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Our File No.: 111638

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Melissa Patton, individually and on behalf of all others  
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Aldous & Associates, PLLC,

Defendant.

Docket No:

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

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100 GARDEN CITY PLAZA, SUITE 500  
GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK 11530

Melissa Patton, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated (hereinafter referred to as “*Plaintiff*”), by and through the undersigned counsel, complains, states and alleges against Aldous & Associates, PLLC (hereinafter referred to as “*Defendant*”), as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This action seeks to recover for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* (“FDCPA”).

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2. This Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).

3. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this Judicial District.

4. At all relevant times, Defendant conducted business within the State of New York.

## PARTIES

5. Plaintiff Melissa Patton is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York residing in Suffolk County, New York.

6. Plaintiff is a “consumer” as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

7. On information and belief, Defendant Aldous & Associates, PLLC, is a Utah Professional Limited Liability Company with a principal place of business in Utah County, Utah.

8. Defendant is regularly engaged, for profit, in the collection of debts allegedly owed by consumers.

9. Defendant is a “debt collector” as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

## ALLEGATIONS

10. Defendant alleges Plaintiff owes a debt (“the Debt”).

11. The Debt was primarily for personal, family or household purposes and is therefore a “debt” as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).

12. Sometime after the incurrence of the Debt, Plaintiff fell behind on payments owed.

13. Thereafter, at an exact time known only to Defendant, the Debt was assigned or otherwise transferred to Defendant for collection.

14. In its efforts to collect the debt, Defendant contacted Plaintiff by letter (“the Letter”) dated July 15, 2016. (“**Exhibit 1.**”)

15. The Letter was the initial communication Plaintiff received from Defendant.

16. The Letter is a “communication” as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

17. 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.

18. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) requires the notice to include a statement that unless the consumer, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the debt collector.

19. The Letter fails to include the 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) notice.

20. The Letter, therefore, violates the FDCPA.

**CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

21. 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 without providing the consumer the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) notice, from one year before the date of this Complaint to the present.

22. This action seeks a finding that Defendant's conduct violates the FDCPA, and asks that the Court award damages as authorized by 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.

23. Defendant regularly engages in debt collection.

24. The Class consists of more than 35 persons from whom Defendant attempted to collect delinquent consumer debts without providing the consumer the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(3) notice.

25. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class. Common questions of law or fact raised by this class action complaint affect all members of the Class and predominate over any individual issues. Common relief is therefore sought on behalf of all members of the Class. This class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

26. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to the individual members of the Class, and a risk that any adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class would, as a practical matter, either be dispositive of the interests of other members of the Class not party to the adjudication, or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests. Defendant has acted in a manner applicable to the Class as a whole such that declaratory relief is warranted.

27. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect and represent the interests of the Class. The management of the class action proposed is not extraordinarily difficult, and the factual and legal issues raised by this class action complaint will not require extended contact with the members of the Class, because Defendant's conduct was perpetrated on all members of the Class and will be established by common proof. Moreover, Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in actions brought under consumer protection laws.

**JURY DEMAND**

28. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial of this action by jury.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff respectfully requests judgment as follows:

- a. Certify this action as a class action; and
- b. Appoint Plaintiff as Class Representative of the Class, and Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel; and
- c. Find that Defendant's actions violate the FDCPA; and
- d. Grant damages against Defendant pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and
- e. Grant Plaintiff's attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and
- f. Grant Plaintiff's costs; together with
- g. Such other relief that the Court determines is just and proper.

DATED: June 11, 2017

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Melissa Patton  
662 Tanglewood Rd  
West Islip NY 11795-3522

Date: July 15, 2016  
**YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER: 3920**  
Agreement with: **Blink Fitness**

**DELINQUENT BALANCE: \$74.00**  
**TOTAL DUE TODAY: \$74.00**

Dear Melissa Patton:

This law firm has been retained by Blink Fitness to collect the full accelerated balance as a result of your defaulted retail installment contract with the Company. Formal demand is hereby made upon you for immediate debt resolution upon your receipt of this letter. Blink Fitness is the original creditor of this debt and their reference number is BLNK [REDACTED] 180.

If you continue to ignore your financial obligations, the creditor may choose to 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.

It is important that you make this payment promptly or call us to make alternative payment arrangements. You can contact us Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or call toll free (888) 221-5155.

Mailed checks are to be paid to the order of: Aldous & Associates, P.L.L.C. Please post your account number on the draft.

Your prompt attention to prevent further collection activity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Aldous & Associates, P.L.L.C. - Attorneys at Law

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

**At this time, no attorney with this firm has personally reviewed the particular circumstances of your account.**

**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. If you request this office in writing within thirty (30) days after receiving this notice this office will provide you with the verification name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.**

OUR ATTORNEYS ARE ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: NEW YORK\*\*, LOUISIANA\*, PENNSYLVANIA\*, UTAH\* VISIT WWW.ALDOUSLEGAL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION. SE HABLA ESPANOL. NEW YORK CITY DCA LICENSE #: 2004462-DCA

If you request in writing proof of the debt or the name and address of the original creditor within the thirty (30) day period which begins upon your receipt of this letter, the law requires us to suspend our efforts to collect the debt until we mail the requested information to you.

