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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Olessia Razilova, individually and on behalf of all others D similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Docket No:

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Halsted Financial Services LLC,

Defendant.

Olessia Razilova, 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 Halsted Financial Services LLC (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.

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PARTIES

5. Plaintiff Olessia Razilova is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York residing in Kings County, New York.

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

7. On information and belief, Defendant Halsted Financial Services LLC, is an Illinois Limited Liability Company with a principal place of business in Cook County, Illinois.

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 January 24, 2018. ("<u>Exhibit 1</u>.")

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. The written notice must contain the amount of the debt.

19. The written notice must contain the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed.

20. The written notice must contain 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

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debt will be assumed to be valid by the debt collector.

21. The written notice must contain a statement that if the consumer notifies the debt collector in writing within the thirty-day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the debt collector will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of a judgment against the consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the consumer by the debt collector.

22. The written notice must contain a statement that, upon the consumer's written request within the thirty-day period, the debt collector will provide the consumer with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

23. A debt collector has the obligation, not just to convey the required information, but also to convey such clearly.

24. Even if a debt collector conveys the required information accurately, the debt collector nonetheless violates the FDCPA if that information is overshadowed or contradicted by other language in the communication.

25. Even if a debt collector conveys the required information accurately, the debt collector nonetheless violates the FDCPA if that information is overshadowed by other collection activities during the 30-day validation period following the communication.

26. A collection activity or communication overshadows or contradicts the validation notice if it would make the "least sophisticated consumer" uncertain or confused as to her rights.

27. Demanding immediate payment without explaining that such demand does not override the consumer's right to dispute the debt or demand validation of the debt is a violation of the FDCPA.

28. Demanding immediate payment without providing transitional language explaining that such demand does not override the consumer's right to dispute the debt or demand validation of the debt is a violation of the FDCPA.

29. Defendant has demanded Plaintiff make payment during the validation period.

30. The Letter demands payment must be made by January 24, 2018.

31. The Letter demands payment must be made by January 24, 2018, the same date of the letter.

32. The Letter states "This arrangement must be secured by either check or card no later than 01/24/2018."

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33. Defendant has demanded Plaintiff make payment during the validation period without explaining that such demand does not override the Plaintiff's right to dispute the debt.

34. Defendant has demanded Plaintiff make payment during the validation period without explaining that such demand does not override the Plaintiff's right to demand validation of the debt.

35. Defendant's demand for payment would likely make the least sophisticated consumer uncertain as to her rights.

36. Defendant's demand for payment would likely make the least sophisticated consumer confused as to her rights.

37. Defendant violated § 1692g as Defendant overshadowed the information required to be provided by that Section.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

38. 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 a collection letter substantially the same as the Letter herein, from one year before the date of this Complaint to the present.

39. 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.

40. Defendant regularly engages in debt collection.

41. The Class consists of more than 35 persons from whom Defendant attempted to collect delinquent consumer debts using a collection letter substantially the same as the Letter herein.

42. 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.

43. 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

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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.

44. 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

45. 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.

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DATED: March 5, 2018

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By: <u>/s/ Craig B. Sanders</u> Craig B. Sanders, Esq. 100 Garden City Plaza, Suite 500 Garden City, New York 11530 Tel: (516) 203-7600 Fax: (516) 706-5055 csanders@barshaysanders.com *Attorneys for Plaintiff* Our File No.: 114856



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01/24/2018

RE: OLESSIA RAZILOVA Current Creditor To Whom The Debt Is Owed: JH Portfolio Debt Equities Original Creditor: QVC, INC. (HOME SHOPPING) Account Number: 'XXXXX1546 Our Reference Number: 9515 Balance due as of charge-off: \$1,135.18 Interest accrued since charge-off: \$0.00 Charges and fees since charge-off: \$0.00 Payments made since charge-off: \$0.00 Account Balance: \$1,135.18

Dear OLESSIA RAZILOVA,

This communication serves as your written verification for the terms of this agreement that have been authorized on the above referenced debt. Any variation from the provisions outlined in this letter without consent from this office may nullify this offer. This arrangement must be secured by either check or card no later than 01/24/2018. Upon clearance of your final payment, we will issue you a release letter within 30 days.

A payment on this amount of \$ is due by 01/24/2018.

This communication is from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office 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 from this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different than the current creditor.

Sincerely,

John Williams General Manager Halsted Financial Services, LLC

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Phone Number: (855) 224-4371 Fax Number: (888) 768-5812

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The U.S. Treasury Department requires us to inform you that, if any advice concerning one or more U.S. Federal tax issues is contained in this communication (including any attachments), such advice is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of (i) avoiding penalties under the Internal Revenue Code, or (ii) promoting, marketing or recommending to another party any transaction or matter addressed herein.

Please see below for required notices.

California: The state Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act require that, except under unusual circumstances, collectors may not contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. They may not harass you by using threats of violence or arrest, or by using obscene language. Collectors may not use false or misleading statements or call you at work if they know or have reason to know that you may not receive personal calls at work. For the most part, collectors may not tell another person, other than your attorney or spouse, about your debt. Collectors may contact another person to confirm your location or enforce a judgment. For more information about debt collection activities, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov.

You may request records showing the following: (1) that : JH Portfolio Debt Equities has the right to seek collection of the debt; (2) the debt balance, including an explanation of any interest charges and additional fees; (3) the date of default or the date of the last payment; (4) the name of the charge-off creditor and the account number associated with the debt; (5) the name and last known address of the debtor as it appeared in the charge-off creditor's or debt buyer's records prior to the sale of the debt, as appropriate; and (6) the names of all persons or entities that have purchased the debt. You may also request from us a copy of the contract or other document evidencing your agreement to the debt. A request for these records may be addressed to: P.O. Box 828 Skokie, IL 60076.

