# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA DIVISION

JANICE SAUNDERS, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff, v.	CASE NO.:
CITIBANK, N.A.,	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendant.	JURY IRIAL DEMANDED

## **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Janice Saunders, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, sues Defendant Citibank, N.A. (Hereinafter "Citi" and/or "Defendant"), and alleges as follows:

- 1. "Robocalls" are the #1 consumer complaint in America today.
- 2. In 2016, there were almost 4,000,000 complaints reported to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) concerning robocalls—3,857,627 to be exact.<sup>1</sup> In 2015 and 2014, the robocall complaints reached 2,636,477 and 1,949,603, respectively.<sup>2</sup> It is important to recognize these merely reflect the number of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> National Do Not Call Registry Data Book FY 2016, October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (Dec. 2016), <a href="https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/reports/national-do-not-call-registry-data-book-fiscal-year-2016/dnc data book fy 2016 post.pdf">https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/reports/national-do-not-call-registry-data-book-fiscal-year-2016/dnc data book fy 2016 post.pdf</a>; Consumer Complaints Data – Unwanted Calls, FCC – Open Data, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, <a href="https://opendata.fcc.gov/Consumer-and-Government-Affairs/Consumer-Complaints-Data-Unwanted-Calls/vakf-fz8e">https://opendata.fcc.gov/Consumer-and-Government-Affairs/Consumer-Complaints-Data-Unwanted-Calls/vakf-fz8e</a>.

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individuals that complained to these agencies; the number of people that have been victimized by robocalling abuse could be close to 100,000,000 in the last 3 years.

- 3. "Senator Hollings, the TCPA's sponsor, described these calls as 'the scourge of modern civilization. They wake us up in the morning; they interrupt our dinner at night; they force the sick and elderly out of bed; they hound us until we want to rip the telephone out of the wall.' 137 Cong. Rec. 30, 821 (1991). Senator Hollings presumably intended to give telephone subscribers another option: telling the autodialers to simply stop calling." *Osorio v. State Farm Bank, F.S.B.*, 746 F. 3d 1242, 1256 (11th Cir. 2014). Despite the penalties put in place over 26 years ago, robocall abuse continues to skyrocket.
- 4. Robocalls are very inexpensive to make. As was noted in a Senate hearing on the subject: "With such a cheap and scalable business model, bad actors can blast literally tens of millions of illegal robocalls over the course of a single day at less than 1 cent per minute." Stopping Fraudulent Robocall Scams: Can More Be Done?: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Consumer Prot., Prod. Safety, and Ins. of the S. Comm. on Commerce, Sci., and Transp., 113 Cong. 113-117 (2013) (statement of Lois Greisman, Assoc. Director, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission).
- 5. Congress enacted the TCPA to prevent real harm. Congress found that "automated or pre-recorded calls are a nuisance and an invasion of privacy, regardless of the type of call" and decided that "banning" such calls made without consent was "the only effective means of protecting telephone consumers from this nuisance and privacy invasion." Pub. L. No. 102-243, §§ 2(10-13) (Dec. 20, 1991), codified at 47 U.S.C. § 227; *see also Mims v. Arrow Fin. Servs., LLC*, 132 S. Ct. 740, 744 (2012) ("The Act bans certain practices invasive of privacy").

- 6. According to findings by the FCC—the agency Congress vested with authority to issue regulations implementing the TCPA—such calls are prohibited because, as Congress found, automated or prerecorded telephone calls are a greater nuisance and invasion of privacy than live solicitation calls, and such calls can be costly and inconvenient. The FCC also recognized that wireless customers are charged for incoming calls whether they pay in advance or after the minutes are used.
- 7. The TCPA was enacted to prevent companies like Defendant from invading American citizens' privacy and prevent illegal robocalls.
- 8. Plaintiff, Janice Saunders, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, alleges that Defendant Citi robocalled her numerous times in stark violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §227 et seq. ("TCPA").

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 9. Jurisdiction and venue for purposes of this action are appropriate and conferred by 28 U.S.C. §1331.
- 10. Defendant systematically and continuously conducts business in Dade County, Florida, such that this Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant.
- 11. The alleged violations described in the Complaint occurred while Plaintiff was residing in Homestead, Dade County, Florida. Because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this judicial district and Plaintiff resides in Homestead, Dade County, Florida, venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 12. Plaintiff is a natural person, and citizen of the State of Florida, residing in Dade County, Florida.
- 13. Plaintiff is the "called party." See *Breslow v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 755 F. 3d 1265 (11th Cir. 2014) and *Osorio v. State Farm Bank, F.S.B.*, 746 F. 3d 1242 (11th Cir. 2014).
- 14. Defendant, is and at all times referenced herein was, a national association, and is a "person," as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).
- 15. Plaintiff is the regular user and carrier of the cellular telephone number at issue, (305) 258-6751.
  - 16. Plaintiff was the "called party" during each phone call subject to this lawsuit.
- 17. The Plaintiff does not have a business relationship with the Defendant, and has never provided the Defendant with express consent to call the cellular telephone number at issue.
- 18. Beginning in June of 2017, Plaintiff received telemarketing calls from Defendant placed to the cellular telephone number at issue. The calls were placed by the Defendant using an ATDS and/or an artificial or pre-recorded voice as those terms are defined herein.
- 19. After the unwanted calls commenced, on more than one occasion, Plaintiff expressly revoked any consent that Defendant may have had or believed it had. However, despite Plaintiff's revocation, the Defendant continued to call with the knowledge that the continued calls were in violation of the TCPA.
- 20. Each call the Defendant made to the Plaintiff's cell phone was done so without the "express permission" of the Plaintiff.
- 21. Each call the Defendant made to the Plaintiff was made using an ATDS which has the capacity to store or produce telephone numbers to be called, without human intervention,