For New York Residents: Debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including but not limited to: The use or threat of violence; The use of obscene or profane language; and Repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass. If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt: Supplemental security income, (SSI) Social security; Public assistance (welfare); Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support; Unemployment benefits; Disability benefits; Workers' compensation benefits; Public or private pensions; Veterans' benefits; Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

\*\*\* Please detach the lower portion and return with your payment \*\*\*

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PO Box 505  
Linden MI 48451-0505  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

July 15, 2016

IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD, CHECK ONE AND FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARD NUMBER	EXP. DATE
CARD HOLDER NAME	CVV
SIGNATURE	AMOUNT PAID

Your Account Number: 3920  
Agreement With: Blink Fitness  
Total Due Today: \$74.00



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P.O. Box 171374  
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AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
for the  
**EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Melissa Patton, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated	)	
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<i>Plaintiff(s)</i>	)	
	)	Civil Action No.
v.	)	
	)	
Aldous & Associates, PLLC	)	
_____	)	
<i>Defendant(s)</i>	)	

**SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION**

To: *(Defendant's name and address)*  
Aldous & Associates, PLLC  
c/o Jeffrey N. Aldous , 4262 Imperial Way  
Provo, Utah 84604

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:

BARSHAY SANDERS PLLC  
100 GARDEN CITY PLAZA, SUITE 500  
GARDEN CITY, NY 11530

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

*CLERK OF COURT*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk*

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS
MELISSA PATTON
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff SUFFOLK
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)
BARSHAY SANDERS, PLLC
100 Garden City Plaza, Ste 500, Garden City, NY 11530
(516) 203-7600

DEFENDANTS
ALDOUS & ASSOCIATES, PLLC
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant UTAH
NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.
Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
O 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
O 2 U.S. Government Defendant
O 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
O 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)
Citizen of This State PTF O 1 DEF O 1
Citizen of Another State O 2 O 2
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country O 3 O 3

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
CONTRACT: O 110 Insurance, O 120 Marine, O 130 Miller Act, O 140 Negotiable Instrument, O 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment, O 151 Medicare Act, O 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans), O 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits, O 160 Stockholders' Suits, O 190 Other Contract, O 195 Contract Product Liability, O 196 Franchise
REAL PROPERTY: O 210 Land Condemnation, O 220 Foreclosure, O 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment, O 240 Torts to Land, O 245 Tort Product Liability, O 290 All Other Real Property
TORTS: PERSONAL INJURY: O 310 Airplane, O 315 Airplane Product Liability, O 320 Assault, Libel & Slander, O 330 Federal Employers' Liability, O 340 Marine, O 345 Marine Product Liability, O 350 Motor Vehicle, O 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability, O 360 Other Personal Injury, O 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice
PRISONER PETITIONS: Habeas Corpus: O 463 Alien Detainee, O 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence, O 530 General, O 535 Death Penalty
Other: O 540 Mandamus & Other, O 550 Civil Rights, O 555 Prison Condition, O 560 Civil Detainee Conditions of Confinement
FORFEITURE/PENALTY: O 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881, O 690 Other
LABOR: O 710 Fair Labor Standards Act, O 720 Labor/Management Relations, O 740 Railway Labor Act, O 751 Family and Medical Leave Act, O 790 Other Labor Litigation, O 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act
IMMIGRATION: O 462 Naturalization Application, O 465 Other Immigration Actions
BANKRUPTCY: O 422 Appeal 28 USC 158, O 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157
PROPERTY RIGHTS: O 820 Copyrights, O 830 Patent, O 840 Trademark
SOCIAL SECURITY: O 861 HIA (1395ff), O 862 Black Lung (923), O 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)), O 864 SSID Title XVI, O 865 RSI (405(g))
FEDERAL TAX SUITS: O 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant), O 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609
OTHER STATUTES: O 375 False Claims Act, O 400 State Reapportionment, O 410 Antitrust, O 430 Banks and Banking, O 450 Commerce, O 460 Deportation, O 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations, O 480 Consumer Credit, O 490 Cable/Sat TV, O 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange, O 890 Other Statutory Actions, O 891 Agricultural Acts, O 893 Environmental Matters, O 895 Freedom of Information Act, O 896 Arbitration, O 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision, O 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)
O 1 Original Proceeding
O 2 Removed from State Court
O 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
O 4 Reinstated or Reopened
O 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
O 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
O 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION
Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 15 USC §1692
Brief description of cause: 15 USC §1692 Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Violation

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:
CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$
CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes O No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY
(See Instructions) JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE July 7, 2017 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD /s Craig B. Sanders

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
RECEIPT # AMOUNT APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE

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, Craig B. Sanders, counsel for Plaintiff, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

- monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
- the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
- the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason

**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1**

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of 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."

**NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 50.1(d)(2)**

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
2. If you answered "no" above:
  - a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? YES
  - b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? YES

If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).

**BAR ADMISSION**

I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court.  
 Yes  No

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 Craig B. Sanders



# ClassAction.org

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