UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ALESHA OAK, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

ARS NATIONAL SERVICES INC.

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff ALESHA OAK (hereinafter, "Plaintiff"), a New York resident, brings this class action complaint by and through her attorneys, Daniel Cohen, PLLC, against Defendants ARS NATIONAL 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

- 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 marital 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

- Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of a class of New York consumers seeking redress for Defendant's actions of using a misleading, deceptive, unfair and unconscionable means to collect a debt.
- 6. Defendant's actions violated § 1692 et seq. of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act ("<u>FDCPA</u>") which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive and unfair practices.
- 7. Plaintiff is seeking damages, and declaratory and injunctive relief.

PARTIES

- 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 Escondido, California.
- 10. 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 consumer class (the "Class"):
 - Plaintiff brings this action individually and as a class action on behalf of all persons similarly situated in the State of New York from whom Defendant attempted to collect a consumer debt using the same unlawful form letter herein, from one year before the date of this Complaint to the present.
 - The Class satisfies all the requirements of Rule 23 of the FRCP for maintaining a class 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 is 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 to proceed without remedy, it will continue to reap and retain the proceeds of its 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 PARTICULAR TO ALESHA OAK

- 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. 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, facsimile, and Internet.
- 16. Upon information and belief, within the last year Defendant commenced efforts to collect an alleged consumer "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(5), when it mailed a Collection Letter to Plaintiff seeking to collect on an unpaid account allegedly owed to Chase Bank USA, N.A.
- 17. On or around October 12, 2017, Defendant sent Plaintiff a collection letter (hereinafter, the "Letter"). See Exhibit A.
- The Letter was sent or caused to be sent by persons employed by Defendant as a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).
- 19. The Letter is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(2).
- 20. The Letter states in pertinent part: "If we settle this debt with you for less than the full outstanding balance, Chase may offer you less favorable terms in the future for some Chase products or services, or may deny your application."
- 21. As a result of the following Counts, Defendant violated the FDCPA.

<u>First Count</u>

15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(10), 1692e(2)(A) & 1692f <u>Defendant's Letter Dated October 12, 2017 Falsely Implies That Paying The Debt Claimed</u> <u>In Full Rather Than Accepting A Settlement Will Enhance The Consumer's Likelihood Of</u> <u>Receiving Future Credit Products, And Will Lead To Improved Creditworthiness</u>

- 22. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered"1" through "21" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 23. Sections 1692e, 1692e(10), and 1692e(2)(A), of Title 15 of the U.S. Code, prohibit false, misleading or deceitful statements in collection communications.
- 24. Section 1692f prohibits debt collectors from using unconscionable or unfair means in connection with the collection of a debt.
- 25. A collection notice that may confuse or mislead the least sophisticated consumer is deceptive under the FDCPA, such as where "it can be reasonably read to have two or more different meanings, one of which is inaccurate." *Russell v. Equifax A.R.S.*, 74 F.3d 30, 35 (2d Cir. 1996); accord Brown v. Card Serv. Ctr., 464 F.3d 450, 455 (3rd Cir. 2006); *Kistener v. Law Offices of Michael P. Margelefsky, LLC*, 518 F.3d 433, 441 (6th Cir. 2008); *Gonzales v. Arrow Fin. Servs., LLC*, 660 F.3d 1055 (9th Cir. 2011) (conditional language on liability such as "may" or "if" may render a true statement misleading).
- 26. According to guidance published by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (hereinafter "CFPB"), a debt collector's representation to a consumer that paying debts may improve the consumer's creditworthiness or "enhance the likelihood that a consumer will subsequently receive credit from a lender" may be deceptive. CFPB Bulletin 2013-08 Representations Regarding Effect of Debt Payments on Credit Reports and Scores (July 10, 2013). available at: <u>http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201307_cfpb_bulletin_collections-consumer-credit.pdf</u>.

- 27. "The CFPB has authority to issue substantive rules for debt collection under the FDCPA." *Zweigenhaft v. Receivables Performance Mgmt., LLC*, No. 14 CV 01074 (RJD)(JMA), 2014
 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 160441, at *9 n.2 (E.D.N.Y. Nov. 13, 2014).
- 28. Courts appropriately consider guidance in CFPB Bulletins and other publications to determine whether a given statement or communication violates the FDCPA. *See, e.g., Zweigenhaft*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 160441; *Bautz v. ARS Nat'l Servs.*, 226 F. Supp. 3d 131, 148 n.7 (E.D.N.Y. 2016); *Portalatin v. Blatt*, 125 F. Supp. 3d 810, 816 (N.D. Ill. 2015) (*citing Jerman v. Carlisle, McNellie, Rini, Kramer & Ulrich, L.P.A.*, 559 U.S. 573, 130 S. Ct. 1605 (2010)). *Carter v. First Nat'l Collection Bureau, Inc.*, 135 F. Supp. 3d 565, 573 (S.D. Tex. 2015); *Buchanan v. Northland Grp.*, 776 F.3d 393, 398 (6th Cir. 2015); *Oberg v. Blatt, Hasenmiller, Leibsker & Moore, LLC*, No. 14 C 7369, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 172439, at *9 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 29, 2015).
- 29. Courts frequently adjure debt collectors to look to consumer protection agencies for compliance with the FDCPA, as the rules, guidance and advisory opinions issued by these agencies are supported by extensive scientific studies and research to determine whether certain collection practices are likely to deceive the least sophisticated consumer. *See, e.g.*, *Bautz*, 226 F. Supp.3d at 148 n.7; *Portalatin*, 125 F. Supp. 3d at 816 (*citing Jerman*, 559 U.S. 573 (2010)) ("the whole point of authorizing the CFPB to produce advisory opinions is to encourage debt collectors to seek CFPB guidance regarding the meaning of the FDCPA."); *Hasenmiller*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 172439, at *9 (Section 1692k(e) "provides that a debt collector that acts in reliance on a CFPB advisory opinion cannot be held liable even if the CFPB advisory opinion is later rescinded or reversed, either by the agency or by judicial decision").

