UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DANIELLE SCHNUR on behalf of herself and all other similarly situated consumers

Plaintiff,

-against-

ALLIED INTERSTATE LLC

Defendant.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Introduction

1. Plaintiff Danielle Schnur seeks redress for the illegal practices of Allied Interstate LLC, 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 Plaintiff is a consumer debt.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant's principal place of business is located in New Albany, Ohio.
- 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.

Allegations Particular to Danielle Schnur

- 9. Upon information and belief, on a date better known by Defendant, Defendant began to attempt to collect an alleged consumer debt from the Plaintiff.
- 10. On or about October 22, 2016, Defendant sent the Plaintiff a collection letter seeking to collect a balance allegedly incurred for personal purposes.
- 11. The said letter stated the words "Re: CARECREDIT" right above the "Creditor" which is identified as "Synchrony Bank" and then went on to state that: "We are a debt collection company and Synchrony Bank has contracted with us to collect the debt noted above."
- 12. Section 1692g of the FDCPA requires that, within 5 days of a debt collector's first communication to a consumer, it must provide consumers with several pieces of information the amount of the debt, the 30-day validation notice and "(2) the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed", see, 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a). It is not enough to provide the information required by § 1692g of the FDCPA; rather, that information must be effectively conveyed.¹
- 13. Defendant's letter failed to state the name of the current creditor effectively because the

See, <u>Clomon v. Jackson.</u> 988 F.2d 1314, 1993 U.S. App. LEXIS 4965 (2d Cir. Conn. 1993), <u>Miller v. Wolpoff & Abramson, L.L.P.</u>, 321 F.3d 292, 2003 U.S. App. LEXIS 3409, 55 Fed. R. Serv. 3d (Callaghan) 746 (2d Cir. N.Y. 2003), <u>Savino v. Computer Credit</u>, 164 F.3d 81, 1998 U.S. App. LEXIS 31652, 42 Fed. R. Serv. 3d (Callaghan) 1154 (2d Cir. N.Y. 1998), <u>McStay v. I.C. Sys.</u>, 308 F.3d 188, 2002 U.S. App. LEXIS 21542 (2d Cir. N.Y. 2002). see also, 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b).

letter mentions an entity by the name of "CARECREDIT," however, the letter immediately goes on to state that the Creditor is Synchrony Bank, without giving any explanation as to what relationship, if any, CARECREDIT has to the debt.²

- 14. In addition the Defendant failed to give any explanation of what, if any, the relationship is between CARECREDIT and Synchrony Bank, a consumer would be confused as to whom the debt is owed.
- 15. Thus, Defendant has failed to state effectively "the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed". Therefore, Defendant's form collection letter violates § 1692g(2) of the FDCPA.
- 16. The least sophisticated consumer is left to worry about being defrauded or paying the incorrect creditor and continuing to have an outstanding debt.
- 17. The least sophisticated consumer might further conclude that his debt is now owed to two separate companies.³

² Janetos v. Fulton, Friedman & Gullace, LLP, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 48774 (N.D. Ill., Apr. 13, 2015). (Thus, standing alone the fact that the form letter included the words "Asset Acceptance, LLC" [creditor] did not establish compliance with § 1692g(a)(2). The Act required [Defendant's] letter to identify Asset Acceptance as the "creditor to whom the debt is owed." 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(2). The letter had to make that identification clearly enough that the recipient would likely understand it.)

