purpose for using by publishing such protected personal private information in this manner.
- 27. Defendants had no permissible purpose for "using" Plaintiff's twelve consumer reports in its public filings, and, therefore, have violated the provisions of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681b and 1681b(f).

- 28. Defendants, by filing the state court collection action, were attempting to collect the non-party Discover's credit card debt from Plaintiff.
- 29. Defendants' filing of Plaintiff's twelve personal consumer reports / credit scores violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692d, 1692e(10)and 1692f.
- 30. Upon information and belief, Defendants Ziegelbauer and Does are, or were associates or junior attorneys at, or employed by, Defendant Messerli.
- 31. Defendants have signed pleadings to be filed in court actions, attaching unredacted copies of the respective state court consumer/defendants' Discover monthly statement publishing the consumer's consumer reports.
- 32. Defendants had, at all times material, a duty to adequately supervise the professional legal activities of themselves, associates or junior attorneys.
- 33. Defendants, through acts or omissions, breached their duty by negligently and/or recklessly failing to adequately supervise associates or junior attorneys by failing to take reasonable steps to protect the rights of consumers' privacy as described herein.
- 34. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligent and/or reckless supervision, Plaintiff suffered harm as described herein.
- 35. Defendants knew, or should have known, that publishing a consumer report as an attachment to an affidavit in support of a complaint filed in Wisconsin State courts was unlawful as this information had been redacted in other public filings predating the causes of action contained herein.

#### VI.

#### **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

- 36. Defendants unlawfully "used" the twelve consumer reports / credit scores of Plaintiff and others similarly situated when they published said reports in their filing of collection proceedings in various state courts throughout the state of Wisconsin.
- 37. Upon information and belief, Defendants have on more than fifty (50) occasions within the past two (2) years filed state court collection actions against similar account holders wherein it unlawfully "used" the consumer report/scores, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681b(f).
- 38. Plaintiff brings this action individually and as a class action.
- 39. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a-b), Plaintiff seeks to certify two(2) classes.
- 40. The first class Plaintiff seeks to certify is defined hereinafter as the "FCRA Class":
  - All consumers that have had their consumer reports / credit scores published in various judicial court actions within two year of the date of the filing of this Complaint by Defendants.
- 41. The second class that Plaintiff seeks to certify is defined hereinafter as the "FDCPA Class (2)":

All consumers that have had their consumer reports / credit scores published in various judicial court actions by Defendants within one year of the date of the filing of this Complaint.

#### Rule 23(a) Requirements

#### Numerosity

- 42. Various nonparty credit providers grant credit cards to consumers nationwide.
- 43. Some of those consumers may have, at one time or another, defaulted on their credit card obligations.
- 44. Some of the nonparty credit issuers, have used Defendants and various Defendant Does, to file affidavits containing credit scores in collection actions against such a large number of consumers such that joinder of all in this lawsuit would be impracticable.
- 45. Defendants' conduct debt collection activities have filed collection actions against consumers on behalf of nonparty credit issuers.
- 46. Therefore, the estimated number of class members for each class is in excess of fifty (50) persons.

#### **Commonality**

- 47. All members of the FCRA and FDCPA Classes (hereinafter "Classes") had their rights violated in the same manner by the same illegal actions of Defendants.
- 48. Common evidence, in particular (1) a list of consumer debtors who have had illegal affidavits filed in court for collection suits/actions filed against them by Defendants; and (2) collection files of Defendants concerning consumers who have had affidavits in collection suits filed against them specifically by Defendants, will drive resolution of the claims of the Classes.

49. Statutory relief under the FCRA and FDCPA is directed based upon the common conduct of Defendants, and not the subjective, individual experiences of members of the FCRA and FDCPA Classes.

#### **Typicality**

- 50. Plaintiff has the same claims to statutory relief as do all other members of the Classes.
- 51. Any defenses that Defendants may have to liability or quantum of statutory damages with respect to Plaintiff's claims would be generally applicable to all members of the two Classes.

