UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MENDEL REIZES on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated consumers

Plaintiff,

-against-

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.

Defendant.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Introduction

1. Plaintiff Mendel Reizes seeks redress for the illegal practices of Caliber Home Loans, Inc., concerning the collection of debts, in violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et *seq.* ("FDCPA").

Parties

- 2. Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of New York who resides within this District.
- 3. Plaintiff is a consumer as that term is defined by Section 1692(a)(3) of the FDCPA, in that the alleged debt that Defendant sought to collect from Plaintiffs is a consumer debt.
- Upon information and belief, Defendant's principal place of business is located in Irving,
 Texas.
- 5. Defendant is regularly engaged, for profit, in the collection of debts allegedly owed by consumers.
- 6. Defendant is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a)(6).

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 7. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 8. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), as the acts and transactions that give rise to this action occurred, in substantial part, in this district.

Background Facts

- 9. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act prohibits professional debt collectors from using "false, deceptive, or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of any debt" and from "using unfair or unconscionable means to collect" a debt. 15 U. S. C. §§1692e, 1692f. A debt collector that attempts to collect a time-barred debt in foreclosure proceedings has violated all of these prohibitions.
- 10. Professional debt collectors have built a business out of buying stale debt, using foreclosure proceedings to collect it, and hoping that no one notices that the debt is too old to be enforced by the courts. This practice is unfair, unconscionable, it is also false, deceptive and misleading all in violation of §1692e and 1692f.
- 11. Americans owe trillions of dollars in consumer debt to creditors—credit card companies, schools, and car dealers, among others. See *Fed. Reserve Bank of N. Y., Quarterly Report on Household Debt and Credit 3 (2017)*. Most people will repay their debts, but some cannot do so. The debts they do not pay are increasingly likely to end up in the hands of professional debt collectors—companies whose business it is to collect debts that are owed to other companies. See *Consumer Financial Protection Bur., Fair Debt Collection Practices Act: Annual Report 2016, p. 8.* Debt collection is a lucrative and growing

- industry. Last year, the Nation's 6,000 debt collection agencies earned over \$13 billion in revenue. Ibid.
- Although many debt collectors are hired by creditors to work on a third-party basis, more and more collectors and servicers also operate as "debt buyers"—purchasing debts from creditors outright and attempting to collect what they can, with the profits going to their own accounts. See FTC, The Structure and Practices of the Debt Buying Industry 11-12 (2013) (FTC Report); CFPB Report 10. Debt buyers now hold hundreds of billions of dollars in consumer debt; indeed, a study conducted by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in 2009 found that nine of the leading debt buyers had purchased over \$140 billion in debt just in the previous three years. FTC Report, at i-ii, T-3 (Table 3).
- 13. Because creditors themselves have given up trying to collect the debts they sell to debt buyers, they sell those debts for pennies on the dollar. Id., at 23. The older the debt, the greater the discount: While debt buyers pay close to eight cents per dollar for debts under three years old, they pay as little as two cents per dollar for debts greater than six years old, and "effectively nothing" for debts greater than 15 years old. Id., at 23-24. These prices reflect the basic fact that older debts are harder to collect. As time passes, consumers move or forget that they owe the debts; creditors have more trouble documenting the debts and proving their validity; and debts begin to fall within state statutes of limitations—time limits that "operate to bar a plaintiff's suit" once passed. CTS

 Corp. v. Waldburger, 573 U. S. ____, ___, 134 S. Ct. 2175, 189 L. Ed. 2d 62, 64 (2014). Because a creditor and a debt collector cannot enforce a time-barred debt in court, the debt is inherently worth very little indeed.

- 14. But statutes of limitations have not deterred debt buyers and debt collectors. For years, they have filed suit in state courts to collect even debts too old to be enforced by those courts. See Holland, The One Hundred Billion Dollar Problem in Small-Claims Court, 6 J. Bus. & Tech. L. 259, 261 (2011). Importantly, the debt buyers' only hope in these cases is that consumers will fail either to invoke the statute of limitations or to respond at all. Most consumers fail to defend themselves in court, in fact, according to the FTC, over 90% fail to appear at all. FTC Report 45. The result is that debt buyers have won "billions of dollars in default judgments" simply by filing suit and betting that consumers will lack the resources to respond. Holland, supra, at 263.
- 15. The FDCPA's prohibitions on "misleading" and "unfair" conduct have largely beaten back this particular practice. Every court to have considered the question has held that a debt collector that files suit in court to collect a time-barred debt violates the FDCPA. See Phillips v. Asset Acceptance, LLC, 736 F.3d 1076, 1079 (7th Cir. 2013): Kimber v. Federal Financial Corp., 668 F. Supp. 1480, 1487 (MD Ala. 1987); see also Midland Funding, LLC v. Johnson, 137 S. Ct. 197 L. Ed. 2d, at 796 (majority opinion) (citing other cases).
- 16. The FDCPA prohibits professional debt collectors from engaging in "unfair" and "unconscionable" practices. 15 U. S. C. §1692f. Filing a foreclosure case in state court for debt that a collector knows to be time-barred is just such a practice. The practice of filing suit in state courts to collect debts that they know are time-barred is precisely the type of practice that the FDCPA seeks to extirpate. Every court to have considered this practice holds that it violates the FDCPA.

- 17. Statutes of limitations "are not simply technicalities." <u>Board of Regents of Univ. of State of N. Y. v. Tomanio</u>, 446 U. S. 478, 487, 100 S. Ct. 1790, 64 L. Ed. 2d 440 (1980). They reflect strong public-policy determinations that it is unjust to fail to put an adversary on notice to defend within a specified period of time." <u>United States v. Kubrick</u>, 444 U. S. 111, 117, 100 S. Ct. 352, 62 L. Ed. 2d 259 (1979). And they "promote justice by preventing surprises through the revival of claims that have been allowed to slumber until evidence has been lost, memories have faded, and witnesses have disappeared." <u>Railroad Telegraphers v. Railway Express Agency, Inc.</u>, 321 U. S. 342, 348-349, 64 S. Ct. 582, 88 L. Ed. 788 (1944). Such concerns carry particular weight in the context of large-dollar debt collection.¹
- 18. Debt buyers' efforts to pursue stale debt in ordinary civil litigation also entraps debtors into forfeiting their time defenses altogether. When a debt collector sues or threatens to sue to collect a large debt, many consumers respond by offering a small partial payment to forestall suit. In many States, a consumer who makes an offer like this has—unbeknownst to him—forever given up his ability to claim the debt is unenforceable. That is because in most States a consumer's partial payment on a time-barred debt—or his promise to resume payments on such a debt—will restart the statute of limitations. FTC Report 47; see, e.g., Young v. Sorenson, 47 Cal. App. 3d 911, 914, 121 Cal. Rptr. 236, 237 (1975) ("The theory on which this is based is that the payment is an acknowledgement on the existence of the indebtedness which raises an implied promise

¹ As one famously cited opinion explains: "Because few unsophisticated consumers would be aware that a statute of limitations could be used to defend against lawsuits based on stale debts, such consumers would unwittingly acquiesce to such lawsuits. And, even if the consumer realizes that she can use time as a defense, she will more than likely still give in rather than fight the lawsuit because she must still expend energy and resources and subject herself to the embarrassment of going into court to present the defense " Kimber, 668 F. Supp., at 1487

to continue the obligation and to pay the balance".) Debt collectors' efforts to entrap consumers in this way are one of the industry's worst practices.

Allegations Particular to Mendel Reizes

- 19. Upon information and belief, on a date better known by Defendant, Defendant began to attempt to collect an alleged consumer debt from the Plaintiff.
- 20. The alleged debt was originally a home loan with *HSBC Bank* ("HSBC Bank") which fell into default status sometime in 2009.
- 21. HSBC Bank accelerated the note and mortgage on March 6, 2010 and HSBC Bank filed for foreclosure on June 1, 2010.
- 22. The Defendant uses the instrumentality of interstate commerce and the mails in its business the principal purpose of which is the collection of consumer debts.
- 23. The Defendant regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another.
- 24. Defendant obtained this loan after it went in to default. The default on this loan occurred prior to the Defendant's servicing of the loan.
- 25. Defendant is a "debt collector" under the FDCPA. Defendant collects defaulted debts as their "principal purpose" of their business.
- 26. Defendant "regularly" collect debts for others and those debts are due to others.
- 27. The Defendant did not own the debt it was collecting. Defendant was collecting on this debt that was due to another entity.
- 28. HSBC Bank attached an exhibit (see Exhibit C) to its foreclosure complaint an acceleration letter stating that the loan was accelerated on March 6, 2010. The said exhibit was an attachment of HSBC Bank's initial acceleration letter dated February 3, 2010.

- 29. The initial HSBC Bank foreclosure was dismissed on August 25, 2014. HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION USA v. REIZES, MENDEL DISPOSED: 8/24/2014 SUPREME COURT | KINGS COUNTY | Index: 13517/2010.
- 30. The accelerated mortgage debt became time-barred on March 6, 2016.
- 31. A mortgage debt that becomes time-barred due to the expiration of the statute of limitations becomes unenforceable and loses its legal attachment to the real estate.
- 32. The expiration of the statute of limitations does not invalidate the debt, but it does render the debt legally unenforceable thereby severing the debts legal attachment to any real estate.
- 33. The FDCPA permits a debt collector to seek voluntary repayment of the time-barred debt so long as the debt collector does not initiate or threaten legal action in connection with its debt collection efforts.
- 34. The actions of Defendant are covered under the FDCPA since the debt at issue was acquired and serviced by the Defendant after the customer defaulted on the loan in question.
- 35. Upon information and belief, on a date better known by Defendant, the Creditor assigned the defaulted loan to Defendant Caliber Home Loans for collection.
- 36. On or about July 20, 2017, the Defendant sent the Plaintiff a collection letter notifying him that "As of 07/20/2017, your home loan is 1967 days and \$223,880.67 dollars in default."
- 37. Defendant knew that on July 20, 2017 the loan was more than 2727 days in default.
- 38. As mentioned above, the said loan was accelerated on March 6, 2010, which means that as of July 20, 2017, a total of two thousand six hundred and ninety two (2692) days would

- have lapsed, which is equal to seven years, four months, and thirteen days.
- 39. HSBC Bank sent Plaintiff an acceleration letter dated February 3, 2010. (See Exhibit C) Said acceleration letter stated "the total amount due of \$3,533.96 PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS, FEES AND LATER CHARGES THAT ACCUMULATE DURING THIS PERIOD, must be received within 30 days from the date of this letter. This must be in the form of certified funds only. If you do not cure this default within the specified time period your obligation for payment of the entire unpaid balance of the loan will be accelerated and become due and payable immediately."
- 40. HSBC Bank accelerated the note and mortgage on March 6, 2010. See. <u>Deutsche Bank Natl. Tr. Co. v. Royal Blue Realty Holdings, Inc.</u>, 2017 NY Slip Op 01979, ¶ 2, 148 A.D.3d 529, 530, 48 N.Y.S.3d 597, 597 (App. Div.). ("The letters from plaintiff's predecessor-in-interest provided clear and unequivocal notice that it "will" accelerate the loan balance and proceed with a foreclosure sale, unless the borrower cured his defaults within 30 days of the letter. When the borrower did not cure his defaults within 30 days, all sums became immediately due and payable and plaintiff had the right to foreclose on the mortgages pursuant to the letters. At that point, the statute of limitations began to run on the entire mortgage debt.")
- 41. On June 1, 2010 HSBC Bank filed a foreclosure and attached the February 3, acceleration letter to the foreclosure complaint which stated that the mortgage was accelerated on March 6, 2010.
- 42. The foreclosure that was commenced on June 1, 2010 was dismissed by the court on August 24, 2014. HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION USA v. REIZES, MENDEL DISPOSED: 8/24/2014 SUPREME COURT | KINGS COUNTY | Index: 13517/2010.

- 43. The dismissal of the foreclosure did not revoke HSBC's election to accelerate the debt. See. EMC Mortg. Corp. v. Patella, 279 A.D.2d 604, 606, 720 N.Y.S.2d 161, 162-63 (App. Div. 2001) ("Although a lender may revoke its election to accelerate the mortgage, the dismissal of the prior foreclosure action by the court did not constitute an affirmative act by the lender revoking its election to accelerate, and the record is barren of any affirmative act of revocation occurring during the six-year Statute of Limitations period subsequent to the initiation of the prior action (see, Federal Natl. Mtge. Assn. v Mebane, supra, at 894). Consequently, this foreclosure action is time-barred (see, CPLR 213 [4])."
- 44. It is well established that even if a mortgage is usually payable in monthly installments, once the entire amount becomes due, the mortgage debt is accelerated, and the Statute of Limitations begins to run on the entire debt." See EMC Mtge. Corp. v Patella, 279 AD2d 604, 605 (2nd Dept. 2001); Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v Burke, supra 94 AD3d at 982; see also Lavin v Elmakiss, 302 AD2d 638, 639(3'd Dept. 2003); Zinkerv Makler, 298 AD2d 516, 517 (3rd Dept. 2003).
- 45. RPAPL 1501(4) further provides that "[w]here the period allowed by the applicable statute of limitation for the commencement of an action to foreclose a mortgage . . . has expired," the mortgages legal attachment to the property is expunged and the owner of the property is granted "the cancellation and discharge of record of such encumbrance, and to adjudge the estate or interest of the plaintiff in such real property to be free therefrom."
- 46. On March 6, 2016, the Statute of Limitations ran out on this debt making this debt time-barred, which in effect barred the Creditor, or any debt collector, from taking or threatening to take legal action to make the Plaintiff pay this debt any time after March 6, 2016.