³ Pardo v. Allied Interstate, LLC, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 125526 (S.D. Ind. Sept. 21, 2015). ([The court] agree[s] with [the Plaintiff] that the identification of LVNV as the "Current Creditor" in the letter's heading and the identification of Resurgent Capital as the "Client...[who] is willing to accept payment" in the letter's body, absent any explanation of the two companies' relationship, may violate the FDCPA's "implied duty to avoid confusing the unsophisticated consumer.), Walls v. United Collection Bureau, Inc., 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 68079, *4-5, 2012 WL 1755751 (N.D. Ill. May 16, 2012). ("Defendants' arguments have no merit. The confusion alleged here is not the ingenious invention of an attorney, nor is it a bizarre interpretation of the dunning letter Walls received. Defendants assert repeatedly that the letter is not confusing because it accurately specifies that LVNV is the "current owner of the debt." First, LVNV is not so identified. The letter refers to LVNV simply as "Current Owner." Current owner of what? A significant number of unsophisticated debtors might reasonably ask themselves. Second, defendants ignore the plain language of the statute, which requires that the "creditor to whom the debt is owed" be identified, not the "current owner of the debt." This statutory language makes sense because an unsophisticated consumer likely does not ask himself, "Who owns the debt?" or think about debt in terms of "ownership." Rather, he wants to know who is owed the money. In addition, the letter's designation of the "original creditor" can be viewed as making the letter even more confusing in light of the fact that no phrase like "current creditor" is used. We reject defendants' contention in their reply brief that what plaintiff is complaining of is "immaterial" information. The statute expressly requires identification of the creditor to whom the debt is owed; when that information is presented in an arguably confusing manner, it could influence the consumer's decision."), Deschaine v. Nat'l Enter. Sys., 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 31349, *3-5 (N.D. III. Mar. 7, 2013). ("Defendants' motion must be denied because it is not apparent from a reading of the letter that not even a significant fraction of the population would be misled by it. Naming an entity as "Client" and a different entity as "Current Creditor" especially where the "Client" is named more often than the "Current Creditor" plausibly could create confusion and it is only plausibility that must be shown to withstand a 12(b)(6) motion."), Lee v. Forster & Garbus LLP, 12 cv 420, 2013 WL 776740 (E.D. N.Y. 2013). ("Defendants fare no better insisting that any misidentification in the Collection Letter was immaterial. As an initial matter, this argument only could apply to the alleged Section 1692e and Section 1692f violations. Section 1692(g)[(a)](2) specifically requires debt collectors to identify the creditor to whom the debt is owed in the initial communication or within five days of the initial communication. There is nothing in the statute requiring the identity of the creditor to be "material" to the communication. In addition, even assuming, arguendo, that a deceptive statement must be material to violate Section 1692e and Section 1692f, failing to identify the creditor here was not immaterial as a matter of law. The entity to which a debtor owes money potentially affects the debtor in the most basic

- 18. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g of the FDCPA states:
 - (a) Within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the following information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing –
 - (2) the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed;
- 19. Said October 22, 2016 letter failed to correctly identify the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(2).
- 20. The said letter further stated the "Amount Owed" and then stated in part: "As of the date of this letter, the Amount Owed is \$4,821.00. Because the creditor continues to assess interest on the debt, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the Amount Owed shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your payment, in which event we will inform you of any remaining balance."
- 21. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g provides that within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing certain enumerated information.
- 22. One such requirement is that the debt collector provide "the amount of the debt." 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).
- 23. A debt collector has the obligation not just to convey the amount of the debt, but to convey such clearly.
- 24. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.

ways, such as what the debtor should write after "pay to the order of" on the payment check to ensure that the debt is satisfied. Accordingly, Defendants' materiality argument is without merit.")

- 25. The question of whether a collection letter is deceptive is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."
- 26. 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.
- 27. 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.
- 28. 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.
- 29. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff whether the amount listed is the actual amount of the debt due.
- 30. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff whether the amount listed already includes accrued "interest."
- 31. The letter fails to advise Plaintiff what portion of the amount listed is principal.
- 32. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff whether the amount listed will increase.
- 33. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff if there is accrued "interest," what the amount of the accrued interest will be.
- 34. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff if there is accrued "interest," when such interest will be applied.
- 35. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff if there is accrued "interest," what the interest rate is.
- 36. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff if there is accrued "interest," the amount of money the amount listed will increase per day.
- 37. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff if there is accrued "interest," the amount of money the