#### Adequacy

- 52. Plaintiff brings this lawsuit after an extensive investigation of Defendants' alleged misconduct.
- 53. Plaintiff brings this lawsuit with the intention to stop Defendants' unlawful practices and recovery statutory remedies for all consumers affected.
- 54. Plaintiff will continue to vigorously pursue relief for the Classes.
- 55. Plaintiff's counsel, the Consumer Justice Center, P.A and Lyons Law Firm P.A., have been certified as class counsel in numerous of class actions enforcing consumer rights laws in this District and/or other districts of the United States federal courts.
- 56. Plaintiff's counsel are committed to expending the time, energy, and resources necessary to successfully prosecute this action on behalf of the Classes.

#### Rule 23(b)(3)

#### Predominance/Superiority

#### Predominance

- 57. Statutory relief under the FCRA and FDCPA follows from facts that Defendants acted in a manner common to the entire class and not the subjective experience of any one complainant.
- 58. Common issues will predominate substantially over individual issues in the ultimate resolution of this action for the two classes.

#### **Superiority**

- 59. Plaintiff and his counsel are not aware of any other pending actions against Defendants.
- 60. Members of the Classes have little interest in individual control over this action given the small amounts at stake compared to the cost, risk, delay, and uncertainty of recovery after prosecuting a lawsuit.
- 61. Upon information and belief, few if any members of the Classes are fully aware that Defendants' actions were unlawful.
- 62. The class notice mechanism provides an opportunity for uninformed members of the Classes to learn about their rights and obtain relief where they otherwise would not have.

#### VII.

#### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

#### COUNT I.

#### FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT - 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.

#### AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

- 63. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all the foregoing paragraphs.
- 64. Defendants willfully violated provisions of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, as outlined above.
- 65. Defendants' violations include, but are not limited to, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681b and 1681b(f) and established Federal law.
- As a result of the above and continuing violations of the FCRA, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff in the sum of statutory damages, punitive damages, costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorneys' fees, along with any appropriate injunctive relief.

#### **COUNT II.**

# FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT - 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

- 67. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all the foregoing paragraphs.
- 68. Defendants' foregoing acts and omissions constitute violations of the FDCPA, as outlined above by Defendants engaged in unlawful debt collection activity when filing the affidavits in collection action against Plaintiff and the class by

simultaneous filing of the Plaintiff's twelve consumer reports / credit scores, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692d and 1692f. As a result of Defendants' violations of the FDCPA, Plaintiff and the class are entitled to statutory damages, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A), and reasonable attorney's fees and costs, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3), from Defendants.

#### VIII.

#### TRIAL BY JURY

69. Plaintiff is entitled to, and hereby demands a trial by jury. U.S. Const. amend. VII; Fed. R. Civ. P. 38.

#### IX.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff respectfully requests that a Judgment be entered against Defendants awarding him the following relief:

- certifying the action as a class;
- ordering that Plaintiff's counsel be named as class counsel;
- awarding Plaintiff and the FCRA Class appropriate statutory and punitive damages for violating the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*;
- awarding Plaintiff and the FCRA Class costs and reasonable attorney's fees and post judgment interest pursuant 15 U.S.C. §1681 *et seq.*;
- an order enjoining the Defendants from further violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act relative to the Defendants' inclusion of consumer reports / scores in all such pleadings filed in various state courts;
- an Order instructing Defendants to move to seal all class members' Wisconsin state court collection files;
- awarding Plaintiff statutory damages against the Defendants for violations of the FDCPA pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;
- awarding the FDCPA Class members statutory damages against Defendants for violations of the FDCPA pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;

- awarding Plaintiff and the FDCPA Class members reasonable attorney's fees and costs against Defendants;
- any other appropriate declaratory and/or injunctive relief; and
- such other and further relief as the court deems just and equitable.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF AND THE CLASS

#### **VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATION BY PLAINTIFF**

STATE OF WISCONSIN	)
	) ss
COUNTY OF Waukesha	)

Matthew G. Kleczewski, having first been duly sworn and upon oath, deposes and says as follows:

- 1. I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
- 2. I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.
- 3. I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law.
- 4. I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass any Defendant(s), cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant(s), or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant(s), named in the Complaint.
- 5. I have filed this civil Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it.

s/Matthew G. Kleczewski
Matthew G. Kleczewski

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of March, 2018.

s/K.R. Jungen

Notary Public

# EXHIBIT 1



#### Discover it® Card

Account number ending in 3593 Open Date: Jun 12, 2016- Close Date: Jul 11, 2016 Cardmember Since 2013

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#### **ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

Previous Balance		\$981.40
Payments and Credits	•	\$35,00
Purchases	+	\$397.96
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Cash Advances	+	\$0.00
Fees Charged	+	\$0.00
Interest Charged	+	\$24.85
New Balance		\$1,369.21
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Credit Line Available		\$30
Cash Advance Credit Line		\$420
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# See reverse for details,

#### Redacted by Plaintiff Kleczewski

1 Score on 7/5/16.

Track recent scores on your FICO® page in this statement.

Please pay online at www.Discover.com or make checks payable to Discover. Phone or internet payment? Pay before midnight ET on your payment due date for same day credit.

Thank you for your continued enrollment in DirectPay automatic payments. Your next automatic payment of \$41.00 will be on August 10, 2016. See "Information For You" section for additional details.

#### PAYMENT INFORMATION

New Balance	\$1,369.21
Minimum Payment Due	\$41.00
Payment Due Date	August 10, 2016

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your minimum payment by the date listed above, you may have to pay a late fee of up to \$37.00.

Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For example:

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Only the minimum payment	8 years	\$2,655
\$53	3 years	\$1,914 (Savings= \$741)
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If you would like information about credit counseling services, call 1-800-347-1121.

#### **REWARDS**

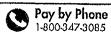
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5% Cashback Bonus	+ \$	6.58
Everywhere Else	+ \$	2.67
Redeemed This Period	- \$	7.04
Cashback Bonus Balance	\$	9,25
To learn more, log in at Discover.com	·	

Make Check payable to Discover. Please fold on the perforation below, detach and return with your payment.

#### NOTICE: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Payment Coupon
Please do not fold, clip or staple.





MATTHEW G KLECZEWSKI



Account number ending in	3593
Minimum Payment Due	\$41,00
New Balance	\$1,369,21.
Payment Due Date /////////Augu	1/10/2016
Amount enclosed \$	<del>(1), (1), (1)</del>

PO BOX 6103 CAROL STREAM IL 60197-6103

Phone and Internet payments must be received before midnight ET on your due date to be credited as of the same day.

Address, e-mail or telephone changed? Note changes on reverse side.



Important Information

See your Cardmember Agreement, Your Cardmember Agreement contains oil the terms of your Account.

Lost or stolen cards. Report immediately! Call 1-800-347-3085.

What To Do If You Think You Find A Mistake On Your Statement if you think there is an error on your statement, write to us at: Discover, PQ Box 30421, Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0421. You must write to us within 60 days after the error appeared on your statement. You may call us, but if you do we are not required to investigate any potential errors, and you may have to pay the amount in question. The Billing Rights Notice further explains your rights. Please see your Cardmember Agreement or visit https://discover.com/billingrights for a copy of this notice.

Payments, You may pay all or part of your Account balance at any time. However, you must pay at least the Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date. Send only your payment and the battom portion of this statement in the envelope provided ofter affixing postage. Payments sent without proper postage will be returned to the sender. Do not send cash. If you pay by check, you authorize us to use information on your check to make an electronic fund transfer from your account at the financial institution indicated on your check or to process the payment as a check transaction. If a payment is processed as an electronic fund transfer, the transfer will be for the amount of the check. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, that may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

The processing of your payment may be delayed if you send cash, correspondence or other items with your payments, if you send the payment to any other address, or if you use an envelope other than the one provided. Payments received in proper form at our processing facility by 5PM local time on any day will be credited to your Account as of that day. Payments received at our processing facility after 5PM local time will be credited to your Account as of the next day. If you have misplaced your envelope, send your payment to Discover, PO Box 6103, Carol Stream, It 60197-6103. Please allow 7-10 days for delivery. If your payment is returned unpaid, we reserve the right to resubmit it as an electronic debit. Payments made online or by phone will be credited as of the day of receipt if made by midnight on the Payment Due Date or SPM Eastern time on any other day.