- 47. Defendant invented a fictitious date of defult of Febuary 1, 2012 despite knowing that the accleration letter was dated for Febuary 3, 2010.
- 48. Defendant fradulently attempted to re-age the debt as it invented a fictitious date of March 1, 2012 despite knowing that there was a pending forclosure during Febuary and March of 2012.
- 49. Upon information and belief Defendant was aware that Seterus Inc. was the previous servicer of this account.
- 50. Upon information and belief, Seterus Inc. informed Defendant that this debt became time-barred on March 6, 2016.
- 51. Upon information and belief, Seterus, Inc. had informed the Defendant that Plaintiff had already sued Seterus, Inc. for collecting on this time-barred debt. Reizes et al v. Seterus, Inc. #: 1:17-cv-03162-RJD-RML (Eastern District of New York).
- 52. Upon information and belief Defendant knowingly engaged in all the illegal activity mentioned in this complaint despite knowing that the fraudulent collection of this debt was being investigated by the New York State Attorney General's Office.
- 53. New York City regulations require that a debt collector must provide a consumer with specific information about the consumer's rights regarding a time-barred account in every communication with the consumer.
- 54. When sending the July 20, 2017 collection letter to the Plaintiff, the Defendant knew that it was barred from seeking a new foreclosure action on this time-barred debt.
- 55. Said July 20, 2017 letter stated in pertinent part as follows: "If you have not taken any actions to resolve this matter within 90 days from the date this notice was mailed, we may commence legal action against you (or sooner if you cease to live in the dwelling as your

- primary residence)."
- 56. The Plaintiff understood this letter to mean that if this delinquency is not resolved, any and all available actions permitted under law to collect this debt can be pursued, including but not limited to, continued collection efforts filling of a legal action, or accrual of legal fees.
- 57. This is false, since the loan became time-barred on March 6, 2016 and therefore, the filling of a legal action may not be pursued.
- 58. The Defendant knew that it could only seek voluntary repayment of the time-barred debt and that it could not threaten legal action in connection with its debt collection efforts on a time-barred debt.
- 59. The above-mentioned statement is false, since the loan was a time-barred debt and the filling of a legal action is not permitted under the law.
- 60. This above-mentioned statement is false as other than sending a non-demanding payment letter which does not misrepresent the status or enforceability of the debt; no other available actions were permitted under the law to collect this debt.
- 61. Defendant Caliber could not accumulate any legal fees with regard to this time-barred debt and certainly could not charge the Plaintiffs for the accrual of any such forbidden legal fees.
- 62. The July 20, 2017 letter additionally contained several deceptive statements and omitted important mandatory disclosures, including § 2-191 of the Rules of the City of New York's notification requirement for time-barred debts.
- 63. The July 20, 2017 letter said nothing about when the debt was incurred, and it contained no hint that the six-year statute of limitations applicable in New York had long since

expired.

- 64. On March 6, 2010, HSBC accelerated the entire debt making the debt time-barred six years from March 6, 2010.
- 65. In the State of New York, the statute of limitations to sue on a mortgage or the note is six years after the demand of the entire amount due.
- 66. Here, Defendant Caliber had waited after the entire loan had become time barred to threaten suit on this debt.
- 67. Defendant knew that the expiration of the statute of limitations renders the debt unenforceable thereby severing the debts legal attachment to any real estate.
- 68. The Defendant knew that they could only seek voluntary repayment of the time-barred debt and that it could not initiate or threaten legal action in connection with its debt collection efforts on a time-barred debt.
- 69. Defendant knew it was barred from seeking a new foreclosure action on this time-barred debt.
- 70. Thus, the Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(5), 1692e(10), and 1692f by misrepresenting the legal status and by threatening to file a time-barred suit, making it liable to the Plaintiff.
- 71. "The statute of limitations in a mortgage foreclosure action begins to run from the due date for each unpaid installment, or from the time the mortgagee is entitled to demand full payment, or from the date the mortgage debt has been accelerated." ²
- 72. Once a mortgage debt is accelerated by a demand for the entire amount of the loan, the

² <u>In re Strawbridge</u>, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 29751, 2012 WL 701031 [SDNY 2012], citing <u>Plaia v Safonte</u>, 45 AD3d 747, 748, 847 N.Y.S.2d 101 [2d Dept 2007]; Zinker v Makler, 298 AD2d 516, 517, 748 N.Y.S.2d 780 [2d Dept 2002]; <u>Notarnicola v. Lafayette Farms, Inc.</u>, 288 AD2d 198, 199, 733 NYS2d 91 [2d Dept 2001]; <u>EMC Mtge. Corp. v Patella</u>, 279 AD2d 604, 605, 720 NYS2d 161 [2d Dept 2001]; <u>Loiacono v. Goldberg</u>, 240 AD2d 476, 477, 658 NYS2d 138 [2d Dept 1997])

borrower's right to make monthly installments ceases, all sums becomes immediately due and payable, and the six-year statute of limitations begins to run on the entire mortgage debt.³

- 73. New York City regulations require that a debt collector must provide a consumer with specific information about the consumer's rights regarding a time-barred account in every communication with the consumer.
- 74. The unpaid installments and the entire loan that became due on March 6, 2010 and the debt became time barred on March 6, 2016.
- 75. The Statute of Limitations to collect on this debt expired on March 6, 2016, therefore, misrepresenting the legal status and threatening legal action on this time-barred debt is a violation of the FDCPA.
- 76. Upon information and belief, the Defendant knew that this deceptive debt collection technique would be particularly effective in pressuring unsophisticated consumers into settling debts, even those that would otherwise be time-barred.
- 77. Moreover, upon information and belief, the Defendant knew that if it tricked a consumer into making just one payment on a stale, time-barred debt, the statute of limitations would restart.
- 78. When collecting on a time-barred debt, a debt collector must not misrepresent the legal status of the debt in any way.
- 79. When collecting on a time-barred debt, a debt collector must inform the consumer that (a) the collector cannot sue to collect the debt; and (b) providing a partial payment would revive the Defendant's ability to sue to collect the balance.

³ See Federal National Mortgage Assn v Mebane, 208 AD2d 892, 894, 618 NYS2d 88 [2d Dept 1994]; Clayton Nat'l, Inc. v Guldi, 307 AD2d 982, 763 N.Y.S.2d 493 [2d Dept 2003]).

- 80. The Defendant threatened and attempted to collect on a time-barred debt, whose Statute of Limitations had admittedly already run out.
- 81. The language, "If you have not taken any actions to resolve this matter within 90 days from the date this notice was mailed, we may commence legal action against you (or sooner if you cease to live in the dwelling as your primary residence)" is untrue and is a false threat of legal action on time-barred debt.⁴
- 82. Upon reading the said letter, the Plaintiff believed, as would the unsophisticated debtor, that he had a legal obligation to pay the alleged debt as Defendant was demanding payment.
- 83. The said letter falsely implies that the alleged debt is legally enforceable by making a demand for payment from the Plaintiff.
- 84. It is part of the Defendant's pattern and practice to send and cause the sending of letters, such as the said letter, that seek to collect time-bared debts and to not disclose that the debts are in fact time barred, and therefore, legally unenforceable.
- 85. The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") has determined that "Most consumers do not know their legal rights with respect to collection of old debts past the statute of limitations.... When a debt collector tells a consumer that he owes money and demands payment, it may create the misleading impression that the debt collector can sue the consumer in court to collect that debt."
- 86. On January 30, 2013, the FTC issued its report, The Structure and Practices of the Debt Buying Industry, available at http://www.ftc.gov/os/2013/01/debtbuyingreport.pdf. The report reaffirms its position in the United States of America v. Asset Acceptance, LLC,

⁴ Crawford v. LVNV Funding, LLC, 758 F.3d 1254, 2014 U.S. App. LEXIS 13221, 59 Bankr. Ct. Dec. 205, 25 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. C 92 (11th Cir. Ala. 2014)

No. 8:12-cv-182-T-27EAJ (M.D. Fla. 2012), <u>American Express Centurion Bank (FDIC-12-315b</u>, FDIC- 12-316k, 2012-CFPB-0002), <u>American Express Bank</u>, <u>FSB (2012-CFPB-0003)</u> and <u>American Express Travel Company</u>, <u>Inc</u>. (2012-CFPB-0004) cases, that a defendant may violate the FDCPA by sending a collection letter demanding payment of a time barred debt without disclosing that the debt was time barred.

- 87. Courts have also held that even a debt collector's mere "settlement" offer made to a consumer on a time-barred debt is misleading.⁵
- 88. The language in the said letter suggests that the debt is recent enough to be legally enforceable. All circuit courts that have addressed this issue have even found the mere offer of a settlement on a time barred debt to be in violation of the FDCPA. See Daugherty v. Convergent Outsourcing, Inc., No. 15-20392, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 16531, at *1-2 (5th Cir. Sep. 8, 2016) ("The issue presented by this appeal is whether a collection letter for a time-barred debt containing a discounted "settlement" offer—but silent as to the time bar and without any mention of litigation—could mislead an unsophisticated consumer to believe that the debt is enforceable in court, and therefore violate the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692-1692p. After receiving such a letter, the plaintiff credit card debtor sued the defendant debt collectors pursuant to the FDCPA. The district court dismissed the complaint, holding that efforts to collect time-barred debts without threatening or filing suit do not violate the FDCPA. We reverse. While it is not automatically unlawful for a debt collector to seek payment of a time-barred debt, a collection letter violates the FDCPA when its statements could mislead an unsophisticated consumer to believe that her time-barred debt is legally enforceable, regardless of whether

⁵ See e.g., <u>McMahon v. LVNV Funding, LLC</u>, 744 F.3d 1010 (7th Cir. 2014).

- litigation is threatened." <u>Buchanan v. Northland Grp., Inc.</u>, 776 F.3d 393, 397 (6th Cir. 2015) (same) <u>McMahon v. LVNV Funding, LLC</u>, 744 F.3d 1010, 1020 (7th Cir. 2014). (same).
- 89. Defendant could have taken the steps necessary to bring its actions within compliance with the FDCPA, but neglected to do so and failed to adequately review its actions to ensure compliance with the law.
- 90. Upon information and belief, Defendant sent a written communication, such as the July 20, 2017 letter to at least 50 natural persons in the State of New York within one year of the date of this Complaint.
- 91. Section 1692e of the FDCPA states:
 - "A debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt. Without limiting the general application of the foregoing, the following conduct is a violation of this section:
 - (2) The false representation of –
 - (A) the character, amount, or legal status of any debt[.]"
- 92. Sections 1692e(5) and 1692e(10) state that a debt collector cannot "threaten to take any action that is not intended to be taken" or use "any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt."
- 93. The Defendant misled the Plaintiff as to what possible action might be legally taken against him and deceptively used this threat in attempting to collect on this alleged debt.
- 94. In so doing, the Defendant preyed upon the ignorance of unsophisticated consumers.
- 95. By employing the tactics it did, the Defendant played upon and benefitted from the probability of creating a deception.
- 96. Honest disclosure of the legal unenforceability of the collection action due to the time-

lapse since the debt was incurred would have foiled Defendant's efforts to collect on the debt.

- 97. By threatening to sue Plaintiff on the alleged debt, Defendant violated §§ 1692e(2)(A) and 1692(10) by threatening legal action, Defendant implicitly represented that it could recover this debt with a lawsuit, when in fact it cannot properly do so.
- 98. Whether a debt is legally enforceable is a central fact about the character and legal status of that debt. A misrepresentation about that fact thus violates the FDCPA.
- 99. Said letter provided a false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt; the false representation of the character, amount, or legal status of any debt; and for the threat to take any action that cannot legally be taken, or that is not intended to be taken, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2)(A), 1692e(5), and 1692e(10).6
- 100. Said letter stated in pertinent part as follows: "If you have not taken any actions to resolve this matter within 90 days from the date this notice was mailed, we may commence legal action against you (or sooner if you cease to live in the dwelling as your primary residence)."

⁶ Buchanan v. Northland Grp., Inc., 776 F.3d 393 (6th Cir. 2015). (A misrepresentation about the limitations period is a "straightforward" violation of § 1692e(2)(A). The failure to disclose that partial payment on a time-barred debt would renew the creditor's ability to sue could mislead a consumer into paying and digging herself into a deeper hole. An unsophisticated debtor who cannot afford the settlement offer might nevertheless assume from the letter that some payment is better than no payment. This would not be true, since some payment is worse than no payment, as the general rule in Michigan is that partial payment restarts the statute of limitations clock, giving the creditor a new opportunity to sue for the full debt. In response to the argument that the court's interpretation would require debt collectors to give legal advice to every debtor about the statute of limitations, the court stated that "this is not a herculean task," as demonstrated by the fact that the collection agency had changed its letters to make the following disclosure under applicable circumstances: "The law limits how long you can be sued on a debt. Because of the age of your debt, LVNV Funding L.L.C. will not sue you for it, and LVNV Funding L.L.C. will not report it to any credit reporting agency."), McMahon v. LVNV Funding, L.L.C., 744 F.3d 1010 (7th Cir. 2014). (The court held that the consumers stated claims for relief under §§ 1692e and 1692f where the defendants sent dunning letters that did not disclose that the debts were time-barred and that made an "offer to settle" at a stated percentage savings off the current balance because, even without an actual threat of suit, "it is plausible that an unsophisticated consumer would believe a letter that offers to 'settle' a debt implies that the debt is legally enforceable.") Rawson v. Source Receivables Mgmt., L.L.C., 2012 WL 3835096 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 4, 2012) (complaint alleging that a dunning letter implied the debt was legally enforceable when it was actually barred by the statute of limitations stated a claim under the FDCPA; defendants' letter that threatened "further collection efforts" and encouraged the plaintiff "to make arrangements for payment" could arguably lead an unsophisticated debtor to believe that the debt was legally enforceable)

- 101. Said language is untrue and is a false threat of filling a legal action on time-barred debt.⁷
- 102. Said language is false because any or all available actions permitted under law to collect this debt do not include the filling of a legal action or accrual of legal fees.
- 103. The misrepresentation of the debt collector's ability to file a legal action on a time-barred debt is a violation of the FDCPA.
- 104. A letter from the Defendant (see attached Exhibit A) dated November 9, 2016, indicates that the debt went into default on January 1, 2010, making the debt on July 20, 2017 a total of two thousand seven hundred and fifty seven (2757) days past due.
- 105. On July 20, 2017 however, Defendant deceptively tried to re-age the time-barred debt.