- amount listed will increase per week.
- 38. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff if there is accrued "interest," the amount of money the amount listed will increase per month.
- 39. The letter fails to inform Plaintiff if there is accrued "interest," the amount of money the amount listed will increase per any measurable period.
- 40. The letter fails to indicate the minimum amount Plaintiff owed at the time of the letter
- 41. 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.
- 42. The letter fails to provide information that would allow the Plaintiff to determine what Plaintiff will need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future.
- 43. The letter, because of the aforementioned failures, would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the amount of his or her debt.
- 44. The least sophisticated consumer could reasonably believe that the debt could be satisfied by remitting the listed amount "as of the date of this letter," at any time after receipt of the letter.
- 45. The least sophisticated consumer could reasonably believe that the amount listed was accurate only on the date of the letter.
- 46. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know the amount of the debt because the letter fails to indicate the applicable interest rate.
- 47. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know the amount of the debt because the letter fails to indicate what the amount of the accrued interest will be.
- 48. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know the

- amount of the debt because the letter fails to indicate when such interest will be applied.
- 49. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know the amount of the debt because the letter fails to indicate the amount of money the amount listed will increase at any measurable period.⁴
- 50. The Defendant's failures are purposeful.
- 51. In order to induce payments from consumers that would not otherwise be made if the consumer knew the true amount due, Defendant does not inform the consumer whether the amount listed will increase.
- 52. Defendant failed to clearly and unambiguously state the amount of the debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).
- 53. The Defendant's letter would likely make the least sophisticated consumer uncertain as to the amount of the debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).
- 54. 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).
- 55. 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.
- 56. 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.

⁴ <u>Carlin v. Davidson Fink LLP</u>, 852 F.3d 207 (2d Cir. 2017), <u>Balke v. All. One Receivables Mgmt.</u>, 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.")

- 57. Defendant's conduct violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692g(a)(1) and 1692e.
- 58. Plaintiff suffered injury in fact by being subjected to unfair and abusive practices of the Defendant.
- 59. Plaintiff suffered actual harm by being the target of the Defendant's misleading debt collection communications.
- 60. Defendant violated the Plaintiff's right not to be the target of misleading debt collection communications.
- 61. Defendant violated the Plaintiff's right to a truthful and fair debt collection process.
- 62. Defendant used materially false, deceptive, misleading representations and means in its attempted collection of Plaintiff's alleged debt.
- 63. Defendant's communications were designed to cause the debtor to suffer a harmful disadvantage in charting a course of action in response to the Defendant's collection efforts.
- 64. 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 her of her right to enjoy these benefits, these materially misleading statements trigger liability under section 1692e of the Act.
- 65. These deceptive communications additionally violated the FDCPA since they frustrate the consumer's ability to intelligently choose his or her response.
- 66. As an actual and proximate result of the acts and omissions of Allied Interstate LLC,

Plaintiff has suffered including but not limited to, fear, stress, mental anguish, emotional stress and acute embarrassment for which she should be compensated in an amount to be established by a jury at trial.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

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

- 67. Plaintiff re-states, re-alleges, and incorporates herein by reference, paragraphs one (1) through sixty six (66) as if set forth fully in this cause of action.
- 68. This cause of action is brought on behalf of Plaintiff and the members of two classes.
- 69. Class A 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 October 22, 2016; 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 failed to correctly identify the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(2).
- 70. 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 October 22, 2016; 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.
- 71. 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 a form collection letter is 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 (*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.
- 72. 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.

- 73. 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.
- 74. 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

- 75. The Defendant's actions as set forth above in the within complaint violates the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
- 76. Because the Defendant violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Plaintiff and the members of the class are entitled to 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 her 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.

Dated: Woodmere, New York October 2, 2017

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Plaintiff requests trial by jury on all issues so triable.

/s/ Adam J. Fishbein
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866-875-6482

October 22, 2016 Danielle Schnur 935 E 28Th St Brooklyn, NY 11210-3729

Re:

CARECREDIT

Creditor: Synchrony Bank Account No. *********1574

Amount Owed: \$4,821.00 Reference No.: 7162

Danielle Schnur:

We are a debt collection company and Synchrony Bank has contracted with us to collect the debt noted above. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

As of the date of this letter, the Amount Owed is \$4,821.00. Because the creditor continues to assess interest on the debt, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the Amount Owed shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your payment, in which event we will inform you of any remaining balance. To make a payment, please telephone us at 866-875-6482 or mail your payment using the coupon on the reverse side of this letter. You may also pay your balance online. Please visit www.mysynchrony.com, a safe and secure website. By sending us a check or giving us your checking account information for payment, you authorize us to collect funds electronically, in which case your check may not be returned to you. We may also arrange for a direct debit from your checking account.