Date or 5PM Eastern time on any other day.

You can pay your monthly Minimum Payment Due, or a greater amount that does not exceed your current Account balance, over the telephone or you can setup automatic payments through a customer service representative by calling 1-800-347-3085. Automatic payments for the billing period shown on your statement will be deducted on the Payment Due Date shown on that statement, or the next automatic payment date referred to on your statement, unless you request a recurring payment date (e.g., the 15th day of the month) that occurs before your Payment Due Date or Close Date. If your scheduled payment date falls on a weekend or bank holiday, your payment will be processed the business day prior to the weekend or bank holiday. In order to schedule monthly payments by telephone, you will need this statement and your bank account information. You will be asked to provide the last four (4) digits of the second payment down and your bank to deduct each payment you authorized in the amount selected by you, from your bank account, as applicable, to correct an error in the processing of such payment. You can cancel a scheduled payment by phone at 1-800-347-3085 or by mail at Discover, PO Box 30421, Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0421; payment cancellations must be received before 5 PM ET of the scheduled withdrawal date.

If your payments may vary in amount, we will tell you on each monthly billing statement when your payment will be made and how much it will be. You must ensure that sufficient funds are available in your bank account, and all transactions must comply with U.S. law.

You can set automatic payments for: (i) statement New Balance, (ii) statement Minimum Payment Due, (iii) statement Minimum Payment Due plus a fixed dollar amount, or (iv) Other dollar amount. If your scheduled "Other dollar amount" payment is not enough to cover the Minimum Payment Due as listed on your monthly billing statement, your scheduled payment for that month will be increased to cover the Minimum Payment Due, any excess will be applied in accordance with your Cardmember Agreement, if your scheduled payment is greater than the New Balance on your billing statement, that payment will be processed only for the amount of your New Balance. Your automatic payment amount may be less than the amount indicated on the billing statement bosed on credits or payments after the Close Dote.

in you enroll by phone in our automatic payment service, please fill-in the following blanks below and retain the authorization for your records.
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Bank Account #
Monthly on the Payment Due Date Close Date
Day of month (insert date)

Credit Reporting. We may report information about your Account to credit bureaus. Late payments, missed payments, or other defaults on your Account may be reflected in your credit report. We normally report the status and payment history of your Account to credit reporting agencies each month. If you believe that our report is inaccurate or incomplete, please write us at this address: Discover, PO Box 15316, Wilmington, DE 19850-5316. Please include your name, address, home telephone number and Account number.

Paying Interest. Your due date is at least 25 days after the close of each billing period (at least 23 days for billing periods that begin in February). We will not charge you any interest on Purchases if you pay your entire balance by the due date each month. We will begin charging interest on Cosh Advances and Balance Transfers as of the later of the Transaction Date or the first day of the billing period in which the transaction posted to your Account.

How We Calculate Interest Charges. We Use the Daily Balance Method [Including current transactions) to calculate the Balance Subject to Interest Rate. For more information, please call us at 1-800-347-3085.

Balance Subject to Interest Rate. Your statement shows a Balance Subject to Interest Rate. It shows this for each transaction category. The Balance Subject to Interest Rate is the average of the daily balances during the billing period.

Credit Balances. If your Account has a credit balance, the amount is shown on the front of your billing statement. A credit balance is money that is owed to you. You may make charges against this amount if your Account is open. We will send you a refund of any remaining balance of \$1.00 or more after 6 months, or as otherwise required by applicable law, or upon request made to the address in the Contact Us section on page 3 of your billing statement.

Balance Transfers, Balance Transfers are offered at our discretion and accrue interest at the standard purchase rate unless we tell you otherwise.

Discover may monitor and/or record telephone calls between you and Discover representatives for quality assurance purposes.