 The Defendant intentionally attempted to re-age the date of default, thereby causing the Plaintiff to suffer actual damages.
- 106. On September 14, 2017, Defendant sent the Plaintiff a collection letter. (see Exhibit A)
- 107. On page 1 of 6 the said letter stated in part: "You have a right to cure the default. To cure the default, you must pay the full amount of the default on this loan by 10/19/2017 . . . If you do not correct the default by this date, Caliber Home Loans, Inc. may require that you pay immediately the entire amount then remaining unpaid under the Note and under the Security Instrument ("immediate payment in full"), and Caliber Home Loans, Inc. or another party may acquire the property by means of foreclosure and sale."
- 108. Said letter states that Caliber Home Loans, Inc. or another party may acquire the property by means of foreclosure, which is false because the debt was time-barred.
- 109. Furthermore, nowhere in the September 14, 2017 notice does the Defendant state the full amount of the debt.

⁷ <u>Crawford v. LVNV Funding, LLC</u>, 758 F.3d 1254, 2014 U.S. App. LEXIS 13221, 59 Bankr. Ct. Dec. 205, 25 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. C 92 (11th Cir. Ala. 2014)

- 110. Plaintiff subsequently spoke to the Defendant and was informed that he owes \$619,888.36.
- 111. On page 3 of 6 the Defendant states: "please note any additional monthly payments, late charges and other charges that may be due under the Note, Security Instrument and applicable law after the date of this notice must also be paid to bring your account current."
- 112. The letter fails to adequately convey the "amount of the debt":
- 113. This statement is false since the debt was time-barred and would not increase due to "late charges and other charges."
- 114. This language violates §1692g(a)(1), which requires debt collectors to inform consumers of the amount of the debt, and § 1692e, which prohibits the use of false, deceptive, or misleading representations in connection with the collection of a debt.
- 115. The language stated above violates these provisions because it fails to inform Plaintiff whether the amount listed is the actual amount of the debt due, what other interest or charges might apply and what the legal basis for these fees were.
- 116. The letter does not provide any contractual explanation or information about the claimed accruing interest and charges.
- 117. In order to comply with the FDCPA's provision which mandates that a collector inform the consumer in its initial communication of "the amount of the debt" the collector must give the consumer the tools in which the consumer could easily calculate the amount due on the date, he or she receives the letter.
- 118. In order to comply with the FDCPA's provision which mandates that a collector inform the consumer in its initial communication of "the amount of the debt" the collector must give the consumer the tools in which the consumer could easily calculate what he or she

- will need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future.
- 119. The failure to provide this information or tools to ascertain "the amount of the debt" on the date of receipt of the letter or at any give other time in the future does not comply with 1692g as it fails to meaningfully provide "the amount of the debt".
- 120. It is not enough that the collector provides "the amount of the debt" on the date of the letter. The consumer must be able to know the interest rate and be able to discern the amount of the debt at given time in the future. See Taylor v. Fin. Recovery Servs., Inc., No. 17-1650-cv, 2018 BL 109391 (2d Cir. Mar. 29, 2018). ("In Carlin, we explained that a collection notice fails to satisfy Section 1692g if "it omits information allowing the least sophisticated consumer to determine the minimum amount she owes at the time of the notice, what she will need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future, and an explanation of any fees and interest that will cause the balance to increase.")
- 121. In <u>Carlin v. Davidson Fink LLP</u>, 852 F.3d 207, 216 (2d Cir. 2017), the Second Circuit clarified its holding in *Avila* by explaining that a collection letter "is incomplete where . . . it omits information allowing the least sophisticated consumer to determine the minimum amount she owes at the time of the notice, what she will need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future, <u>and an explanation of any fees and interest that will cause the balance to increase</u>." (Emphasis added.)
- 122. The debt in this case was time-barred and not accruing interest. If the defendants would have complied with the FDCPA amount of the debt provision it would have been forced to convey to the plaintiff that in fact, there is no legal interest rate and that the debt is time-barred and has past the statute of limitations.
- 123. This language in the collection letter did not adequately state the amount of the debt, as

required under the FDCPA. In particular, the collection letter failed to specify or explain what part of the contract gave rise to interest as well as what the interest rate was or what type of charges could cause the balance to increase, nor did they inform the debtor what he or she would need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future. The letter precluded a determination of what "the amount if the debt" was on the date of receipt of the letter.

- 124. The least sophisticated consumer would not understand how the fees would be calculated; what the current interest rate was and whether they could be disputed; or what provision of the underlying credit agreement gave rise to them.
- 125. The collection notice included a vague disclosure without providing any "clarity as to whether new fees and costs are accruing or as to the basis for those fees and costs".⁸
- 126. Similar to <u>Carlin</u>, the Collection Letter, in this case, refers with vagueness to "accrued interest or other charges," without providing any information regarding the rate of interest; the nature of the "other charges"; how any such charges would be calculated; and what portion of the balance due, if any, reflects already-accrued interest and other charges. By failing to provide even the most basic level of specificity in this regard, it would be impossible to conclude whether those amounts are properly part of the amount of the debt," for purposes of section 1692g.⁹
- 127. Defendant Caliber knew that this debt was time-barred, and they did not and could not refer the Plaintiff to the underlying contract with the original lender. As was true in <u>Carlin</u>, the least sophisticated consumer would not understand from this reference what provision

⁸ Carlin, 852 F.3d at 217

⁹ Carlin, 852 F.3d at 216.

- of the agreement, if any, gives rise to the potential "accrued interest and other charges" described in the said collection letter especially in this case where the debt was time-barred and not accruing any interest and fees.
- 128. Defendant Caliber's collection letter violates sections 1692g(a)(1) and 1692e of the FDCPA, since the collection letter failed to adequately convey the "amount of the debt".
- 129. The question of whether a collection letter is deceptive is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."
- 130. While § 1692e specifically prohibits certain practices, the list is non-exhaustive, and does not preclude a claim of falsity or deception based on any non-enumerated practice.
- 131. A collection letter is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate.
- 132. A collection letter is also deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it is reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer.
- 133. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff whether the amount listed is the actual amount of the debt due. This is especially problematic since the debt in this case was time-barred and not accruing interest since March 6, 2016.
- 134. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff whether the amount listed already includes "late charges and other charges."
- 135. The letter fails to advise Plaintiff that interest ceased on March 6, 2016.
- 136. The letter fails to advise Plaintiff what portion of the amount listed is principal.
- 137. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff whether the amount listed will increase.
- 138. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff what "late charges and other charges" might apply.

- 139. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff if "late charges and other charges" are applied, when such "late charges and other charges" will be applied.
- 140. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff if "late charges and other charges" are applied, what the amount of those "fees and other charges" will be.
- 141. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff of the nature of the "late charges and other charges."
- 142. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff if there is accruing interest, the amount of money the amount listed will increase per any measurable period.
- 143. The letter fails to indicate the minimum amount Plaintiff owed at the time of the letter.
- 144. The letter fails to provide information that would allow the least sophisticated consumer to determine the minimum amount he or she owes at the time of the letter.
- 145. The letter fails to provide information that would allow the Plaintiff to determine that the debt was time-barred and not accruing interest.
- 146. The letter, because of the aforementioned failures, would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the legal status as well as the amount of his debt.
- 147. The least sophisticated consumer could reasonably believe that the amount listed was accurate only on the date of the letter.
- 148. Although this debt is time-barred and no fees can accrue if "late charges and other charges" are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know the amount of the debt because the letter fails to indicate the nature of the "fees and other charges." ¹⁰

¹⁰ Carlin v. Davidson Fink LLP, 852 F.3d 207 (2d Cir. 2017), Balke v. All. One Receivables Mgmt., No. 16-cv-5624(ADS)(AKT), 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 94021, at *14 (E.D.N.Y. June 19, 2017). ("[T]he Collection Letter in this case refers with vagueness to "accrued interest or other charges," without providing any information regarding the rate of interest; the nature of the "other charges"; how any such charges would be calculated; and what portion of the balance due, if any, reflects already-accrued interest and other charges. By failing to provide even the most basic level of specificity in this regard, the Court "cannot say whether those amounts are properly part of the amount of the debt," for purposes of section 1692g.Carlin, 852 F.3d at 216. Further, as set forth in Carlin, without any clarifying details, the Collection Letter states only that these unspecified assessments may be added to the balance due, which the Court finds to be insufficient to "accurately inform[] the [Plaintiff] that the amount of the debt stated in the letter will increase over time.")

- 149. In order to induce payments from consumers that would not otherwise be made if the consumer knew that the debt was time-barred, Defendant Caliber does not inform the consumer amount listed will never increase.
- 150. In order to induce payments from consumers that would not otherwise be made if the consumer knew the debt was static and time-barred, Defendant Caliber does not inform the consumer what "late charges and other charges" would not apply.
- 151. In order to induce payments from consumers that would not otherwise be made if the consumer knew that the debt was time-barred, Defendant Caliber does not inform the consumer that interest or fees can never be applied.
- 152. Defendant Caliber failed to clearly and unambiguously state the amount of the debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).
- 153. Defendant's letter falsely threated that a static time-barred debt would increase due to "late charges and other charges."
- 154. The Defendant's letter would likely make the least sophisticated consumer uncertain as to the amount of the time-barred debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).
- 155. The letter would likely make the least sophisticated consumer confused as to the amount of the debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).
- 156. Defendant's conduct constitutes a false, deceptive and misleading means and representation in connection with the collection of the debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 157. The letter can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings concerning the actual balance due, one of which must is inaccurate, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.

- 158. Defendant's conduct violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692g(a)(1) and 1692e.
- 159. The letter further states "Failure to respond to this letter will result in the loss of your property."
- 160. Such language was false because the debt was time-barred.
- 161. In page 4 of 6 the letter states: You are notified that this default and any other legal action that may occur as a result thereof may be reported to one or more local and national credit reporting agencies by Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
- 162. The said language is in violation if the FDCPA since the Defendant is threatening legal action on a time-barred debt and further threatening to credit report on a time-barred debt.
- 163. Subsequent to sending the above-mentioned collection letter Caliber Home Loans, Inc hired Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C. to file a fraudulent foreclosure on the time-barred debt.
- 164. The FDCPA applies to the litigating activities of lawyers, and Caliber Home Loans, Inc., is bound by the acts of its lawyer-agent Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C.
- 165. Caliber Home Loans, Inc is vicariously liable for its attorney's actions under the FDCPA.
 Caliber Home Loans, Inc exercised control over the conduct and activities of Rosicki,
 Rosicki & Associates, P.C.
- 166. The undisputed evidence shows that Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C. filed the fraudulent and time-barred Collection Lawsuit at the instruction of Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
- 167. Caliber Home Loans, Inc. colluded with and instructed Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates,P.C., to file the time-barred Collection Lawsuit.

- 168. Caliber Home Loans, Inc. schemed together with its agent Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates,
 P.C. to misrepresent the legal status of Plaintiff's debt and in order to effectively steal
 plaintiffs home.
- 169. The documents attached to the fraudulent and time-barred Collection Lawsuit identify Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C as the Attorneys for Caliber Home Loans, Inc.,
- 170. Caliber Home Loans, Inc. knew that this debt was time-barred, and it hired and instructed its agent Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C to abuse the legal process and file fraudulent documents with the Supreme Court of the State of New York in an attempt to steal more than six hundred thousand dollars from the Plaintiff.
- 171. Caliber Home Loans, Inc schemed and colluded with Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C., to misrepresent the legal status of Plaintiff's debt despite knowing that the debt was timebarred.
- 172. Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C. was acting within the scope of its authority and at the direct instruction of its client Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
- 173. At all times Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C. was acting within the scope of its authority and instruction of its client.
- 174. Caliber Home Loans, Inc schemed, instructed and exercised actual control over all of the following actions of Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C.
- 175. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki were the attorneys representing HSBC Bank in the initial foreclosure. See. HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION USA v. REIZES, MENDEL DISPOSED: 8/24/2014 SUPREME COURT | KINGS COUNTY | Index: 13517/2010
- 176. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki was counsel of record for HSBC Bank in the initial foreclosure (Index: 13517/2010) and they knowingly and at the instruction of Caliber

- Home Loans, Inc fraudulently commenced the second foreclosure (Index: 523467/2017) despite being counsel on the initial foreclosure.
- 177. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki was counsel of record for HSBC Bank in the initial foreclosure (Index: 13517/2010) and they knowingly and at the instruction of Caliber Home Loans, Inc fraudulently commenced the second foreclosure (Index: 523467/2017) despite knowing that this debt was time-barred and that it would be illegal to file a foreclosure on a time-barred debt.
- 178. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki was counsel of record for HSBC Bank in the initial foreclosure (Index: 13517/2010) and they knowingly and at the instruction of Caliber Home Loans, Inc commenced the second foreclosure (Index: 523467/2017) despite knowing that the first foreclosure was dismissed.
- 179. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki was counsel of record for HSBC Bank in the initial foreclosure (Index: 13517/2010) and they knowingly and at the instruction of Caliber Home Loans, Inc fraudulently commenced the second foreclosure (Index: 523467/2017) which knowingly and fraudulently stated in Paragraph 14 "That no prior action was commenced at law or otherwise for the recovery of the sum or any part thereof secured by the said instrument."
- 180. Upon information and belief, Defendant was additionally aware that Seterus Inc. was the previous servicer of this account.
- 181. Upon information and belief Seterus Inc. informed Defendant that this debt became timebarred on March 6, 2016.
- 182. Upon information and belief Seterus, Inc. had informed the Defendant that Plaintiff had already sued Seterus, Inc. for collecting on this time-barred debt. Reizes et al v. Seterus,

- Inc. #: 1:17-cv-03162-RJD-RML (Eastern District of New York).
- 183. Upon information and belief, Defendant knowingly engaged in all the illegal activity mentioned in this complaint despite knowing that the fraudulent collection of this debt was being investigated by the New York State Attorney General's Office.
- 184. At the instruction of Caliber Home Loans, Inc Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki sent Plaintiff a letter dated November 10, 2017 (See Exhibit G) which stated "The present amount of the debt as of November 10, 2017 is \$587,871.60 consisting of: principal balance of \$392,715.02; accrued interest of \$130,398.28; late charges of \$2,993.64; Escrow balance of \$59,439.74; Broker's Price Opinion, inspection and miscellaneous charges of \$415.00; Attorney Fees of 1,485.00; Search of \$425.00. Since the payment of the debt will fully satisfy the loan, it is greater than the total to reinstate the loan."
- 185. Plaintiff received the letter on November 15, 2017. On December 11, 2017, the Plaintiff subsequently sent a dispute letter via facsimile, (see Exhibit B) wherein the Plaintiff again notified Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki that the said home loan has become time-barred on March 6, 2016. The dispute letter attached stated:
 - "I received a letter from your firm on November 15th in which you reference the above mentioned loan. Please be advised that this debt is disputed. The loan referenced above has become time barred on March 6th 2016. On March 6, 2016, the Statute of Limitations ran out on this debt making this debt time-barred, which in effect bars the Creditor, or any debt collector including your law-firm, from taking or threatening to take legal action to make me pay this debt any time after March 6, 2016. This letter should put your firm on notice that taking or threatening to take any legal action on this time barred debt will violate the FDCPA and make your firm liable for actual and treble damages. Filing a foreclosure on this debt is illegal. If your firm decides to sue for foreclosure despite being put on notice by this letter that any such action is illegal we will additionally sue your firm for fraud."
- 186. HSBC Bank accelerated the note and mortgage on March 6, 2010 and again demanded

