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

Shlomo Silber, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

-V.-

ARSTRAT, LLC

John Does 1-25

Defendants.

Plaintiff Shlomo Silber (hereinafter, "Plaintiff" or "Silber"), a New York resident, brings this Class Action Complaint by and through his attorneys, RC Law Group, PLLC, against Defendant ARSTRAT, LLC (hereinafter "Defendant" or "ARSTRAT"), individually and on behalf of a class of all others similarly situated, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, based upon information and belief of Plaintiff's counsel, except for allegations specifically pertaining to Plaintiff, which are based upon Plaintiff's personal knowledge.

### **INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

1. Congress enacted the FDCPA in 1977 in response to the "abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors." 15 U.S.C. §1692(a). At that time, Congress was concerned that "abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to material instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy." *Id.* Congress concluded that "existing laws...[we]re

inadequate to protect consumers," and that "'the effective collection of debts" does not require "misrepresentation or other abusive debt collection practices." 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(b) & (c).

2. Congress explained that the purpose of the Act was not only to eliminate abusive debt collection practices, but also to "insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged." ld. § 1692(e). After determining that the existing consumer protection laws ·were inadequate~ id § 1692(b), Congress gave consumers a private cause of action against debt collectors who fail to comply with the Act. Id. § 1692k.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 3. The Court has jurisdiction over this class action pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C.</u> § <u>1331</u>, <u>15 U.S.C.</u> § <u>1692</u> et. seq. and <u>28 U.S.C.</u> § <u>2201</u>. If applicable, the Court also has pendant jurisdiction over the State law claims in this action pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C.</u> § <u>1367(a)</u>.
  - 4. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C.</u> § <u>1391(b)(2)</u>.

### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

- 5. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of a class of New York consumers under§ 1692 et seq. of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act ("FDCPA"), and
  - 6. Plaintiff is seeking damages and declaratory and injunctive relief.

### **PARTIES**

7. Plaintiff is a resident of the State of New York, County of Queens, residing at 73-37 141st Place, Flushing, NY 11367.

- 8. ARSTRAT, LLC is a "debt collector" as the phrase is defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a)(6) and used in the FDCPA with an address at 9800 Centre Parkway, Suite 1100, Houston, TX 77036.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Defendant is a company that uses the mail, telephone, and facsimile and regularly engages in business the principal purpose of which is to attempt to collect debts alleged to be due another.
- 10. Defendant is a "debt collector", as defined under the FDCPA under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
- 11. John Does 1-25, are fictitious names of individuals and businesses alleged for the purpose of substituting names of Defendants whose identities will be disclosed in discovery and should be made parties to this action.

### **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

- 12. Plaintiffs bring this claim on behalf of the following case, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3).
  - 13. The Class consists of:
    - a. all individuals with addresses in the State of New York;
    - to whom ARSTRAT LLC sent an initial collection letter attempting to collect a consumer debt;
    - c. without clearly identifying the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed;
    - d. which letter was sent on or after a date one (1) year prior to the filing of this action and on or before a date twenty-one (21) days after the filing of this action.
- 14. The identities of all class members are readily ascertainable from the records of Defendants and those companies and entites on whose behalf they attempt to collect andor have purchased debts.

- 15. Excluded from the Plaintiff Classes are the Defendants and all officer, members, partners, managers, directors and employees of the Defendants and their respective immediate families, and legal counsel for all parties to this action, and all members of their immiediate families.
- 16. There are questions of la\v and fact common to the Plaintiff Classes, which common issues predominate over any issues involving only individual class members. The principal issue is whether the Defendants' written communications to consumers, in the forms attached as Exhibits A, violate 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e and 1692g.
- 17. The Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the class members, as all are based upon the same facts and legal theories. The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Plaintiff Classes defined in this complaint. The Plaintiffs have retained counsel with experience in handling consumer lawsuits, cmnplex legal issues, and class actions, and neither the Plaintiffs nor their attorneys have any interests, which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.
- 18. This action has been brought, and may properly be maintained, as a class action pursuant to the provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure because there is a well-defined community interest in the litigation:
  - a. <u>Numerosity:</u> The Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that the Plaintiff Classes defined above are so numerous that joinder of all members would be impractical.
  - b. <u>Common Questions Predominate:</u> Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Plaintiff Classes and those questions predominai:e over any questions or issues involving only individual class members. The principal