The Discover® card is issued by Discover Bank, Member FDIC. DI123-25.0716

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If correct on fro	nt, do not use. Please print clearly in blue or black ink, in the space provided.
Street Address	Home Phone
	Work Phone
City	Email
State, Zip	

To make changes to your address, email or telephone number, visit Discover.com

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#### Discover it® Card

Account number ending in 3593

Open Date: Jun 12, 2016 - Close Date: Jul 11, 2016

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#### CONTACT US



Web Access your account securely at Discover.com



Mobile Manage your account anytime, anywhere at m.Discoyer.com



Phone 1-800-347-3085 TDD 1-800-347-7449



Inquiry Discover PO Box 30943 Salt Lake City



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Restaurants	Jun 16	Jun 16	MCDONALD'S M5082 WAUKESHA WI		\$	9.86
	Jun 16	Jun 16	TALLYS TAP AND EATERY WAUKESHA WI		Ψ	7.00
	Jun 17	Jun 17	MCDONALD'S M5082 WAUKESHA WI			15.00
	Jun 18	Jun 18	BURGER KING #2843 WAUKESHA WI			8.59
	Jun 19	Jun 19	MAGELLANS WAUKESHA WI			11.50
	Jun 19	Jun 19	MCDONALD'S M5082 WAUKESHA WI			10.07
	Jun 19	Jun 19	MCDONALD'S F26864 PEWAUKEE WI			15,71
	Jun 22	Jun 22	BURGER KING #2843 WAUKESHA WI			24.34
	Jun 25	Jun 25	BURGER KING #2843 WAUKESHA WI			18.30
Gasoline	Jun 17	Jun 17	KWIK TRIP WAUKESHA WI		\$	18.00
Supermarkets	Jun 19	Jun 19	PICK N SAYE00064154845 WAUKESHA WI		\$	22.78
lome Improvement	Jun 16	Jun 16	MENARDS WAUKESHA WI WAUKESHA WI		\$	38.22
ees			TOTAL FEES FOR THIS PERIOD	<del>'</del>	\$	0.00
nterest Charged			INTEREST CHARGE ON PURCHASES		\$	24.85
	-		INTEREST CHARGE ON CASH ADVANCES		Ψ	0.00
			INTEREST CHARGE ON BALANCE TRANSFERS			0.00
			TOTAL INTEREST FOR THIS PERIOD			24.85
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			TOTAL FEES CHARGED IN 2016 TOTAL INTEREST CHARGED IN 2016		\$	25.00
nterest Charge Cal		CO.	TOTAL INTEREST CHARGED IN 2016		\$	90.52

Interest Charge Calculation

Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual interest rate on your account.

Current Billing Period:30 days

TYPE OF BALANCE Purchases Cash Advances V=Variable Rate

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE

(APR) 23.24% V 25.24% V

**BALANCE SUBJECT TO INTEREST RATE** \$1,300.78 \$0.00

INTEREST CHARGE \$24.85 \$0.00

NOTICE: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Information For You

For more information about how interest charges are calculated see your Cardmember Agreement or go to www.discover.com/interestcharges

Your next automatic minimum payment of \$41.00 will be on August 10, 2016. Any payments made prior to this date will be applied towards your minimum payment due. Any credits applied to your Account for the billing cycle reflected on this statement may lower your minimum payment due and thus the scheduled DirectPay amount.

#### FICO® Credit Score Terms

Your FICO® Credit Score and key factors are based on data from TransUnion and may be different from other credit scores. This information is intended for and only provided to Primary cardmembers who have an available score. See **Discover.com/FICO** about the availability of your score. Your score is provided an the statement for individual accounts and on Discover.com with key factors for individual and joint accounts. You will see up to a year of recent scores starting when you become a cardmember. Discover and other lenders may use different inputs, such as a FICO® Credit Score, other credit scores and more information in credit decisions. This benefit may change or end in the future. FICO is a registered trademark of the Fair Isaac Corporation in the United States and other countries.