- the full accelerated loan amount on June 1, 2010. (see Exhibit C)
- 187. The foreclosure that was commenced on June 1, 2010 was dismissed by the court on August 25, 2014. The dismissal of the foreclosure did not revoke HSBC's election to accelerate the debt.
- 188. On March 6, 2016, the Statute of Limitations ran out on this debt making this debt time-barred, which in effect barred the Creditor any debt collector, from taking or threatening to take legal action to make the Plaintiff pay this debt any time after March 6, 2016.
- 189. New York City regulations require that a debt collector must provide a consumer with specific information about the consumer's rights regarding a time-barred account in every communication with the consumer.
- 190. Despite being counsel of record for HSBC Bank and despite knowing that this debt became time-barred on March 6, 2016, on December 6, 2017, Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki at the instruction of Caliber Home Loans, Inc unlawfully misrepresented the legal status of the debt as they filed for foreclosure in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Kings County. (See Exhibit D)
- 191. Caliber's lawyer-agent Mitchell an attorney who acted on behalf of the Caliber Home Loans, Inc and was the attorney who signed the Certificate of Merit. (see Exhibit E) and falsely stated therein, "I certify that there is a reasonable basis for the commencement of this action ... I am aware of my obligations under New York Rules of Professional Conduct (22 NYCRR Part 1200) and 22 NYCRR Part 130."
- 192. Caliber's lawyer-agent Mitchell knowingly misrepresented the date of default and fraudulently re-aged the time barred debt.
- 193. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki invented a fictitious date of defult of Febuary 1, 2012

- despite knowing that the accleration letter was dated for Febuary 3, 2010.
- 194. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki fradulently attempted to re-age the debt as they invented a fictitious date of March 1, 2012 despite knowing that there was a pending forclosure during Febuary and March of 2012.
- Intervention the ("RJI") (see Exhibit F) and falsely stated therein, "I AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, OTHER THAN AS NOTED ABOVE THERE ARE AND HAVE BEEN NO RELATED ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS, NOR HAS A REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL INTERVENTION PREVIOUSLY BEEN FILED IN THIS ACTION OR PROCEEDING."
- 196. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki were counsel of record on the initial foreclosure and they knew that there was a previous foreclosure action initiated to collect on this debt.
- 197. Caliber's lawyer-agent Suttel knew that she was perjuring herself when she made this false statement to the court that there were no other foreclosure actions to collect on this debt.
- 198. Caliber's lawyer-agent Mitchell knew his obligations under New York Rules of Professional Conduct (22 NYCRR Part 1200) and 22 NYCRR Part 130 and despite these obligations he falsely and fraudulently stated that "I certify that there is a reasonable basis for the commencement of this action".
- 199. Caliber's lawyer-agent Mitchell knew that he was perjuring himself when he filed a fraudulent complaint that contained numerous false statements and then coupled with this fraud on the court further stated that "I certify that there is a reasonable basis for the commencement of this action."
- 200. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki knowingly committed fraud on the state court in an attempt

- to steal the Plaintiff's home.
- 201. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki knowingly committed fraud on the state court in an attempt to steal over six hundred thousand dollars.
- 202. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki committed fraud in state court in an attempt to steal the Plaintiff's home as well as over six hundred thousand dollars.
- 203. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki's main practice is foreclosure law and they were HSBC Bank's counsel in the initial foreclosure and at the instruction of Caliber Home Loans, Inc they knowingly and fraudulently filed a second foreclosure despite knowing that that the loan was time-barred and that a mortgage debt that becomes time-barred due to the expiration of the statute of limitations becomes unenforceable and loses its legal attachment to the property.
- 204. Caliber Home Loans Inc and its lawyer-agent Rosicki were given multiple opportunities to stop their fraudulent activity.
- 205. Caliber's lawyer-agents Suttell and Mitchell continuously and knowingly engaged in this fraudulent scheme despite being put on notice yet again by Plaintiff's letter that this debt was time-barred and that any further legal action would be fraudulent.
- 206. The Plaintiff's dispute letter sent on December 11, 2017 attached (Exhibit B) specifically stated:

"Please be advised that this debt is disputed. The loan referenced above has become time barred on March 6th 2016. On March 6, 2016, the Statute of Limitations ran out on this debt making this debt time-barred, which in effect bars the Creditor, or any debt collector including your law-firm, from taking or threatening to take legal action to make me pay this debt any time after March 6, 2016. This letter should put your firm on notice that taking or threatening to take any legal action on this time barred debt will violate the FDCPA and make your firm liable for actual and treble damages. Filing a foreclosure on this debt is illegal. If your firm decides to sue for

foreclosure despite being put on notice by this letter that any such action is illegal we will additionally sue your firm for fraud."

- 207. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki have had ample opportunity to dismiss the fraudulent complaint with prejudice.
- 208. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki knew that the expiration of the statute of limitations renders the debt unenforceable thereby severing the debts legal attachment to any real estate.
- 209. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki knew that they could only seek voluntary repayment of the time-barred debt and that they could not initiate or threaten legal action in connection with its debt collection efforts on a time-barred debt.
- 210. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki knew they were barred from seeking a new foreclosure action on this time-barred debt.
- 211. Said lawsuit fraudulently stated in pertinent part as follows:

"NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME"

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home."

- 212. Not only did the Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki threaten legal action on a time-barred debt, it actually engaged in such fraudulent action and abuse of process at the instruction of defendant Caliber.
- 213. Paragraph 14 of the said Complaint falsely and fraudulently stated: "That no prior action was commenced at law or otherwise for the recovery of the sum or any part thereof secured by the said instrument."
- 214. Fraudulent fillings are not exempt from liability under the FDCPA.

- 215. The Second Circuit specifically found that fraudulent statements when made in a lawsuit violate the FDCPA.
- 216. "[A]ctions taken in furtherance of a lawsuit are not exempt from liability under the FDCPA" <u>DiMatteo v. Sweeney, Gallo, Reich & Bolz, LLP</u>, 619 Fed. Appx. 7 (2d Cir. 2015)
- 217. "Under these circumstances, where court filings "routinely come to the consumer's attention and may affect his or her defense of a collection claim," debt collectors do not have immunity from FDCPA liability for their litigation conduct," Arias v. Gutman, Mintz, Baker & Sonnenfeldt LLP, 875 F.3d 128, 137, 2017 BL 407422, 8 (2d Cir. 2017) (citations omitted)
- 218. These statements as well as all the other fraudulent statements made in the complaint were made as a fraud on the state court in violation of the FDCPA.
- 219. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki actively participated in the preparation and filing of multiple court submissions to the state court which contained false and misleading statements.
- 220. These false statements were part of an intentional pattern of collusion, wrongdoing, and deceit which was done with the intent to deceive both the Plaintiff and the New York Supreme Court.
- 221. This misconduct was committed in an attorney capacity and these actions were a means to the accomplishment of a larger fraudulent scheme by Caliber Home Loans Inc and their lawyer-agent Rosicki.
- 222. Said statements are unconscionably false and were made with the intention to deceive and steal Plaintiff's home as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars.

- 223. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki knew that these statements and legal action were fraudulent as they were counsel on the previous case that was dismissed.
 HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION USA v. REIZES, MENDEL DISPOSED:
 8/24/2014 SUPREME COURT | KINGS COUNTY | Index: 13517/2010.
- 224. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki was again further put on notice by the Plaintiff's fax that this debt was time-barred. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki were warned and given multiple opportunities not to engage in fraud.
- 225. The Plaintiff's dispute letter sent on December 11, 2017 attached (Exhibit B) specifically stated:

"Please be advised that this debt is disputed. The loan referenced above has become time barred on March 6th 2016. On March 6, 2016, the Statute of Limitations ran out on this debt making this debt time-barred, which in effect bars the Creditor, or any debt collector including your law-firm, from taking or threatening to take legal action to make me pay this debt any time after March 6, 2016. This letter should put your firm on notice that taking or threatening to take any legal action on this time barred debt will violate the FDCPA and make your firm liable for actual and treble damages. Filing a foreclosure on this debt is illegal. If your firm decides to sue for foreclosure despite being put on notice by this letter that any such action is illegal we will additionally sue your firm for fraud."

- 226. Since the loan became time-barred on March 6, 2016, Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki knowingly mispresented the legal status of this time-barred debt which violated the FDCPA and they further violated the FDCPA by intentionally filling a fraudulent legal action which they knew could <u>not</u> be pursued.
- 227. Since the loan was a time-barred debt, the filling of a legal action is not permitted under the law.
- 228. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki filed a fraudulent action in violation of the FDCPA.

- 229. The letter dated November 10, 2017 failed to include a notice which would clearly state per New York law that the debt was time-barred.
- 230. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki violated the FDCPA for misrepresenting the legal status of the debt and for using fraudulent means in attempting to collect on a time-barred debt.
- 231. Caliber Home Loans Inc and their lawyer-agent Rosicki misrepresented the legal status of the debt and they falsely threatened the imposition of interest and fees on a time-barred debt in violation of the FDCPA.
- 232. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki could not misrepresent the status or enforceability of the debt. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki knew that no other available actions were permitted under the law to collect this debt.
- 233. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki could not accumulate any interest or legal fees with regard to this time-barred debt and certainly could not charge the Plaintiff for the accrual of any such forbidden interest and fees.
- 234. The letter and the foreclosure action additionally contained numerous deceptive statements and knowingly omitted the important mandatory disclosures, including § 2-191 of the Rules of the City of New York's notification requirement for time-barred debts.
- 235. The letter dated November 10, 2017 said nothing about when the debt was incurred, and it contained no hint that the six-year statute of limitations applicable in New York had long since expired.
- 236. On March 6, 2010, HSBC Bank accelerated the entire debt making the debt time-barred six years from March 6, 2010.
- 237. In the State of New York, the statute of limitations to sue on a mortgage or the note is six

- years after the demand of the entire amount due.
- 238. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki had waited after the entire loan had become time-barred to threaten and illegally file suit on this debt.
- 239. Caliber Home Loans Inc. and its lawyer-agent Rosicki misrepresented the legal status of the debt in violation of section 1692e, which prohibits a debt collector from "threatening to take any action that cannot legally be taken." 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(5).
- 240. Congress in passing the FDCPA prohibited threatening to take any illegal action when collecting debts. All courts that have addressed this issue have concluded that the additional step of actually taking the illegal action is most definitely a violation of the FDCPA.¹¹
- 241. Filing a suit to collect on a debt for which the statute of limitations has run violates the FDCPA.
- 242. Thus, Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2), 1692e(5), 1692e(10), and 1692f by misrepresenting the legal status and by threatening to file and actually filling a lawsuit on a time-barred suit, making it liable to the Plaintiff.
- 243. "The statute of limitations in a mortgage foreclosure action begins to run from the due date for each unpaid installment, or from the time the mortgagee is entitled to demand full payment, or from the date the mortgage debt has been accelerated." ¹²

Arias v. Gutman, Mintz, Baker & Sonnenfeldt LLP, 875 F.3d 128 (2d Cir. 2017) ("Our holding is consistent with section 1692e, which prohibits a debt collector from "threat[ening] to take any action that cannot legally be taken." 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(5). It is unlikely that Congress would prohibit threatening to take an illegal action while permitting the additional step of actually taking the illegal action. See Currier, 762 F.3d at 535-36 (holding that under section 1692e, alleged illegal conduct "can also fairly be characterized as a threat to take [that illegal action]"). Our holding also coheres with decisions of our sister circuits, which have held that unfair or unconscionable litigation conduct violates section 1692f. See, e.g., Kaymark v. Bank of Am., N.A., 783 F.3d 168, 174 (3d Cir. 2015) (filing foreclosure complaint seeking attorney's fees not yet incurred); Currier, 762 F.3d at 535 (maintaining invalid lien on debtor's property); Phillips v. Asset Acceptance, LLC, 736 F.3d 1076, 1079 (7th Cir. 2013) (filing suit to collect debt for which the statute of limitations had run.") (emphasis added)

¹² In re Strawbridge, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 29751, 2012 WL 701031 [SDNY 2012], citing Plaia v Safonte, 45 AD3d 747, 748, 847 N.Y.S.2d 101 [2d Dept 2007]; Zinker v Makler, 298 AD2d 516, 517, 748 N.Y.S.2d 780 [2d Dept 2002]; Notarnicola v. Lafayette Farms, Inc., 288 AD2d 198, 199, 733 NYS2d 91 [2d Dept 2001]; EMC Mtge. Corp. v Patella, 279 AD2d 604, 605, 720 NYS2d 161 [2d Dept 2001]; Loiacono v. Goldberg, 240 AD2d 476, 477, 658 NYS2d 138 [2d Dept 1997])

- 244. Once a mortgage debt is accelerated by a demand for the entire amount of the loan, the borrower's right to make monthly installments ceases, all sums becomes immediately due and payable, and the six-year statute of limitations begins to run on the entire mortgage debt.¹³
- 245. New York City regulations require that a debt collector must provide a consumer with specific information about the consumer's rights regarding a time-barred account in every communication with the consumer.
- 246. The unpaid installments and the entire loan became due on March 6, 2010 and the debt became time-barred on March 6, 2016.
- 247. The Statute of Limitations to collect on this debt expired on March 6, 2016, therefore, misrepresenting the legal status and threatening legal action on this time-barred debt is a violation of the FDCPA.
- 248. Upon information and belief, the Defendant knew that this deceptive debt collection technique would be particularly effective in pressuring unsophisticated consumers into settling debts, even those that would otherwise be time-barred.
- 249. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki's letter and fraudulent lawsuit was false, deceptive and misleading representations and means done in connection with the collection of the time-barred debt.
- 250. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki's letter and fraudulent lawsuit contained false representations of the character, amount and legal status of the debt;
- 251. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki's letter and fraudulent lawsuit threatened to take action that could not legally be taken and that cannot be taken, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e,

¹³ See <u>Federal National Mortgage Assn v Mebane</u>, 208 AD2d 892, 894, 618 NYS2d 88 [2d Dept 1994]; <u>Clayton Nat'l, Inc. v Guldi</u>, 307 AD2d 982, 763 N.Y.S.2d 493 [2d Dept 2003]).