- issue is whether the Defendants' written communications to consumers, in the forms attached as Exhibit A violate 15 § 1692e and §1692g.
- c. **Typicality:** The Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the class members. The Plaintiffs and all members of the Plaintiff Classes have claims arising out of the Defendants' common uniform course of conduct complained of herein.
- d. Adequacy: The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the intersts of the class members insofar as Plaintiffs have no interests that are adverse to the absent class members. The Plaintiffs are committed to vigorously litigating this matter. Plaintiffs have also retained counsel experienced in handling consumer lawsuits, complex legal issues, and class actions. Neither the Plaintiffs nor their counsel have any interests which might cause them not to vigorously pursue the instant class action lawsuit.
- e. <u>Superiority:</u> A class action is superior to the other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because individual joinder of all members would be impracticable. Class action treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum efficiently and without unnecessary duplication of effort and expense that individual actions would engender.
- 19. Certification of a class under Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is also appropriate in that the questions of law and fact common to members of the Plaintiff Classes predominate over any questions affecting an individual member, and a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

20. Depending on the outcome of further investigation and discovery, Plaintiffs may, at the time of class certification mtion, seek to certify a class(es) only as to particular issues pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(4).

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 21. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered above herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 22. Some time prior to December 30, 2016, an obligation was allegedly incurred to Long Island Jewish Medical Center.
- 23. The Long Island Jewish Medical Center obligation arose out of a transaction in which money, property, insurance or services, which are the subject of the transaction, are primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
- 24. The alleged Long Island Jewish Medical Center obligation is a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C.\\$ 1692a(5).
- 25. Long Island Jewish Medical Center is a "creditor" as defined by 15 U.S.C.§ 1692a(4).
- 26. Long Island Jewish Medical Center or a subsequent owner of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center debt contracted the Defendant to collect the alleged debt.
- 27. Defendant collects and attempts to collect debts incurred or alleged to have been incurred for personal, family or household purposes on behalf of creditors using the United States Postal Services, telephone and internet.

#### *Violation I – December 30, 2016 Collection Letter*

- 28. On or about December 30, 2016, Defendant sent the Plaintiff a collection letter (the "Letter") regarding the alleged debt owed to Long Island Jewish Medical Center. **See Exhibit A.**
- 29. When a debt collector solicits payment from a consumer, it must, within five days of an initial communication, provide the consumer with a written validation notice which must include the following information:
  - (1) the amount of the debt;
  - (2) the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed;
  - (3) a statement that unless the consumer, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the debt collector;
  - (4) a statement that if the consumer notifies the debt collector in writing within the thirty-day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the debt collector will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of the judgment against the consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the consumer by the debt collector; and
  - (5) a statement that, upon the consumer's written request within the thirty-day period, the debt collector will provide the consumer with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a).
- 30. The FDCPA further provides that if the consumer notifies the debt collector in writing within the thirty day period . . . that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed . . . the

debt collector shall cease collection...until the debt collector obtains verification of the debt...and a copy of such verification is mailed to the consumer by the debt collector. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b).

- 31. This letter did not contain all the requirements of "G Notice."
- 32. Specifically, Defendant's December 30, 2016 letter fails to identify the Plaintiff's current creditor.
- 33. Additionally, Defendant's December 30, 2016 fails to identify any entity or individual as a "creditor."
- 34. Defendant's letter merely states, "Client Name: LONG ISLAND JEWISH MEDICAL CENTER".
  - 35. The letter fails to indicate whether the "Client Name" refers to Plaintiff's creditor.
- 36. A debt collector has the obligation not just to convey the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed, but also to convey such information clearly.
- 37. Mere allusions to the creditor's identity are insufficent. The Letter must specifically and clearly identify the creditor of the collection account.
- 38. Defendant's letter states, "The above creditor has referred the above account to us for collection...The creditor has now engaged ARSTRAT to collect this account."
- 39. However, Defendant's December 30, 2016 letter fails to identify any entity or party as "creditor".
- 40. Defendant's December 30, 2016 letter fails to indicate who referred the account to Defendant, and if the referral was from the creditor or another party.
- 41. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be confused as to the creditor to whom the debt is owed.