Colorado: FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLORADO FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, SEE WWW.COAG.GOV/CAR. A consumer has the right to request in writing that a debt collector or collection agency cease further communication with the consumer. A written request to cease communication will not prohibit the debt collector or collection agency from taking any other action authorized by law to collect the debt. Our office is licensed under the name of Halsted Financial Services, LLC by the Colorado Department of Commerce for the state of Colorado. Local Office information: Colorado Manager, Inc. Halsted Financial Services, LLC 80 Garden Center, Suite 3, Broomfield, CO 80020 Phone: 303-920-4763 or 877-833-1629.

Illinois: Our office is licensed under the name of Halsted Financial Services, LLC for the state of Illinois.

Minnesota: This collection agency is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Nevada:

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NRS 649.332 Verification of Debt

1. To verify a debt, a collection agency shall:

(a) Obtain or attempt to obtain from the creditor any document that is not in the possession of the collection agency and is reasonably responsive to the dispute of the debtor, if any; and

(b) If such a document is obtained, mail the document to the debtor.

2. When collecting debt on behalf of a hospital, within 5 days after the initial communication with the debtor in connection with collection of the debt, a collection agency shall, unless the following information is included in the initial communication, send a written notice to the debtor that includes a statement indicating that:

(a) If the debtor pays or agrees to pay the debt or any portion of the debt, the payment or agreement to pay may be construed as:

(1) An acknowledgement of the debt by the debtor; and

(2) A wavier by the debtor of any applicable statute of limitations set forth in NRS 11.190 that otherwise precludes the collection of the debt; and

(b) if the debtor does not understand or has questions concerning his or her legal rights or obligations relating to the debt, the debtor should seek legal advice.

3. As used in this section, "Hospital" has the meaning ascribes to it in NRS 444.012

(Added to NRS by 2007,2005)

NRS 449.012 "Hospital" Defined. "Hospital" means an establishment for the diagnosis, care and treatment of human illness, including care available 24 hours each day from persons licensed to practice professional nursing who are under the direction of a physician, services of a medical laboratory and medical, radiological, dietary and pharmaceutical services. (Added to NRS by 1973, 1279; A 1985, 1737)

If the consumer pays or agrees to pay the debt or any portion of the debt, the payment or agreement to pay may be construed as: (1) an acknowledgement of the debt by the consumer; and (2) a wavier by the consumer od any applicable statute of limitations set forth in NRS 11.190 that otherwise precludes the collection of the debt; and (3) if the consumer does not understand or has questions concerning his/her legal rights or obligations relating to the debt, the debtor shall seek legal advice.

New Mexico: We are required by New Mexico Attorney General Rule to notify you of the following information. This information is not legal advice: This debt may be too old for you to be sued on it in court. If it is too old, you can't be required to pay it through a lawsuit. You can renew the debt and start the time for the filing of a lawsuit against you to collect the debt if you do any of the following: make a payment of the debt; sign a paper in which you admit that you owe the debt or in which you make a new promise to pay; sign a paper in which you give up ("waive" your right to stop the debt collector from suing you in court to collect a debt.

New York City: New York City Department of Consumer Affairs License Number: 2039870-DCA.

New York: 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:

1. Supplemental security income, (SSI);

- 2. Social security;
- 3. Public assistance (welfare);
- 4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
- 5. Unemployment benefits;
- 6. Disability benefits;
- 7. Workers' compensation benefits;
- 8. Public or private pensions;

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9. Veterans' benefits;

10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and

11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

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: (i) the use or threat of violence;

(ii) the use of obscene or profane language; and

(iii) repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

(The state does not provide sample language for this disclosure.)

City of Yonkers, NY: In addition to any practices prohibited under any federal, state or local law, a debt collection agency shall not contact a consumer about or seek to collect a debt on which the statute of limitations for initiating legal action has expired unless such agency first provides the consumer such information about the consumer's legal rights as the commissioner prescribes by rule.

North Carolina: Permit No. 112938 Halsted Financial Services, LLC 8001 Lincoln Ave Skokie, IL 60077

Oregon: Please be advised that JH Portfolio Debt Equities the Current Creditor-Debt Purchaser, has purchased the account referenced above.

Tennessee: Halsted Financial Services, LLC is licensed by the Collection Service Board of the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

Utah: As required by Utah law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill your credit obligations.

West Virginia: The activities of collection agencies in West Virginia are regulated by the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, 812 Quarrier St., Charleston, WV 25301. Federal law prohibits agencies from contacting you about your debt if you send a letter requesting that all contacts stop.

Wisconsin: This collection agency is licensed by the Division of Banking in the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, www.wdfi.com.

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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.)

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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.

- I, <u>Craig B. Sanders</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):
 - □ monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
 - \Box the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
 - \Box 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 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."

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? <u>NO</u>

b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? <u>YES</u>

c) If this is a Fair Debt Collection Practice Act case, specific the County in which the offending communication was received: KINGS

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? $\underline{\qquad}$ Yes $\underline{\qquad}$ No

(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	
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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

Olessia Razilova, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated)))	
<i>Plaintiff(s)</i>)	
)	Civil Action No.
V.)	
)	
Halsted Financial Services LLC)	
Defendant(s))	

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) Halsted Financial Services LLC 8001 Lincoln Ave Skokie, Illinois 60077

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

ClassAction.org

This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: <u>Halsted Financial Services Facing FDCPA Suit Over Debt Payment Deadline</u>