- 1692e(2)(A), 1692e(5), and 1692e(10).¹⁴
- 252. Said actions of the Defendant was unjust and wrong in the filling of legal action on timebarred debt.¹⁵
- 253. Upon information and belief, Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki's filing of time-barred debt in the State Action against the Plaintiff, far from being an isolated instance, is part of a policy and practice pursuant to which the Defendant intentionally files time-barred claims knowing that the vast majority of claims filed will result in default judgments or will be not be contested by unsophisticated pro-se consumers who are unaware of the CPLR § 202 and its impact upon the statute of limitations.
- 254. Available actions permitted under the law to collect on such time-barred debts do not include the filling of a legal action or accrual of legal fees.
- 255. The misrepresentation of the debt collector's ability to file a legal action on a time-barred debt is a violation of the FDCPA.
- 256. At the time that HSBC transferred the said home loan to the Defendant, it was aware that the Plaintiff was being represented by counsel.
- 257. Caliber Home Loans Inc.'s records, which it had received from HSBC, reflected that the

Buchanan v. Northland Grp., Inc., 776 F.3d 393 (6th Cir. 2015). (A misrepresentation about the limitations period is a "straightforward" violation of § 1692ee(2)(A). The failure to disclose that partial payment on a time-barred debt would renew the creditor's ability to sue could mislead a consumer into paying and digging herself into a deeper hole. An unsophisticated debtor who cannot afford the settlement offer might nevertheless assume from the letter that some payment is better than no payment. This would not be true, since some payment is worse than no payment, as the general rule in Michigan is that partial payment restarts the statute of limitations clock, giving the creditor a new opportunity to sue for the full debt. In response to the argument that the court's interpretation would require debt collectors to give legal advice to every debtor about the statute of limitations, the court stated that "this is not a herculean task," as demonstrated by the fact that the collection agency had changed its letters to make the following disclosure under applicable circumstances: "The law limits how long you can be sued on a debt. Because of the age of your debt, LVNV Funding L.L.C. will not sue you for it, and LVNV Funding L.L.C. will not report it to any credit reporting agency."), McMahon v. LVNV Funding, L.L.C., 744 F.3d 1010 (7th Cir. 2014). (The court held that the consumers stated claims for relief under §§ 1692e and 1692f where the defendants sent dunning letters that did not disclose that the debts were time-barred and that made an "offer to settle" at a stated percentage savings off the current balance because, even without an actual threat of suit, "it is plausible that an unsophisticated consumer would believe a letter that offers to 'settle' a debt implies that the debt is legally enforceable.") Rawson v. Source Receivables Mgmt., L.L.C., 2012 WL 3835096 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 4, 2012) (complaint alleging that a dunning letter implied the debt was legally enforceable when it was actually barred by the stat

¹⁵ Crawford v. LVNV Funding, LLC, 758 F.3d 1254, 2014 U.S. App. LEXIS 13221, 59 Bankr. Ct. Dec. 205, 25 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. C 92 (11th Cir. Ala. 2014)

- Plaintiff was being represented by counsel
- 258. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki's further attempted to serve Plaintiff's counsel since they were aware that Plaintiff was represented by counsel; despite this knowledge, Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki's ultimately communicated directly with the Plaintiff in the November 10, 2017 collection notice which culminated in a lawsuit against him.
- 259. Section 1692b of the FDCPA provides:

Any debt collector communicating with any person other than the consumer for the purpose of acquiring location information about the consumer shall –

(6) After the debt collector knows the consumer is represented by an attorney with regard to the subject debt and has knowledge of, or can readily ascertain, such attorney's name and address, not communicate with any person other than that attorney, unless the attorney fails to respond within a reasonable period of time to the communication from the debt collector.

Section 1692c of the FDCPA provides:

- (a) COMMUNICATION WITH THE CONSUMER GENERALLY. Without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction, a debt collector may not communicate with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt --
- (2) if the debt collector knows the consumer is represented by an attorney with respect to such debt and has knowledge of, or can readily ascertain, such attorney's name and address, unless the attorney fails to respond within a reasonable period of time to a communication from the debt collector or unless the attorney consents to direct communication with the consumer.
- 260. The Defendant's conduct aggravated and harassed the Plaintiff.
- 261. The Defendant knew or should have known that its actions violated the FDCPA.
- 262. The Plaintiff received the initial letter from Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki's dated November 10, 2017 letter on or about November 15, 2017.

- 263. The Defendant then filed for foreclosure on December 6, 2017, which happened to be during the Plaintiff's thirty-day validation period, which overshadowed the Plaintiff's thirty-day validation rights, without providing an explanation that his rights would be preserved.
- In Ellis v. Solomon & Solomon, *P.C.*591 F.3d 130 (2d Cir. 2010). The Second Circuit held that an FDCPA debt verification notice was overshadowed by the debt collector's service of a collection lawsuit on the consumer during the thirty-day period for a consumer to request verification of the debt, since the collector failed to explain or clarify in either the dun or a notice provided with the summons and complaint that the commencement of the lawsuit had no effect on the information conveyed in the debt verification notice.
- 265. On December 11, 2017 at night someone rang Plaintiff's door bell. The Plaintiff answered the door and asked the individual to identify himself. The man at the door would not identify himself and only stated that he was looking for a Mendel Reizes since he had foreclosure papers he needed to give to a Mendel Reizes.
- 266. The individual at the door stated that he can only serve Mendel Reizes once Mendel Reizes or the person accepting service identified himself. Plaintiff again asked the person at the door to identify himself, but the person stated that he could not do so.
- 267. On December 14, 2017 the same individual rang the Plaintiff's door bell. The Plaintiff answered the door and asked the person standing at the door to identify himself. The man at the door would not identify himself and only stated that he was looking for a Mendel Reizes since he had papers he needed to give to Mendel Reizes.
- 268. The man at the door further stated that he was hired by Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki to deliver a lawsuit on behalf of U.S Bank and that he would need to give it to Mendel Reizes

- or someone who would identify themselves.
- 269. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki attempted service of the lawsuit during the thirty-day validation period overshadowed and contradicted the thirty-day validation rights that it provided to the Plaintiff in the initial letter.
- 270. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki failed to explain or clarify in either the dun or a notice provided with the summons and complaint that the commencement of the lawsuit had no effect on the information conveyed in the debt verification notice.
- 271. Section 1692g(b) of the FDCPA states:

If the consumer notifies the debt collector in writing within the thirty-day period described in subsection (a) that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, or that the consumer requests the name and address of the original creditor, **the debt collector shall cease collection of the debt**, or any disputed portion thereof, until the debt collector obtains verification of the debt or any copy of a judgment, or the name and address of the original creditor, and a copy of such verification or judgment, or name and address of the original creditor, is mailed to the consumer by the debt collector. (emphasis added)

- 272. The Plaintiff faxed a dispute to Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki on December 11, 2017 (see attached letter and eFax receipt, Exhibit B), yet the Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki failed to cease collection of the debt and even attempted to serve the Plaintiff on December 14, 2017, December 16, 2017, and December 19, 2017 and further mailed a letter on December 22, 2017.
- 273. Plaintiff disputed the debt under the FDCPA, thus precluding Defendant from taking any further action until Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki completed verification of the debt.
- 274. The dispute rights afforded under the FDCPA were designed specifically to prevent the illegal and fraudulent activity that Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki has perpetrated in this case.

- 275. Plaintiff put the Defendant on notice that any foreclosure action would be illegal, time-barred and fraudulent.
- 276. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki received the faxed dispute on December 11, 2017.
- 277. Defendant was put on notice and knew it could not serve Plaintiff with a lawsuit on a timebarred debt.
- 278. The Plaintiff's dispute letter sent on December 11, 2017 specifically stated; "This letter should put your firm on notice that taking or threatening to take any legal action on this time barred debt will violate the FDCPA and make your firm liable for actual and treble damages. Filing a foreclosure on this debt is illegal. If your firm decides to sue for foreclosure despite being put on notice by this letter that any such action is illegal we will additionally sue your firm for fraud."
- 279. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki received the Plaintiff's dispute and knew that they must cease collecting on the debt until they can mail verification.
- 280. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki knew that they would never be able to provide verification of the debt since it was time-barred and illegal to file the said foreclosure.
- 281. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki overshadowed the Plaintiff's thirty-day verification rights when they attempted to serve him with a fraudulent law-suit during the thirty-day validation period.
- 282. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki intentionally served plaintiff with a fraudulent lawsuit despite being foreclosed from doing so after being in receipt of Plaintiff's dispute.
- 283. Plaintiff notified Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki in writing within the thirty-day period described in the FDCPA that the debt was disputed. Defendants were obligated to cease collection of the debt, until it obtained and mailed plaintiff verification.

- 284. In addition to the fact that Defendants could never serve the Plaintiff with a lawsuit on a time-barred debt. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki further knew that without an additional disclosure they could not serve the Plaintiff a lawsuit during the thirty-day validation period and that any such service would overshadow and contradict the thirty-day verification rights.
- 285. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki additionally knew that they could not serve the Plaintiff once the debt had been disputed.
- 286. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki cannot and have not provided Plaintiff with any verification of the debt.
- 287. The Defendant took multiple fraudulent illegal actions against the Plaintiff when it knew and should have known that there was no factual basis for its abusive actions,
- 288. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki should have conducted the minimum due diligence required under New York law regarding abuse of process, frivolous pleadings, and misstating the amount, character and legal status of the Plaintiff's debt.
- 289. Caliber's lawyer-agent Rosicki abuse of process was in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2), 1692e(5), 1692e(10), 1692f and 1692f(1).
- 290. As a result of the Defendant's fraudulent legal action, Plaintiff has suffered pecuniary and non-pecuniary harm.
- 291. The Plaintiff's actual damages, without limitation, sleep deprivation, stomach pains, anxiety and difficulty in performing his work.
- 292. The Plaintiff also suffered damage to his credit and credit report.
- 293. The Plaintiff's damages also include the cost of retaining counsel to defend and dismiss the fraudulent State Action.

- 294. The Plaintiff further alleges that Defendant's collection practices violate the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. ("FDCPA"). Such collection practices include, inter alia:
 - (a) Leaving messages for consumers, which fail to provide meaningful disclosure of Defendant's identity;
 - (b) Leaving messages for consumers, which fail to disclose that the call is from a debt collector; and
 - (c) Leaving messages for consumers, which fail to disclose the purpose or nature of the communication (i.e. an attempt to collect a debt).
- 295. The FDCPA requires debt collectors identify themselves as such in all messages to prevent consumers from being tricked into communicating with debt collectors regarding a debt.
 The United States and Congress have found that:

[T]his regulation directly advances the governmental interest of preventing abusive or deceptive debt collection practices such as anonymous telephone messages. Congress has specifically declared the prohibited activity of failing to make the necessary disclosures as inherently misleading. "The argument is that prohibiting debt collectors from leaving anonymous messages directly advances the governmental interests because allowing a debt collector to leave such messages could result in consumers being tricked into calling back and being forced to communicate with the debt collector, which could be an abusive practice since some consumers prefer written contact or to have an attorney or other representative engage in discussions with the debt collector on the consumer's behalf."..."Requiring a debt collector to identify itself as such appears to be a direct and narrow method of preventing consumers from being tricked into communicating with debt collectors regarding a debt. Furthermore, debt collectors have several forms of communication available to them in their efforts to collect a debt, including live conversation over the telephone, in person communication, and the mail. The FDCPA is no more extensive than necessary to achieve the asserted governmental interests of preventing abusive or deceptive debt collection practices such as anonymous telephone calls."

Mark v. J.C. Christensen & Assocs., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 67724, 26-27, 2009 WL 2407700 (D. Minn. Aug. 4, 2009).

- 296. To prohibit deceptive practices, the FDCPA, at 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, outlaws the use of false, deceptive, and misleading collection practices and names a non-exhaustive list of certain per se violations of false and deceptive collection conduct. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(1) (16). Among the per se violations prohibited by that section are: using any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt or to obtain information concerning a consumer, 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10); the failure by debt collectors to disclose in initial oral communications that the debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and that any information obtained will be used for that purpose, 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(11); and the failure by debt collectors to disclose in subsequent oral communications with consumers that the communication is from a debt collector, 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(11).
- 297. By way of limited example only, on or about April 26, 2017, Defendant, attempted to contact Plaintiff by telephone in an effort to collect a debt; this was a "communication" in an attempt to collect a debt as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2). Defendant, a representative of Caliber left a message for the Plaintiff requesting a call back to the Defendant stating:

Message for Mendel Reizes, callback number is 1800 621-1437, calling from Caliber.

298. By way of another limited example only, on or about May 16, 2017, Defendant, attempted to contact Plaintiff by telephone in an effort to collect a debt; this was a "communication" in an attempt to collect a debt as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2). Defendant, a representative of Caliber by the name of Nefertiti, left a message for the Plaintiff requesting a call back to the Defendant stating:

Name is Nefertiti, callback number is 1800 401-6587, calling from Caliber.