- 30. Defendant's October 12, 2017 letter is misleading and deceptive viewed from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, in that it implies that the consumer may enhance her likelihood of approval for credit products by paying the claimed debt in full rather than the reduced settlement amount.
- 31. The language at issue states: "If we settle this debt with you for less than the full outstanding balance, Chase may offer you less favorable terms in the future for some Chase products or services, or may deny your application."
- 32. This language falsely implied that if the Plaintiff does the converse -- that is, pays the claimed balance in full rather than agreeing to the lesser settlement amount -- Plaintiff could enhance her likelihood of receiving future credit products from Chase Bank or improve her overall creditworthiness.
- 33. On information and belief, Plaintiff's payment in full of the amount claimed would not have enhanced her likelihood of obtaining Chase credit products or services in the future, nor would it have improved her overall creditworthiness.
- 34. Thus, Defendant's October 12, 2017 Letter violates Section 1692e(10) of the FDCPA when viewed from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer," by falsely implying that payment in-full (rather than settlement) of the claimed debt would have enhanced her likelihood of receiving future credit products or enhanced her overall creditworthiness.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants as follows:

- (a) Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and certifying Plaintiff as Class representative and Daniel Cohen, PLLC, as Class 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: <u>/s/ Daniel Cohen</u> Daniel Cohen, Esq. Daniel Cohen, PLLC 300 Cadman Plaza W, 12th floor Brooklyn, New York 11201 Phone: (646) 645-8482 Fax: (347) 665-1545 Email: Dan@dccohen.com *Attorneys 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/ Daniel Cohen

Daniel Cohen, Esq.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York December 18, 2017

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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, A DANIEL COHEN PLLC, 3 (646) 645-8482	-		Attorneys (If Known)				
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Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,

I, <u>DANIEL COHEN</u>, counsel for <u>PLAINTIFF</u>, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

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the complaint seeks injunctive relief,

the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason

Question of law rather than questions of fact predominates

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1

NONE

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or its stocks:

RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)

Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court."

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ALESHA OAK, on behalf of herself and all

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Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

ARS NATIONAL SERVICES INC. THE PRENTICE-HALL CORPORATION SYSTEM, INC. 80 STATE STREET ALBANY, NEW YORK, 12207

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:

DANIEL COHEN PLLC 300 CADMAN PLAZA W, 12 FLOOR BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201

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.

> DOUGLAS C. PALMER CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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October 12, 2017

ACCOUNT IDENTIFICATION

www.PayARS.com

Creditor: Chase Bank U.S.A., N.A. Account No.: *********7863 ARS Reference Note 4003 Balance: \$1,986.92

SETTLEMENT OPTION

Dear Sir/Madam:

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We want to help you find a resolution for the above-referenced account. Below are just two of many payment options available.

1. Settle your account at 25% of the balance in two installments:

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(If you cannot make the settlement payment by the dates below, please contact us to discuss alternative arrangements.)

Payment One: \$248.37 by 10/29/2017

Payment Two: \$248.37 by 11/28/2017

2. Down payment with payment plan:

Enclose a good faith down payment of \$198.70 and then send monthly payments of \$99.35 until the balance is paid in full. If you cannot make the payments by the 25th of each month, please contact us to discuss alternative arrangements.

We reserve the right to treat any missed or late settlement payment as a cancellation of the settlement agreement. We are not obligated to renew this settlement offer. Upon receipt of your final payment, ARS and our client will consider this account either paid in full or settled based on the option chosen.

To make a payment or review other options on this account 24 hours a day, please visit our website at <u>www.PayARS.com</u>. ARS also offers "Quick Check" by phone, Western Union "Quick Collect" (Code City: ARS 35144003), and Moneygram "Express Payment" (Receive Code: 3973). Payments can be mailed to the ARS Escondido, CA address above.

If we settle this debt with you for less than the full outstanding balance, Chase may offer you less favorable terms in the future for some Chase products or services, or may deny your application.

Please call your account representative at (866) 519-3421 for any questions. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Sincerely, KAT WESOLOWSKI X1732 Account Representative

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY 1011 INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: <u>ARS National Services Sued Over Collection Letter's 'Deceptive' Promises</u>