using a random or sequential number generator; and to dial such numbers as specified by 47 U.S.C §227(a)(1).

- 22. Furthermore, many of the calls at issue were placed by the Defendant using a "prerecorded voice," as specified by the TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A).
- 23. Defendant has conceded in another lawsuit that the telephone system used to call the Plaintiff was in fact an ATDS.
- 24. Despite actual knowledge of their wrongdoing, the Defendant continued the campaign of abusive and unauthorized telemarketing robocalls.
- 25. Defendant has been sued many times in federal court where the allegations include calling an individual using an ATDS after the individual asked for the calls to stop.
- 26. By effectuating these unlawful phone calls, Defendants have caused Plaintiff the very harm that Congress sought to prevent—namely, a "nuisance and invasion of privacy."
- 27. Defendant's aggravating and annoying phone calls trespassed upon and interfered with Plaintiff's rights and interests in her cellular telephone and cellular telephone line, by intruding upon Plaintiff's seclusion.
  - 28. Defendant's phone calls harmed Plaintiff by wasting her time.
- 29. Moreover, "wireless customers [like Plaintiff] are charged for incoming calls whether they pay in advance or after the minutes are used." In re: Rules Implementing the TCPA of 1991, 23 FCC Rcd 559, 562 (2007). Defendant's phone calls harmed Plaintiff by depleting the battery life on her cellular telephone, and by using minutes allocated to Plaintiff by her cellular telephone service provider.
- 30. Defendant's corporate policy and procedures are structured as to continue to call individuals like the Plaintiff, despite not having any consent to place such telemarketing calls.

The Defendant continues to place such calls even when the called party expressly revokes consent that Citi mistakenly believed it had.

- 31. Defendant's, corporate policy and procedures provided no means for the Plaintiff or others similarly situated to have her cellular number removed from the call list.
- 32. Defendant has a corporate policy of using an ATDS or a prerecorded or artificial voice message to market its products and services to Plaintiff and members of the public similarly situated, all for Citi's financial benefit.
- 33. Defendant has numerous other federal lawsuits pending against them alleging similar violations as stated in this complaint.
- 34. Plaintiff expressly revoked any consent Defendant may have mistakenly believed it had for placement of telephone calls to Plaintiff's aforementioned cellular telephone by the use of an ATDS or a pre-recorded or artificial voice immediately upon Defendant's placement of the calls.
- 35. Defendant never had the Plaintiff's express consent for the placement of telephone calls to her cellular telephone using an ATDS or a pre-recorded or artificial voice.
- 36. None of Defendant's telephone calls placed to Plaintiff were for "emergency purposes" as specified in 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(1)(A).
- 37. Defendant violated the TCPA with respect to the Plaintiff and all those similarly situated.
  - 38. Defendant willfully or knowingly violated the TCPA with respect to the Plaintiff.

# **COUNT I**(Violation of the TCPA)

39. Plaintiff incorporates Paragraphs one (1) through thirty-eight (38).

- 40. Defendant willfully violated the TCPA with respect to the Plaintiff each time they called the Plaintiff without her consent to being called by them using an ATDS or pre-recorded voice.
- 41. Defendant knowingly violated the TCPA with respect to the Plaintiff, especially for each of the auto-dialer calls made to Plaintiff's cellular telephone after Plaintiff revoked her consent to being called by them using an ATDS or pre-recorded voice.
- 42. Defendant Citi repeatedly placed non-emergency telephone calls to the wireless telephone number of Plaintiff and the other members of the class using an automatic telephone dialing system or prerecorded or artificial voice without Plaintiff's prior express consent in violation of federal law, including 47 U.S.C § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 43. As a result of Citi's illegal conduct, Plaintiff and the members of the class suffered actual damages and, under § 227(b)(3)(B), are each entitled to, *inter alia*, a minimum of \$500.00 in damages for each such violation of the TCPA.
- 44. Plaintiff and class members are also entitled to, and do, seek injunctive relief prohibiting Citi's violations of the TCPA in the future.