- 299. At the time Plaintiff received the said messages, he did not know the identity of the caller.
- 300. At the time Plaintiff received the said messages, he did not know that the caller was a debt collector.
- 301. At the time Plaintiff received the said messages, he did not know that the call concerned the collection of a debt.
- 302. Each of the messages is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).
- 303. Defendant, as a matter of pattern and practice, leaves anonymous telephone messages for consumers which in effect trick consumers into calling back and being forced to communicate with the debt collector.
- 304. Defendant's anonymous telephone messages mislead consumers into thinking that the message could reasonably pertain to a host of issues including family or medical matters which may be viewed by consumers as much more pressing, than a debt owed. The apparent purpose of these messages is to be vague enough to provoke the recipient to return the calls in haste. Leaving a message that deceptively entices a consumer to communicate with a debt collector when he is caught off guard is precisely the kind of abuse the FDCPA intended to prevent.
- 305. A message leaving any information concerning a debt is a "communication." 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2). "Any information" is construed broadly in favor of consumers and includes a callback number or a reference number. 16

¹⁶ Halberstam v. Global Credit & Collection Corp., 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3567 (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 11, 2016) (Nothing permits the debt collector to leave a response with the third party that will induce the debtor to call him back. With the very limited authorized contact with third parties allowed by the statute, it is hard for me to see why [Defendant's representative] thought he could leave a call back number. The arguments defendant has advanced seem quite transparent.), Edwards v. Niagara Credit Solutions, Inc., 586 F. Supp. 2d 1346 (N.D. Ga. 2008). aff'd by Edwards v. Niagara Credit Solutions, Inc., 584 F.3d 1350, 2009 U.S. App. LEXIS 22500, 22 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. C 179 (11th Cir. Ga. 2009). (It is a communication whether it is from a conversation directly between a consumer and a debt collector or indirectly, such as by a message left on a telephone answering device, or with a third party.), Foti v. NCO Financial Systems, Inc., 424 F.Supp.2d 643 (S.D.N.Y. 2006).(infra), Wideman v. Monterey Fin. Srvs., Inc., 2009_U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38824 (W.D.Pa May 7, 2009) (Same), West v. Nationwide Credit, Inc., 998 F. Supp. 642, 643 (W.D. N.C. 1998) (Same), Belin v. Litton Loan Servicing, LP, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 47953, 2006 WL 1992410, 5 (M.D.Fla., 2006) (Same).

- 306. Defendant failed to provide Plaintiff with the notices required by 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(11), namely, by failing to advise Plaintiff that the communication was from a debt collector or that the Defendant was attempting to collect a debt.¹⁷
- 307. The only way for Plaintiff and/or any least sophisticated consumer to obtain the identity of the caller leaving the messages, and to ascertain the purpose underlying the messages, was to place a return call to the telephone number provided in the messages and speak with a debt collector employed by Defendant, and to provide the debt collector with personal information.
- 308. Defendant has engaged in a pattern of leaving messages without disclosing that the communication is from a debt collector.
- 309. All of the above-described collection communications made to Plaintiff by Defendant and other collection employees employed by the Defendant, were made in violation of numerous and multiple provisions of the FDCPA, including but not limited to 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692d, 1692e, 1692e(10), 1692e(11), and 1692f, amongst others.
- 310. Leaving "Anonymous Telephone Messages" in any form, violates the FDCPA, whether the anonymous telephone message is left during a conversation directly between a consumer and a debt collector or indirectly, such as an Anonymous Telephone Message left on a telephone answering device, or with a third party.¹⁸

¹⁷ See <u>Sclafani v. BC Servs., Inc.</u>, No. 10-61360-CIV, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 115330, 2010 WL 4116471, at *3 (S.D. Fla. Oct. 18, 2010.) ("If [the defendant] could not leave voice messages that simultaneously complied with the multiple applicable provisions of FDCPA, it should not have left the offending voice messages."), <u>Edwards v. Niagara Credit Solutions, Inc.</u>, 584 F.3d 1350, 2009 U.S. App. LEXIS 22500, 22 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. C 179 (11th Cir. Ga. 2009.) (The United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit stated "In an oft-repeated statement from the Vietnam War, an unidentified American military officer reputedly said that "we had to destroy the village to save it." That oxymoronic explanation may be apocryphal, but the debt collection agency in this case offers up much the same logic to explain why it violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act: it was necessary to violate the Act in order to comply with the Act..."[I]f [the debt collector's] assumption is correct, the answer is that the [FDCPA] does not guarantee a debt collector the right to leave messages.")

¹⁸ See <u>Leyse v. Corporate Collection Servs.</u>, (2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 67719 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 18, 2006) ("The FDCPA requires debt collectors identify themselves as such in all messages to prevent consumers from being tricked into communicating with debt collectors regarding a debt. Anonymous telephone messages mislead consumers in to thinking that the message could reasonably pertain to a host of issues - including family or medical matters - which may be viewed by consumers as much more pressing, than a debt owed. The apparent purpose of these messages is to

- 311. Plaintiff suffered injury in fact by being subjected to unfair and abusive practices of the Defendant.
- 312. Plaintiff suffered actual harm by being the target of the Defendant's misleading debt collection communications.
- 313. Defendant violated the Plaintiff's right not to be the target of misleading debt collection communications.
- 314. Defendant violated the Plaintiff's right to a truthful and fair debt collection process.
- 315. Defendant used materially false, deceptive, misleading representations and means in its attempted collection of Plaintiff's alleged debt.
- 316. Defendant's communications were designed to cause the debtor to suffer a harmful disadvantage in charting a course of action in response to Defendant's collection efforts.
- 317. The FDCPA ensures that consumers are fully and truthfully apprised of the facts and of their rights, the act enables them to understand, make informed decisions about, and participate fully and meaningfully in the debt collection process. The purpose of the FDCPA is to provide information that helps consumers to choose intelligently. The Defendant's false representations misled the Plaintiff in a manner that deprived him of his right to enjoy these benefits, these materially misleading statements trigger liability under section 1692e of the Act.
- 318. These deceptive communications additionally violated the FDCPA since they frustrate the consumer's ability to intelligently choose his or her response.
- 319. As an actual and proximate result of the acts and omissions of the Defendant, Plaintiff has suffered including but not limited to, fear, stress, mental anguish, emotional stress and

be vague enough to provoke the recipient to return the calls in haste. Leaving a message that deceptively entices a consumer to communicate with a debt collector when he is caught off guard is precisely the kind of abuse the FDCPA intended to prevent.")

acute embarrassment for which they should be compensated in an amount to be established by a jury at trial.

AS AND FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION

Violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act brought by Plaintiff on behalf of himself and the members of a class, as against the Defendant.

- 320. Plaintiff re-states, re-alleges, and incorporates herein by reference, paragraphs one (1) through three hundred and nineteen (319) as if set forth fully in this cause of action.
- 321. This cause of action is brought on behalf of Plaintiff and the members of four classes.
- 322. Class A consists of (a) all individuals who have mailing addresses within the State of New York; (b) who within one year before the filing of this action; (c) were sent a collection letter in a form materially identical or substantially similar to the form letter sent by the Defendant to the Plaintiff; (d) regarding a debt that was time-barred by the applicable Statute of Limitations; and (e) the Plaintiff and the class members suffered actual damages by the Defendant's attempts to re-age the date of default; and (f) which was not returned by the postal service as undelivered; and (g) the Plaintiff asserts that the letter contained violations of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2)(A), 1692e(5), and 1692e(10).
- 323. Class B consists of all persons whom Defendant's records reflect resided in the State of New York and who were sent a collection letter in substantially the same form letter as the letter sent to Plaintiff on or about July 20, 2017; and (a) the collection letter was sent to a consumer seeking payment of a personal debt; and (b) the collection letter was returned by the postal service as undelivered; (c) and Plaintiff asserts that the letter contained violations of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e and 1692g(a)(1) for the use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt, for

- misrepresenting the amount of the debt owed by Plaintiff and for failing to accurately state the amount of the debt in the initial communication.
- 324. Class C consists of all persons whom Defendant's records reflect resided in the State of New York and who were sent a collection letter in substantially the same form letter as the letter sent to the Plaintiff on or about July 20, 2017; and (a) the collection letter was sent to a consumer seeking payment of a personal debt; and (b) the collection letter was not returned by the postal service as undelivered; (c) and the Plaintiff asserts that the letter contained violations of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(5), 1692e(8), 1692e(10) and 1692f, for engaging in false, deceptive, and unconscionable means by threatening an unintended action on a time-barred debt and for communicating or threatening to communicate to any person credit information which is known or which should be known to be false.
- 325. Class D consists of all persons whom Defendant's records reflect resided in New York who received telephonic messages from Defendant within one year prior to the date of the within complaint up to the date of the filing of the complaint; (a) the telephone call was placed to a the consumer's home or similar party seeking payment of a consumer debt by leaving a message for the Plaintiff; and (b) the Plaintiff asserts that the telephone message was in violation 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692d, 1692e, 1692e(10), 1692e(11), and 1692f.
- 326. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, a class action is appropriate and preferable in this case because:
 - A. Based on the fact that form collection letters and form telephonic messages are at the heart of this litigation, the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.

- B. There are questions of law and fact common to the class and these questions predominate over any questions affecting only individual class members. The principal question presented by this claim is whether the Defendant violated the FDCPA.
- C. The only individual issue is the identification of the consumers who received such collection letters and such telephonic messages (*i.e.* the class members), a matter capable of ministerial determination from the records of Defendant.
- D. The claims of the Plaintiff are typical of those of the class members. All are based on the same facts and legal theories.
- E. The Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the class members' interests.

 The Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in bringing class actions and collection-abuse claims. The Plaintiff's interests are consistent with those of the members of the class.
- 327. A class action is superior for the fair and efficient adjudication of the class members' claims. Congress specifically envisions class actions as a principal means of enforcing the FDCPA. 15 U.S.C. § 1692(k). The members of the class are generally unsophisticated individuals, whose rights will not be vindicated in the absence of a class action. Prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the classes would create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications resulting in the establishment of inconsistent or varying standards for the parties and would not be in the interest of judicial economy.
- 328. If the facts are discovered to be appropriate, the Plaintiff will seek to certify a class pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

329. Collection attempts, such as those made by the Defendant are to be evaluated by the objective standard of the hypothetical "least sophisticated consumer."

Violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

- 330. The Defendant's actions as set forth above in the within complaint violates the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
- 331. Because the Defendant violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Plaintiff and the members of the class are entitled to actual damages in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, respectfully requests preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, and that this Court enter judgment in his favor and against the Defendant and award damages as follows:

- A. Statutory damages provided under the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692(k);
- B. Attorney fees, litigation expenses and costs incurred in bringing this action; and
- C. Any other relief that this Court deems appropriate and just under the circumstances.

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EXHIBIT A

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MENDEL REIZES 1615 CARROLL ST BROOKLYN, NY 11213-5409

Loan Number:

9804893411

Property Address:

1615 CARROLL ST

BROOKLYN, NY 11213-5409

Dear MENDEL REIZES:

Please see next page for important notice required by New York law.

The originating creditor of the debt is HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

The outstanding amount of the debt as of the time of this communication is \$392,715.02.

If you have any further questions about your loan or anything contained in this notice, please do not hesitate to contact RHODA SINGLETON at (800) 621-1437 during the following hours Mon - Thurs 8:00 am to 9:00 pm CST, Fri 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Sat 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.



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November 9, 2016

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Caliber Account Number: Total Past Due Amount: Current Past Due Date:

\$276,500.83 01/01/2010

Dear MENDEL REIZES

Your loan is now thirty days or more past due. It is imperative that you contact Caliber Home Loans, Inc. to make arrangements regarding your loan. Payment for the past due balance noted above can be made to Caliber by personal check, money order or cashier's check. Please send your payment to one of the addresses listed below.

To make a payment 24 hours a day, please visit us at www.caliberhomeloans.com. Our website offers secure access to your loan information and free automatic monthly payment drafting, which is a great way to ensure your payments are received on time and avoid payment reminder calls. We have several payment options available such as Western Union Speed Pay which may be made through an agent or through our automated phone system by calling 1-800-621-1437. You may also make your payment through Western Union Quick Collect. Fees may apply to these payment methods.

For payments made by personal check, money order or cashier's check, our address is:

Regular Mail Caliber Home Loans, Inc. PO Box 650856 Dallas, TX 75265-0856 Overnight Mail Address
Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
1500 Dragon Street, STE A
Dallas, TX 75207

Late payments are reported to the credit bureaus. The delinquency may impact your ability to obtain other forms of credit. Please make arrangements to submit your payment as soon as possible.

If your financial situation has changed or you are experiencing additional hardship, please contact me immediately at 800-401-6587 ext. 5492. I am available to discuss your situation and to review any alternatives that may be available to you during the hours provided above.

We appreciate your continued commitment to adhering to the terms of your mortgage obligation.

Sincerely,

RHODA SINGLETON SPOC Department Caliber Home Loans, Inc. Should you have any general inquiries regarding your loan you can email us at customerservice@caliberhomeloans.com or write to us at:



Customer Inquiry
Caliber Home Loans, Inc.
PO Box 24610
Oklahoma City, OK 73124

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT BY A DEBT COLLECTOR TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice to Consumers presently in Bankruptcy or who have a Bankruptcy Discharge: If you are a debtor presently subject to a proceeding in Bankruptcy Court, or if you have previously been discharged from this debt by a Federal Bankruptcy Court, this communication is not an attempt to collect a debt but is sent for informational purposes only or to satisfy certain Federal or State legal obligations.

You may have the opportunity to receive counseling from housing counseling agencies approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the retention of your home. If you are interested in contacting a HUD-approved housing counseling agency in your area, you can access a list of nationwide HUD-approved counseling intermediaries at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/ohc nint or visit the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) website, www.consumerfinance.gov/find-a-housing-counselor, and enter your zip code. For additional assistance with locating a housing counseling agency, call the HUD nationwide toll free telephone number at (800) 569-4287 or the CFPB at (855) 411-CFPB (2372).

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07/20/2017

Loan Number: 411
Property Address:

Dear MENDEL REIZES:

Please see next page for important notice required by New York law.

The originating creditor of the debt is HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

The outstanding amount of the debt as of the time of this communication is \$392,715.02.

If you have any further questions about your loan or anything contained in this notice, please do not hesitate to contact RHODA SINGLETON at (800) 621-1437 during the following hours Mon - Thurs 8:00 am to 9:00 pm CST, Fri 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Sat 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.



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YOU MAY BE AT RISK OF FORECLOSURE. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTICE CAREFULLY

As of 07/20/2017, your home loan is 1967 days and \$223,880.67 dollars in default. Under New York State Law, we are required to send you this notice to inform you that you are at risk of losing your home.