If you prefer not to receive your FICO® Credit Score on your statement, just call us at 1-800-DISCOVER (1-800-347-2683). Please give us two billing cycles to process your request. To learn more, visit Discover.com

#### Availability of FICO® Credit Score

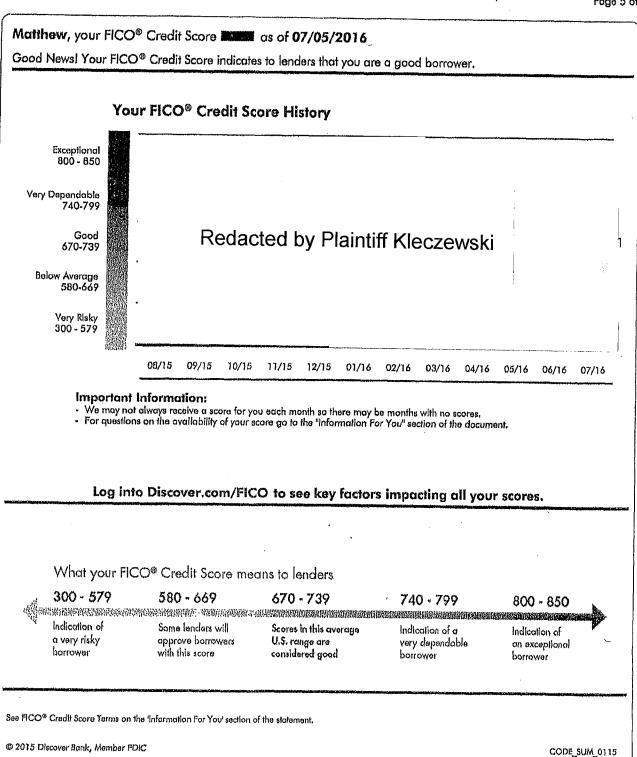
As an active cardmember, you may see your FICO® Credit Score on your monthly statement or online. Reasons why you may not see your FICO® Credit Score include: if you have a joint account; if you opt out; if you have key information that is mismatched or missing, as one example, an address change that has not been updated with Discover or TransUnion; if your credit history is too new; if your account status is abandoned, bankrupt, fraud, lost or stolen, closed, revoked, or charged off; if you have a foreign address; or if you have no account activity such as no purchase transactions, fees, interest, or payments for approximately 30 days.

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#### Discover it® Card

Account number ending in 3593 Open Date: Jun 12, 2016- Close Date: Jul 11, 2016 Cardmember Since 2013