Unless you notify us within 30 days after receiving this letter that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, we will assume that this debt is valid. If you notify us in writing within 30 days after receiving this letter that you dispute the validity of this debt, or any portion thereof, we will obtain and mail to you verification of the debt or a copy of a judgment. If you request of us in writing within 30 days after receiving this letter, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

We look forward to receiving your payment.

Sincerely,

Allied Interstate LLC

Jeffrey Swedberg

Debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including but not limited to:

- (i) the use or threat of violence;
- (ii) the use of obscene or profane language; and,
- (iii) repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

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.

7525 West Campus Road, New Albany, OH (Do not send payments or correspondence to this address)

If you have a question or comment, please (i) write us at	P.O. Box 361445, Columbus, OH 43236; (ii) email us at:
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-Correspond with Allied (other-than payments) at: Allied Interstate LLC, PO Box-361445, Columbus, OH 43236

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□ 110 Insurance □ 120 Marine □ 130 Miller Act □ 140 Negotiable Instrument □ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment □ 151 Medicare Act □ 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) □ 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits □ 160 Stockholders' Suits □ 160 Stockholders' Suits □ 195 Contract Product Liability □ 196 Franchise REAL PROPERTY □ 210 Land Condemnation □ 220 Foreclosure □ 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment □ 240 Torts to Land □ 245 Tort Product Liability □ 290 All Other Real Property	PERSONAL INJURY 310 Airplane 315 Airplane Product	PERSONAL INJURY □ 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability □ 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability □ 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	□ 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 □ 690 Other LABOR □ 710 Fair Labor Standards Act □ 720 Labor/Management Relations □ 740 Railway Labor Act □ 751 Family and Medical Leave Act □ 790 Other Labor Litigation □ 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION □ 462 Naturalization Application □ 465 Other Immigration Actions	□ 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 □ 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS □ 820 Copyrights □ 830 Patent □ 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY □ 861 BILA (1395ff) □ 862 Black Lung (923) □ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) □ 864 SSID Title XVI □ 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS □ 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) □ 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	□ 375 False Claims Act □ 400 State Reapportionment □ 410 Antitrust □ 430 Banks and Banking □ 450 Commerce □ 460 Deportation □ 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations ■ 480 Consumer Credit □ 490 Cable/Sat TV □ 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange □ 890 Other Statutory Actions □ 891 Agricultural Acts □ 893 Environmental Matters □ 895 Freedom of Information Act □ 896 Arbitration □ 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision □ 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
	moved from 3 the Court Cite the U.S. Civil Sta 15 USC 1692 FA	Appellate Court state under which you are for DEBT COLLECTION	(specify, filing (Do not cite jurisdictional state	er District Litigation	
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VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	CHECK IF THIS UNDER RULE 2	IS A CLASS ACTION 3, F.R.Cv.P.	DEMAND \$	CHECK YES only JURY DEMAND:	if demanded in complaint: X Yes □ No
VIII. RELATED CASI IF ANY	E(S) (See instructions):	JUDGE		DOCKET NUMBER	
DATE 10/20/2017		signature of attor/s/ Adam J. Fishb			
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CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

Adam J.	Fishbein counsel for Plaintiff do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is
ineligibl	rishbein, counsel for Plaintiff, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is the for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):
	monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
	the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
	the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason
	DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1
No	Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or its stocks: ne
	RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)
provides the because the same judg case: (A)	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) at "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 e cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil avolves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the
	NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 50.1(d)(2)
	s the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County: No
	f you answered "no" above: a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? No
	o) Did the events of omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? Yes
Suffolk (swer 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 ounty, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau a County?
	(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).
	BAR ADMISSION
I am curr	ently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court. No
Are you	urrently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court? Yes (If yes, please explain) No
I certify t	ne accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature: /s/ Adam J. Fishbein

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