Attached to this notice is a list of government approved housing counseling agencies in your area which provide free counseling. You can also call the NYS Office of the Attorney General's Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP) toll-free consumer hotline to be connected to free housing counseling services in your area at 1-855-HOME-456 (1-855-466-3456), or visit their website at http://www.aghomehelp.com/. A statewide listing by county is also available at http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/mortg_nys_np_counseling_agencies.htm. Qualified free help is available; watch out for companies or people who charge a fee for these services.

Housing counselors from New York-based agencies listed on the website above are trained to help homeowners who are having problems making their mortgage payments and can help you find the best option for your situation. If you wish, you may also contact us directly at (800) 621-1437 and ask to discuss possible options.

While we cannot assure that a mutually agreeable resolution is possible, we encourage you to take immediate steps to try to achieve a resolution. The longer you wait, the fewer options you may have.

If you have not taken any actions to resolve this matter within 90 days from the date this notice was mailed, we may commence legal action against you (or sooner if you cease to live in the dwelling as your primary residence.)

If you need further information, please call the New York State Department of Financial Services' toll-free helpline at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at http://www.dfs.ny.gov.

IMPORTANT: You have the right to remain in your home until you receive a court order telling you to leave the property. If a foreclosure action is filed against you in court, you still have the right to remain in the home until a court orders you to leave. You legally remain the owner of and are responsible for the property until the property is sold by you or by order of the court at the conclusion of any foreclosure proceedings. This notice is not an eviction notice, and a foreclosure action has not yet been commenced against you.

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Caliber Home Loans, Inc. PO Box 9081 Temecula, CA 92589-9081

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Send Payments to: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. P.O. Box 650856 Dallas, TX 75265-0856

Send Correspondence to: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. P.O. Box 24610 Oklahoma City, OK 73124 20170914-260

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09/14/2017

MENDEL REIZES 1615 CARROLL ST BROOKLYN, NY 11213-5409

Sent Via First Class Mail

Loan Number: 9804893411

Property Address: 1615 CARROLL ST

BROOKLYN, NY 11213-5409

Dear MENDEL REIZES:

This letter is formal notice by Caliber Home Loans, Inc., the Servicer of the above-referenced loan, on behalf of LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST (Creditor), that you are in default under the terms of the documents creating and securing your Loan described above, including the Note and Deed of Trust/Mortgage/Security Deed ("Security Instrument"), for failure to pay amounts due.

If you have any questions about anything contained in this notice, please do not hesitate to contact RHODA SINGLETON at (800) 621-1437 during the following hours Mon - Thurs 8:00 am to 9:00 pm CST, Fri 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Sat 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

You have a right to cure the default. To cure the default, you must pay the full amount of the default on this loan by 10/19/2017 (or if said date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then on the first business day thereafter). If you do not correct the default by this date, Caliber Home Loans, Inc. may require that you pay immediately the entire amount then remaining unpaid under the Note and under the Security Instrument ("immediate payment in full"), and Caliber Home Loans, Inc. or another party may acquire the property by means of foreclosure and sale.

As of the date of this notice, the total amount required to cure the default is \$231,773.11, which consists of the following:

Next Payment Due Date:		03/01/2012
Total Monthly Payments Due:		\$220,058.15
03/01/2012	at	\$3,201.33
04/01/2012	at	\$3,201.33
05/01/2012	at	\$3,201.33
06/01/2012	at	\$3,201.33
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02/01/2017	at	\$3,897.46
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06/01/2017	at	\$3,897.46
07/01/2017	at	\$3,897.46
08/01/2017	at	\$3,897.46
09/01/2017	at	\$3,897.46
Late Charges:		\$2,888.60
_	Uncollected NSF Fees:	\$0.00
Other Charges:		
	Other Fees:	\$0.00 \$8.826.36

Corporate Advance Balance:

Unapplied Balance:

\$8,826.36

(80.00)

TOTAL YOU MUST PAY TO CURE DEFAULT:

\$231,773.11

You can cure this default by making a payment of \$231,773.11 by 10/19/2017. Please note any additional monthly payments, late charges and other charges that may be due under the Note, Security Instrument and applicable law after the date of this notice must also be paid to bring your account current. You may contact our Loss Mitigation Department at (800) 621-1437 to obtain updated payment information. This letter is in no way intended as a payoff statement for your mortgage, it merely states an amount necessary to cure the current default. We reserve the right to accept or reject a partial payment of the total amount due without waiving our right to proceed with foreclosure. Please include your loan number and property address with your payment and send to:

Caliber Home Loans, Inc. PO Box 650856 Dallas, TX 75265-0856

If you wish to dispute the delinquency, or if you dispute the calculation of amount of the delinquency and reinstatement amount, you may contact us by calling (800) 621-1437.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BRING YOUR ACCOUNT CURRENT, Caliber Home Loans, Inc. offers consumer assistance programs designed to help resolve delinquencies and avoid foreclosure. These services are provided without cost to our customers. You may be eligible for a loan workout plan or other similar alternative. If you would like to learn more about these programs, you may contact our Loss Mitigation Department at (800) 621-1437, Mon - Thurs 8:00 am to 9:00 pm CST, Fri 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Sat 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Or call us via TDD at (800) 735-2989. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN ASSISTING YOU.

You have the right in any lawsuit for foreclosure and sale to argue that you did keep your promises and agreements under the Note and under the Security Instrument, and to present any other defenses that you may have. If foreclosure proceedings are undertaken, we may pursue a deficiency judgment, if permitted by applicable law. Failure to respond to this letter may result in the loss of your property. To the extent your obligation has been discharged or is subject to the automatic stay in a bankruptcy case, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or an attempt to collect a debt as your personal obligation. If you are represented by an attorney, please provide us with the attorney's name, address and telephone number.

If you meet the following conditions, you will have the right to have enforcement of the Security Instrument stopped and to have the Note and the Security Instrument remain fully effective as if immediate payment in full had never been required: 1) pay the full amount that then would be due under the Security Instrument and the Note as if immediate payment in full had never been required; 2) correct your failure to keep any of your other promises or agreements made in the Security Instrument; 3) pay all reasonable expenses in enforcing the Security Instrument including, for example, reasonable attorneys' fees, property inspection and valuation fees, and other fees incurred for the purpose of protecting Creditor's interest in the property and rights under the Security Instrument; and 4) do whatever Creditor reasonably requires to assure that Creditor's interest in the property, Creditor's rights under the Security Instrument, and your obligations under the Note and under the Security Instrument continue unchanged.

Caliber Home Loans, Inc. is attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Unless you notify us within thirty (30) days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, we will assume this debt is valid. If you notify us within thirty (30) days from receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, we



will obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such judgment or verification. Upon your written request within thirty (30) days after the receipt of this letter, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if the original creditor is different from the current creditor.

You are notified that this default and any other legal action that may occur as a result thereof may be reported to one or more local and national credit reporting agencies by Caliber Home Loans, Inc.

Attention Servicemembers and Dependents: Servicemembers on active duty, or a spouse or dependent of such a servicemember, may be entitled to certain protections under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act ("SCRA") regarding the servicemember's interest rate and the risk of foreclosure. SCRA and certain state laws provide important protections for you, including prohibiting foreclosure under most circumstances. If you are currently in the military service, or have been within the last twelve (12) months, AND joined after signing the Note and Security Instrument now in default, please notify Caliber Home Loans, Inc. immediately. When contacting Caliber Home Loans, Inc. as to your military service, you must provide positive proof as to your military status. Servicemembers and dependents with questions about the SCRA should contact their unit's Judge Advocate, or their installation's Legal Assistance Officer. Homeowner counseling is also available at agencies such as Military OneSource (www.militaryonesource.mil; 1-800-342-9647) and Armed Forces Legal counselors (http://legalassistance.law.af.mil), and through **HUD-certified** housing Assistance (http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm). You can also contact us toll-free at (800) 621-1437 if you have questions about your rights under SCRA.

To obtain a list of approved counseling agencies, please call 1-800-569-4287 or visit http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm. You may also contact the Homeownership Preservation Foundation's Hope hotline at 1-888-995-HOPE (4673).

If you have any further questions about your loan or this notice, please do not hesitate to contact RHODA SINGLETON at (800) 621-1437. This matter is very important. Please give it your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

Caliber Home Loans, Inc. 13801 Wireless Way Oklahoma City, OK 73134 (800) 621-1437

Additional Disclosures

The originating creditor of the debt is HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION

The outstanding amount of the debt as of the time of this communication is \$392,715.02.

In accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., debt collectors 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.

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;
- 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.

EXHIBIT B

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Mendel Reizes

1615 Carroll Street Brooklyn, NY 11213 (718) 221-0017

December 11th 2017

ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Main Office 51 E Bethpage Road
Plainview, NY 11803

Loan # 9804893411

Premises: 1615 CARROLL STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11213

File No.: 11-024128

Dear Sir/Madam.

I received a letter from your firm on November 15th in which you reference the above mentioned loan. Please be advised that this debt is disputed. The loan referenced above has become time barred on March 6th 2016.

On March 6, 2016, the Statute of Limitations ran out on this debt making this debt time-barred, which in effect bars the Creditor, or any debt collector including your law-firm, from taking or threatening to take legal action to make me pay this debt any time after March 6, 2016.

This letter should put your firm on notice that taking or threatening to take any legal action on this time barred debt will violate the FDCPA and make your firm liable for actual and treble damages.

Filing a foreclosure on this debt is illegal. If your firm decides to sue for foreclosure despite being put on notice by this letter that any such action is illegal we will additionally sue your firm for fraud.

Sincerely,

Mendel Reizes

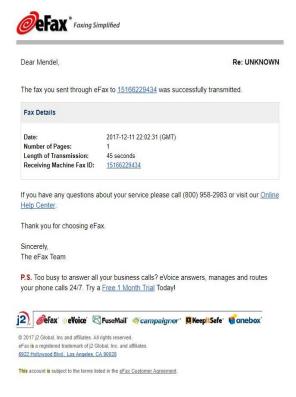


EXHIBIT C



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

February 03, 2010

Mendel Reizes Yehoshua Yusewitz 1615 Carroll Street Brooklyn, NY 11213

Dear Mendel Reizes and Yehoshua Yusewitz :

NOTE: IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY PROTECTED BY THE FILING OF A PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY, THE FOLLOWING NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DEBT.

Subject: Loan Account Number 5631440
Property Address 1615 Carroll Street
Brooklyn NY 11213

This shall serve as formal notice that you are presently in default under the terms of your Note and Security Instrument/Deed of Trust securing the property referenced above. Specifically, you have failed to make the monthly payments on this Note as agreed.

To cure the default, the total amount due of \$ 6,533.96 PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS, FEES AND LATE CHARGES THAT ACCUMULATE DURING THIS PERIOD, must be received within 30 days from the date of this letter. This must be in the form of Certified Funds (Cashier's Check, Certified Check or Money Order) only.

If you do not cure this default within the specified time period, your obligation for payment of the entire unpaid balance of the loan will be accelerated and become due and payable immediately. If the amount that becomes due and payable is not paid, foreclosure proceedings may begin to acquire the Property by foreclosure and sale. At this sale, Noteholder or another person may acquire the Property. The method of foreclosure used will depend on the prevailing method of foreclosure in the state in which the Property is located.

In the event foreclosure proceedings are initiated, you have the right to argue that you did keep the promises and agreements under the Note and Security Instrument/Deed of Trust. You also have the right to reinstate after acceleration and before sale and bring a court action to assert the nonexistence of a default or any other defense to acceleration and sale that you may have.





Loan Account Number 5631440

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At any time after acceleration and before sale of the Property, you have the right to have enforcement of the Security Instrument/Deed of Trust discontinued and to have the Note and Security Instrument/Deed of Trust remain fully effective as if immediate payment in full had never been required provided you meet the following conditions:

- A) Pay Noteholder the full amount that would have been due under the Security Instrument/Deed of Trust if Noteholder had not required immediate payment in full; and
- B) Correct your failure to keep any promises or agreements made in the Security Instrument/Deed of Trust; and
- C) Pay all of Noteholder's reasonable expenses in enforcing the Security Instrument/Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- D) Do whatever Noteholder reasonably requires to assure that Noteholder's rights in the Property, Noteholder's rights under the Security Instrument/Deed of Trust, and your obligations under the Note and Security Instrument/Deed of Trust continue unchanged.

It should be noted that under the terms of your Security Instrument/ Deed of Trust, in any foreclosure proceeding, you will be responsible to pay all expenses allowed by law; these may include reasonable attorney's fees and the cost of documentary evidence, abstracts, and title reports. Please refer to your loan documents or consult an attorney concerning the rights and obligations you have in connection with the default described above.

Please call immediately at (800)338-6441 (toll-free) or (716)651-5538 to discuss reinstating your loan.

Mincerely, Musico

Mrs. M. Munro Unit Manager Default Servicing Department





THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER ABOUT MORTGAGE LOAN DELINQUENCY AND FORECLOSURE

If you are considering foreclosure as an option to your current problem with your mortgage loan there are several things you should consider. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED AS LEGAL ADVICE. STATE LAW MAY VARY AND YOU MAY HAVE OTHER RIGHTS AND DUTIES NOT MENTIONED HERE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING HOW MORTGAGE LOAN DELINQUENCY AND FORECLOSURE MAY AFFECT YOU, YOU SHOULD CONSULT LEGAL AND/OR TAX PROFESSIONALS.

POSSIBLE UNFAVORABLE CREDIT RATING

Mortgage loan delinquency and foreclosure will, in most cases, be reported to all of the major credit repositories in the United States. Once reported, this information about loan default becomes a part of your permanent credit file where it will remain for seven (7) years. This information can be disclosed to any party authorized to access your credit file. Mortgage loan delinquency and foreclosure is, in most cases, viewed negatively by credit lenders, insurance companies and prospective employers. This adverse credit rating may limit your ability to obtain all forms of credit including mortgage loans, consumer loans, and credit cards. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR PERSONAL CREDIT RECORD YOU MAY CONSULT YOUR LOCAL CREDIT BUREAU OR YOUR ATTORNEY.