## **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

- 45. Plaintiff restates each of the allegations in all other paragraphs as if fully stated herein.
- 46. Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, brings the above claims on behalf of a Class.
- 47. In this case, Plaintiff seeks to certify classes and sub-classes, subject to amendment, as follows:
  - 48. Citi's TCPA Class consists of:

(1) All persons in the United States (2) to whose cellular telephone number (3) Defendant placed a non-emergency telephone call (4) using substantially the same system(s) that were used to telephone Plaintiff (5) within 4 years of the complaint and (6) where Citi did not obtain the cellular telephone number from the person who was called.

#### And the following sub-class:

- (1) All persons in the United States (2) to whose cellular telephone number (3) Defendant placed a non-emergency telephone call (4) using substantially the same system(s) that were used to telephone Plaintiff (5) within 4 years of the complaint and (6) after that person had instructed Citi to cease calls to that number.
- 49. Excluded from the Citi TCPA Class and sub-class are any calls that have already been released as part of a prior release or judgment.
- 50. Defendant has caused the Class actual harm, not only because the Class was subjected to the aggravation that necessarily accompanies these calls, but also because said members frequently must pay their cell phone service providers for the receipt of such calls.
- 51. These calls are also an intrusion upon seclusion, trespassed on their telephones, diminish cellular battery life, and waste of Plaintiff's and the class member's time.
- 52. Plaintiff represents and is a member of the Class. Excluded from the Class are Defendant Citi and any entities in which Citi has a controlling interest, Citi's agents and employees, the Judge to whom this action is assigned, and any member of the Judge's staff and immediate family, and claims for personal injury, wrongful death and/or emotional distress.
- 53. Plaintiff is presently unaware of the exact number of members in the Class, but based upon the size and national scope of Defendant's business, Plaintiff reasonably believes that the class members' number at a minimum is in the thousands based on the use of software to make the calls.
  - 54. Plaintiff and all members of the Class have been harmed by Defendant's actions.

- 55. This Class Action Complaint seeks money damages and injunctive relief.
- 56. The joinder of all class members is impracticable due to the size and relatively modest value of each individual claim.
- 57. The disposition of the claims in a class action will provide substantial benefits to both the parties and the Court in avoiding a multiplicity of identical suits, and will avoid conflicting or inconsistent results or judgments with respect to identical transactions, parties and causes of action. The class can be easily identified through records maintained by Defendants.
- 58. There are questions of law and fact common to the members of the Class, which common questions predominate over any questions that affect only individual class members. Those common questions of law and fact include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Whether Defendant engaged in a pattern of using an ATDS to place calls to cellular telephones;
  - b. Whether Defendant's conduct was knowing or willful; and
  - c. Whether Defendant's actions violated the TCPA.
- 59. As a person who received the telephone calls using an ATDS or an artificial or prerecorded voice, without their prior express consent, all within the meaning of the TCPA, Plaintiff asserts claims that are typical of the members of the Class.
- 60. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class, and Plaintiff does not have an interest that is antagonistic to any member of the Class.
- 61. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in handling class action claims involving violations of federal and state consumer protection statutes such as the TCPA.
- 62. A class action is the superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

- 63. Class-wide relief is essential to compel Defendant to comply with the TCPA. The interest of class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against Defendant is small because the statutory damages in an individual action for violation of the TCPA are small relative to the time, effort, and resources necessary to maintain an individual action.
- 64. Management of these claims is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties than are presented in many class claims because the calls at issue are all automated and the class members, by definition, did not provide the prior express consent required under the statute to authorize calls to their cellular telephones.
- 65. Defendant has acted on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making final injunctive relief and corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the class as a whole appropriate.
- 66. Moreover, Plaintiff alleges that the TCPA violations complained of herein are substantially likely to continue in the future if an injunction is not entered.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in her favor and favor of the Class, and against Defendant for:

- a. A declaration that Defendant's practices described herein violate the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227;
- b. An injunction requiring Defendant not to call any third parties to ensure that Plaintiff is not called now or when Plaintiff obtains additional telephone numbers in the future;
- c. An injunction requiring Defendant not to call any third parties or numbers that were listed as references by Defendant's customers;
- d. An injunction requiring Defendant to file quarterly reports of third party audits with the Court on its system and procedures not to call any third parties to ensure that Plaintiff is not called in the future;

- e. An injunction requiring Defendant not to call any third parties to ensure that class members are not called if they obtain additional telephone numbers in the future;
- f. An injunction requiring Defendant to file quarterly reports of third party audits with the Court on its system and procedures not to call any third parties to ensure that class members are not called in the future;
- g. An award of actual damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- h. An award of statutory damages for Plaintiff and each Class member in the amount of \$500.00 for each and every call that violated the TCPA;
- i. An award of treble damages, as provided by statute, of up to \$1,500.00 for Plaintiff and each Class member for each and every call that violated the TCPA;
- j. An order certifying this action to be a proper class action pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23, establishing the appropriate Classes and any Sub-classes the Court deems appropriate, finding that Plaintiff is a proper representative of the Classes, and appointing the lawyers and law firm representing Plaintiff as counsel for the Classes;
- k. Awarding costs of suit; and
- 1. Such further and other relief the Court deems reasonable and just.

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, demands a trial by jury.

# Respectfully submitted,

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