- 42. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692g, a debt collector is required to identify the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed.
- 43. The obligation is not only to identify the name of the creditor, but to convey the name of the creditor clearly and explicitly.
- 44. In *Datiz v. Int'l Recovery Assocs., Inc.*, the Court held that an initial letter that merely states "Re: John T. Mather Hospital", is not without more sufficient to satisfy the requirements under 1692g. See, *Datiz v. Int'l Recovery Assocs., Inc.*, No. 15-CV-3549-ADS-AKT, 2016 WL 4148330, at \*11 (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 4, 2016), motion for relief from judgment denied, No. 15-CV-3549-ADS-AKT, 2017 WL 59085 (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 4, 2017).
- 45. As a result of Defendant's deceptive, misleading and unfair debt collection practices, Plaintiff has been damaged.

# <u>COUNT I</u> VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT\_15 U.S.C. §1692e et seq.

- 46. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs above herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 47. Defendant's debt collection efforts attempted and/or directed towards the Plaintiff violated various provisions of the FDCPA, including but not limited to 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 48. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692e, a debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
  - 49. Defendant violated said section by:
    - a. Making a false and misleading representation in violation of §1692e(10).

50. By reason thereof, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for judgment that Defendant's conduct violated Section 1692e et seq. of the FDCPA, actual damages, statutory damages, costs and attorneys' fees.

# COUNT II VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. §1692g et seq.

- 51. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs above herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 52. Defendant's debt collection efforts attempted and/or directed towards the Plaintiff violated various provisions of the FDCPA, including but not limited to 15 U.S.C. § 1692g.
  - 53. Pursuant to 15 USC §1692g, a debt collector:
- 54. 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
  - 1. The amount of the debt;
  - 2. The name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed;
  - A statement that unless the consumer, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the debt-collector;
  - 4. A statement that the consumer notifies the debt collector in writing within thirty-day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the debt collector will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of a

- judgment against the consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the consumer by the debt collector; and
- 5. A statement that, upon the consumer's written request within the thirtyday period, the debt collector will provide the consumer with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.
- 55. The Defendant violated 1692g(a)(2) by failing to name the creditor to whom the debt is owed.
- 56. By reason thereof, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for judgment that Defendant's conduct violated Section 1692g et seq. of the FDCPA, actual damages, statutory damages, costs and attorneys' fees.

### **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Shlomo Silber, individually and on behalf of all others similarly

situated demands judgment from Defendant ARSTRAT, LLC, as follows:

1. Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and certifying

Plaintiff as Class representative, and Daniel Kohn, Esq. as Class Counsel;

2. Awarding Plaintiff and the Class statutory damages;

3. Awarding Plaintiff and the Class actual damages;

4. Awarding Plaintiff costs of this Action, including reasonable attorneys' fees and

expenses;

5. Awarding pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest; and

6. Awarding Plaintiff and the Class such other and further relief as this Court may

deem just and proper.

Dated: Hackensack, New Jersey

December 29, 2017

/s/ Daniel Kohn

By: Daniel Kohn

**RC Law Group, PLLC** 

285 Passaic Street Hackensack, NJ 07601 Phone: (201) 282-6500 Fax: (201) 282-6501

Attorneys For Plaintiff

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Arstrat 9800 Centre Parkway Suite 1100 Houston, TX 77036

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Second Notice					
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#### Dear SHLOMO SILBER,

We sent you a first notice which included your rights under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. You still have time to exercise your rights. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This notice has been sent by a debt collector. Your payment, or any questions you may have, should be directed to this office to ensure proper credit to your account.

To pay by phone, please call 866-763-2906 and follow the automated prompts. To pay via the internet, please log onto <a href="https://usapaymentexchange.com/ARS">https://usapaymentexchange.com/ARS</a> or scan the barcode below and follow the website's payment instructions.

The above creditor has referred the above account to us for collection. This account had previously been placed with Ingram & Associates. The creditor has now engaged ARSTRAT to collect this account.

Unless you notify this office within thirty (30) days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume the debt to be valid. If you notify this office in writing within the thirty (30) day period that the debt or any portion thereof is disputed, this office will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such verification or judgment. If you request this office in writing within the thirty (30) day period, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose

Sincerely, Brunella Eaglin 1-866-763-2906 Recovery Analyst

Debt Collectors, in accordance with the FDCPA, are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including but not limited to:

•The use of threat of violence • The use of obscene or profane language • Repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

If a creditor or debt collector recives 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);
- Public assistance (welfare);
- 5. Unemployment benefits;
- 7. Workers' compensation benefits; 9. Veterans' benefits;
- 2. Social security;
- 4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
- 6. Disability benefits;
- 8 Public or private pensions;
- 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. 20NREGC011401

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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**

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.

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