POSSIBLE LEGAL LIABILITY

Foreclosure of your mortgage loan may not relieve you of responsibility for the debt. If your property does not bring a price at the foreclosure sale sufficient to satisfy your debt you may remain responsible for the balance owing after foreclosure. Subject to the laws of your state your lender may be entitled to bring an action to collect the balance owing after Foreclosure. Even though your lender may be insured against loss, their insurer may be in a position to bring suit against you to recover the balance. If this legal action is successful you could be ordered by a court to pay the balance plus attorney's fees and interest on the judgement amount.IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR LEGAL LIABILITY YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY.

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL INCOME TAX LIABILITY

Certain lenders who acquire an interest in property that was security for a loan, or who have reason to know that such property has been abandoned, must report this information to the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE on IRS FORM 1099-A. You will be provided with a copy of this form. You may have reportable income or loss because of such acquisition or abandonment. Gain or loss from an acquisition generally is measured by the difference between your adjusted basis in the property and the mount of your debt cancelled in exchange for the property, or if greater, the sale proceeds. If you abandoned the property you may have income from the discharge of indebtedness in the amount of the unpaid balmce of your cancelled debt. You may also have a loss from abandonment up to the adjusted basis of the property at the time of abandonment. Losses on acquisitions or abandonments of property held for personal use are not deductible. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TAXES FROM ABANDONMENT OF SECURED PROPERTY YOU MAY CONSULT THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, YOUR TAX ADVISOR OR AN ATTORNEY.



EXHIBIT D

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9

Index No.

MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,

Plaintiff.

D/O/F:

-against-

MENDEL REIZES; YEHOSHUA YUSEWITZ; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises and corporations, other entities or persons who have, claim, or may claim, a lien against, or other interest in.

Premises Address:

1615 CARROLL STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11213

SUMMONS

Defendant(s).

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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

the premises,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

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

TO THE DEFENDANTS, except MENDEL REIZES AND YEHOSHUA YUSEWITZ: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: MENDEL REIZES AND YEHOSHUA YUSEWITZ: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law suit is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises.

Dated: December 5, 2017

Uwayne A. Mitchell, Esq.

ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff Main Office 51 E Bethpage Road Plainview, NY 11803 516-741-2585 FILED: KINGS COUNTY CLERK 12/06/2017 11:28 AM INDEX NO. 523467/2017

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,

Index No.

Plaintiff,

D/O/F:

-against-

MENDEL REIZES; YEHOSHUA YUSEWITZ; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A.; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises and corporations, other entities or persons who have, claim, or may claim, a lien against, or other interest in, the premises,

COMPLAINT

Premises Address: 1615 CARROLL STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11213

Defendant(s).

Plaintiff, by its attorney, ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., complaining of the Defendant(s) alleges, upon information and belief as follows:

- 1. At all times hereinafter mentioned, plaintiff was and still is duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America.
- 2. At all times hereinafter mentioned, the defendants were, and still are, residents, corporations and/or bodies politics, duly authorized to reside and/or exist in and under the laws of New York State.
- 3. On or about June 22, 2005, MENDEL REIZES and YEHOSHUA YUSEWITZ executed and delivered HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA), a note bearing date that day, whereby MENDEL REIZES and YEHOSHUA YUSEWITZ covenanted and agreed to pay the sum of \$450,000.00, with interest on the unpaid balance thereof, at the rate of 5.7500 percent per annum, to be computed from the date of said note, by payments of \$2,626.08 on August 1, 2005 and thereafter in payments of \$2,626.08 on the like date of each subsequent month, until said note is fully paid, except that the final payment of principal and interest remaining due, if not sooner paid, shall become due and payable on July 1, 2035. See note attached as an Exhibit hereto.
- 3a. Pursuant to RPAPL section 1302, the plaintiff has complied with all the provisions of Section 595a and Section 6-1 of the Banking Law except where they are exempt from doing so.
- 4. As collateral security for the payment of said indebtedness, the aforesaid defendant(s) MENDEL REIZES and YEHOSHUA YUSEWITZ, also executed, acknowledged and delivered to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS a mortgage dated June 22, 2005 and recorded in the City Register of the City of New

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York, County of Kings on August 24, 2005 in CRFN: 2005000477341. The mortgage tax was duly paid. See mortgage and applicable assignment(s) attached as an Exhibit hereto.

4b. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA) by assignment of mortgage bearing date May 25, 2010 and recorded in CRFN: 2010000197949 in the City Register of the City of New York, County of Kings on June 15, 2010.

Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to HSBC BANK USA, N.A. by assignment of mortgage bearing date August 31, 2011 and recorded in CRFN: 2011000323369 in the City Register of the City of New York, County of Kings on September 13, 2011.

Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION by assignment of mortgage bearing date March 15, 2016 and recorded in CRFN: 2016000111806 in the City Register of the City of New York, County of Kings on March 30, 2016.

Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST by assignment of mortgage bearing date January 17, 2017 and recorded in CRFN: 2017000195444 in the City Register of the City of New York, County of Kings on May 24, 2017. See applicable assignments attached as an Exhibit hereto

Said mortgaged premises being known as and by street address: 1615 CARROLL STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11213, bearing tax map designation:

Block: 1408 Lot(s): 62

which premises are more fully described in Schedule "A," annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

5. Plaintiff

- (a) is the holder of the subject note and mortgage, or has been delegated the authority to institute a mortgage foreclosure action by the owner and holder of the subject mortgage and note; and
- (b) has complied with all the provisions of section five hundred ninety-five-a of the Banking Law and any rules and regulations promulgated there under, section six-L or six-M of the Banking Law, and
- (c) is in compliance with sending the ninety (90) day notices as required by RPAPL §1304.
- (d) is in compliance with RPAPL §1306, if applicable. The tracking number provided by the New York State Department of Financial Services for the reporting is NYS4302172.
- 6. Said premises are subject to covenants, restrictions, easements of record, prior mortgages and liens, and amendments thereto, if any; to any state of facts an accurate survey may show; railroad consents and sewer agreements, and to utility agreements, municipal and governmental zoning, rules, regulations and ordinances, if any.

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7. That the Mortgagors, their successors, assigns and/or transferees, have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of said above named instrument[s] by failing or omitting to pay the installment which became due and payable as of March 1, 2012 and also by failing or omitting to pay the installment which became due and payable each and every month thereafter, to the date hereof, although duly demanded.

- 8. The total monthly payment due as of default date to plaintiff is \$3,253.85.
- 9. That the terms of the above described instruments provide: (1) that the whole of said principal sum and interest shall become due at the option of the Mortgagee after default in the payment of any installment of principal or of interest; (2) that upon any default the Mortgagor will pay to the Mortgagee any sums paid for taxes, charges, assessments, and insurance premiums upon said mortgaged premises; (3) that in case of sale under foreclosure, the premises may be sold in one parcel.
- 10. Pursuant to the terms of said instrument[s] notice of default has been duly given to the defendants MENDEL REIZES and YEHOSHUA YUSEWITZ if required, and the period to cure, if any, has elapsed and by reason thereof, Plaintiff has elected and hereby elects to declare immediately due and payable the entire unpaid balance of principal.
- 11. That the balance of principal due upon said note and mortgage as of the date of said default and as of the time of this Complaint is \$392,715.02 plus interest from February 1st, 2012.
- 12. That in order to protect its security, plaintiff may be compelled during the pendency of this action to make repairs to, board, secure, protect and maintain the premises, to pay taxes, assessments, water rates, sewer rentals, insurance premiums, mortgage insurance premiums, if there be any, and other charges affecting the premises, and the plaintiff requests that any sum so paid be added to the sum otherwise due, with interest as provided in the aforesaid instruments, and be deemed secured by said instrument[s] and adjudged a valid lien on the premises hereinabove described.
- 13. That the plaintiff requests that in the event this action proceeds to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, said premises be sold subject to covenants, restrictions and easements, prior mortgages and liens, and amendments, if any, of record; any state of facts an accurate survey may show; restrictions, regulations, ordinances and zoning ordinances of any municipal or governmental authority having jurisdiction thereof; and municipal, departmental and other governmental violations, if any, affecting the premises; and real estate taxes, sewer rents, water charges, if any, open of record.
- 14. That no prior action was commenced at law or otherwise for the recovery of the sum or any part thereof secured by the said instrument[s].
- 15. That the defendants all have or claim to have some interest in or lien[s] upon the said mortgaged premises, or some part thereof, which interest or lien[s], if any, has [have] accrued subsequently to the lien[s] of the said mortgage[s] or was in express terms or by law made subject thereto, or has [have] been duly subordinated thereunto.

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16. That the defendants "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES" may be tenants or may be in possession of the aforementioned premises, or may be corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises.

17. That the basis for naming any political subdivision, governmental agency or similar body, or the holder of a security interest in either personal property or real property, if any, is set forth as Schedule "B."

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment that the defendants and all persons claiming under them subsequent to the filing of the Notice of Pendency of this action in the County of Kings may be forever barred and foreclosed from all right, title, claim, lien and equity of redemption in said mortgaged premises, and each and every part thereof; except the right of the United States of America and its political subdivision, if it or they be a party to this action, to redeem as provided for in the applicable laws; that the said premises may be decreed to be sold according to law; that the amount of principal due the plaintiff on said note and mortgage may be adjudged in the sum of \$392,715.02 plus interest from February 1st, 2012, and that from the money arising from the sale, plaintiff be paid the amount of \$392,715.02 principal due it on said note and mortgage with interest and late charges that may be due and owing to the time of such payment plus the expenses of sale and the costs and expenses of this action, together with any sum which may be paid by the plaintiff for repairs to, boarding, securing, protecting and maintaining the premises, taxes, charges, assessments and insurance premiums upon said mortgaged premises, with appropriate interest thereon so far as such moneys properly applicable thereto will pay the same; that the defendants MENDEL REIZES and YEHOSHUA YUSEWITZ be adjudged to pay any deficiency which may remain; that a Receiver, upon plaintiff's application therefore, be forthwith appointed for said mortgaged premises for the benefit of the plaintiff, with all powers of receivers in such actions, and that the plaintiff have such other and further relief as may be just and proper in the premises, together with attorney's fees, costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: December 5, 2017

Uwayne A. Mitchell, Esq.

ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff
Main Office 51 E Bethpage Road
Plainview, NY 11803
516-741-2585

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4. Upon this review and consultation, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, I certify that there is a reasonable basis for the commencement of this action, and that plaintiff is the creditor entitled to enforce rights under these documents.

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5. Listed in Exhibit A and attached hereto are copies of the following documents not otherwise included as attachments to the summons and complaint: the mortgage, security agreement and note or bond underlying the mortgage executed by the defendant; all instruments of assignment (if any); and any other instrument of indebtedness, including any modification, extension, and consolidation. (Check box if <u>no</u> documents are attached in Exhibit A: 🔼 .)

6. Listed in Exhibit B and attached hereto are supplemental affidavits attesting that certain documents as described in paragraph 5 supra are lost, whether by destruction, theft, or otherwise. (Check box if <u>no</u> documents are attached in Exhibit B: \(\square{A}\).)

I am aware of my obligations under New York Rules of Professional Conduct (22 7. NYCRR Part 1200) and 22 NYCRR Part 130.

Dated: December 5, 2017

Uwayne A. Mitchell, Esq.

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Exhibit A

Please see attached copies of the Loan Documents (List Documents Attached)

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Exhibit B

Please see attached Supplemental Affidavit

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT PURSUANT TO CPLR 3012-b

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ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Main Office 51 E Bethpage Road
Plainview, NY 11803
Telephone 516-741-2585
Facsimile 516-622-9434

WE ARE A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

November 10, 2017

MENDEL REIZES 1615 CARROLL STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11213

Loan #

9804893411

Premises:

1615 CARROLL STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11213

Our File No.: 11-024128

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 1. The present amount of the debt as of November 10, 2017 is \$587,871.60 consisting of: principal balance of \$392,715.02; accrued interest of \$130,398.20; late charges of \$2,993.64; Escrow balance of \$59,439.74; Broker's Price Opinion, inspection and miscellaneous charges of \$415.00; Attorney Fees of \$1,485.00; Search of \$425.00. Since the payment of the debt will satisfy the loan, it is greater than the total to reinstate the loan. The amount of the debt will continue to increase due to interest, fees and other charges. Prior to submitting payments you may wish to contact us at the phone number listed above to verify the exact amount.
- 2. The name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed: U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST.
- 3. Unless you dispute the validity of the Debt or any portion thereof within thirty (30) days after receipt of this Notice, we will assume the debt is valid.
- 4. If you notify us in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of this Notice that the Debt or any portion thereof is disputed, we will obtain verification of the Debt or a copy of any judgment against you representing the Debt and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to you from our office.
- 5. Upon request in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of this Notice, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

The originating creditor of your loan is HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA). Should you have any questions for our firm, Rosicki, Rosicki, & Associates, P.C., please contact Wendy Gonzalez at 516-741-2585.

6. If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. However, even if a discharge has been obtained, proceedings to foreclose the loan may still be brought.

By: ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

735 Central Avenue Woodmere, NY 11598

UNITED STATES DISTRICTE CAR Thail.com

for the

Eastern District of New York

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MENDEL REIZES on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated consumers Plaintiff(s)))))				
) Civil Action No.				
V.	Civil Action No.				
CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.))				
Defendant(s))				
SUMMONS I	N A CIVIL ACTION				
To: (Defendant's name and address) CALIBER HOME LOANS C/O CT CORP 111 EIGHTH AVENUE NEW YORK NY 10011	S, INC.				
A lawsuit has been filed against you.					
are the United States or a United States agency, or an off P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an a	you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you ficer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of tion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney,				
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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Civil Action No.

PROOF OF SERVICE

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

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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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CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

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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 co	ntrary is filed.	
I,	, counsel for	_, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action
is ineligible for con	npulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):	
 	monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and co the complaint seeks injunctive relief, the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason class action	sts,

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

deemed "r "Presumpt	ial 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 I "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 ptively, 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 before the court."	ЭЕ
	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 Suffo County? Yes No	olk
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 Su County? Yes No	ffoll
	b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? Yes No	
	c) If this is a Fair Debt Collection Practice Act case, specify the County in which the offending communication was received:	
Suffolk (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 County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau County? Yes 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.	

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