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Place an "X" in the appropriate	box (required): Gree	n Bay Division 🔀 🛚	Milwauke	ee Division			
Matthew G. Kleczewski, c situated	on behalf of himself an	d all others similarly	/	DEFENDANTS Messerii & Kramer, John Does, Esqs.,	P.A., Gina C.	. Ziegelbaue	er, Esq., individually, and
(b) County of Residence of (EX	f First Listed Plaintiff WAGEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CA	/aukesha ISES)		County of Residence  NOTE: IN LAND CO THE TRACT		TIFF CASES ON	*
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Z Thomas J. Lyons, Jr., Esc Commerce Court, Vadnais tommy@consumerjustice	s Heights, MN 55127,			Attorneys (If Known)			
II. BASIS OF JURISD	ICTION (Place an "X" in	One Box Only)			RINCIPAL P	ARTIES (F	Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff
☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	▼ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government in	Not a Party)		(For Diversity Cases Only) P1 en of This State		orporated <i>or</i> Print of Business In Th	
2 U.S. Government Defendant	4 Diversity (Indicate Citizensh	ip of Parties in Item III)	Citize	en of Another State		orporated and Pr of Business In A	
				en or Subject of a reign Country	] 3	eign Nation	□ 6 □ 6
IV. NATURE OF SUIT	(Place an "X" in One Box Or	ıly)			Click here for:	Nature of Su	uit Code Descriptions.
CONTRACT		RTS		ORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRU		OTHER STATUTES
☐ 110 Insurance ☐ 120 Marine ☐ 130 Miller Act ☐ 140 Negotiable Instrument ☐ 150 Recovery of Overpayment	PERSONAL INJURY  □ 310 Airplane □ 315 Airplane Product Liability □ 320 Assault, Libel & Slander □ 330 Federal Employers' Liability □ 340 Marine □ 345 Marine Product Liability □ 350 Motor Vehicle □ 355 Motor Vehicle	PERSONAL INJURY  365 Personal Injury - Product Liability  367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability  368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability  PERSONAL PROPERT  370 Other Fraud  371 Truth in Lending	☐ 69	25 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 00 Other  LABOR 0 Fair Labor Standards Act	□ 422 Appeal 28 □ 423 Withdrawa 28 USC 1:  PROPERTY □ 820 Copyrights □ 830 Patent □ 835 Patent - Al New Drug □ 840 Trademark  SOCIAL SEC □ 861 HIA (1395) □ 862 Black Lun,	RIGHTS s bbreviated Application CURITY 6ff)	□ 375 False Claims Act     □ 376 Qui Tam (31 USC     □ 3729(a))     □ 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     □ 850 Securities/Commodities/
☐ 190 Other Contract ☐ 195 Contract Product Liability ☐ 196 Franchise	Product Liability  360 Other Personal Injury  362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	☐ 380 Other Personal Property Damage ☐ 385 Property Damage Product Liability	□74 □75	20 Labor/Management Relations 40 Railway Labor Act 51 Family and Medical Leave Act	☐ 863 DIWC/DIV☐ 864 SSID Title☐ 865 RSI (405(g	WW (405(g)) x XVI g))	Exchange  890 Other Statutory Actions  891 Agricultural Acts  893 Environmental Matters  995 Freedom of Information
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITION		00 Other Labor Litigation	FEDERAL TA		Act
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VI. CAUSE OF ACTIO	In the second se	, et seq. and 15 U.S use:	s.C. § 10	Do not cite jurisdictional stat 692 et seq. nd Fair Debt Collectio			
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	CHECK IF THIS UNDER RULE 2	IS A CLASS ACTION 3, F.R.Cv.P.	D D	EMAND \$		CK YES only in DEMAND:	f demanded in complaint:  Yes No
VIII. RELATED CASE IF ANY	(See instructions):	JUDGE			DOCKET N	UMBER	
DATE 03/16/2018		signature of att s/Thomas J. Ly	ORNEY O	OF RECORD r.			
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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
- (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
- (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" 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 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.
  - 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. 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 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 Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Multidistrict Litigation Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statue.
- 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.

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

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Matthew G. Kleczewski, on others similarl		) )
Plaintiff	<i>(s)</i>	)
v.		Civil Action No. 2:18-cv-422
		)
Messerli & Kramer, P.A., Gina	C. Ziegelbauer, Esq., et al	) )
Defendan	at(s)	)
	SUMMONS I	N A CIVIL ACTION
To: (Defendant's name and address)	Messerli & Kramer P.A. 100 S. 5th Street 1400 Fifth Street Towers Minneapolis, MN 55402-55	540
A lawsuit has been file	ed against you.	
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		STEPHEN C. DRIES, CLERK OF COURT
Date: 03/16/2018		Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. 2:18-cv-422

#### PROOF OF SERVICE

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

received by me on (date)	·		
☐ I personally serve	d the summons and the attached com	aplaint on the individual at (place):	
		On (date)	; or
☐ I left the summon	s and the attached complaint at the ir	ndividual's residence or usual place of a	bode with (name
	, a p	erson of suitable age and discretion who	resides there,
on (date)	, and mailed a copy	to the individual's last known address; of	or
☐ I served the sumn	ons and the attached complaint on (r	name of individual)	
who is designated by	law to accept service of process on b	pehalf of (name of organization)	
		on (date)	_; or
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Other (specify):			
My fees are \$	for travel and \$	for services, for a total of \$	0.00
I declare under penalt	y of perjury that this information is t	rue.	
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		Printed name and title	
		Server's address	

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

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