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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AARON J. SOLINSKY, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated.

Plaintiff,

v.

FORSTER & GARBUS LLP & CAPITAL ONE BANK LP,

 Case No. 7:18-cv-11691

BANK (USA), N.A.

(Removed from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange, Case No. 011267/2018)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL BY DEFENDANT CAPITAL ONE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1367, 1441, and 1446, Defendant Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. ("Capital One"), incorrectly identified in the Complaint as "Capital One Bank LP," removes this action from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Removal is appropriate based on federal question jurisdiction and supplemental jurisdiction because Plaintiff Aaron J. Solinsky asserts a claim under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (the "FDCPA"), and the remaining claims arise out of the same case or controversy. In support of this Notice, Capital One states the following:

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I. Background

- 1. Plaintiff originally filed this case in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange, on or about November 12, 2018, captioned *Aaron J. Solinsky v. Forster & Garbus LLP and Capital One Bank LP*, bearing Index No. 011267/2018 (the "State Court Action"). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), copies of all process, pleadings, and orders served on Capital One are attached as **Exhibit A**.
 - 2. This action has not been previously removed to federal court.
- 3. The removal of this action to this Court is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) because this Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days of process being served on Capital One. The Affidavit of Service states that Capital One was purportedly served with process on November 14, 2018. *See* Exhibit B.
- 4. Upon information and belief, the foregoing documents and exhibits constitute all of the process, pleadings, and orders on file in the State Court Action.
- 5. The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York is the proper place to file this Notice of Removal under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because it is the federal district court that embraces the place where the original action was filed.
- 6. As of the date of this Notice of Removal, Defendants Capital One and Forster & Garbus LLP ("Forster & Garbus") have been served. Counsel for Capital One has contacted counsel for Forster & Garber, who consents to this removal. A consent form executed by Forster & Garbus will be filed shortly.
- 7. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), Capital One will give prompt written notice of this Notice of Removal to all parties and to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange. A copy of the Notice of Filing of Notice of Removal to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

8. As set forth below, this case is properly removed to this Court because this Court has original jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1367.

II. This Court Has Federal Question Jurisdiction

- 9. This Court has federal question jurisdiction because Plaintiff asserts claims that arise under federal law. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1331 ("The district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States.").
- 10. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1441 (a), "any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or the defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending."
- 11. Plaintiff's "First Cause of Action" alleges violation of the FDCPA, asserting a cause of action under 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692 *et seq. See* **Exhibit A.** Accordingly, the Complaint presents a federal question within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1331, because it involves claims and/or issues arising in whole or in part under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Therefore, this Court has original jurisdiction over the Supreme Court Action.
 - 12. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(a).

III. This Court Has Supplemental Jurisdiction

13. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's remaining state law claims because they are part of the same "case or controversy" as the federal law claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

IV. Conclusion

14. In filing this Notice of Removal, Capital One does not waive any defenses, either procedural or substantive, and specifically reserves all defenses, exceptions, rights, and motions.

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No statement or omission in this Notice shall be deemed an admission of any allegations of or

damages sought in the Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Capital One files this Notice of Removal and removes this civil action to

the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Capital One requests that

the Court assume exclusive jurisdiction of this action and enter such orders as may be necessary

to accomplish the requested removal and promote the ends of justice.

Dated: New York, New York December 13, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

McGuireWoods LLP

s/Philip A. Goldstein

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EXHIBIT A

SUPREME	COURT	OF	THE	STATE	OF	NEW	YORK
COUNTY 0	F ORAL	IGE					

Aaron J. Solinsky

Plaintiff/Petitioner,

-against-

Index No. EF 011267-2018

Forster & Garbus LLP, Capital One Bank LP

Defendant/Respondent.

NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

(Residential Mortgage Foreclosure and Consumer Credit Transaction Cases)

You have received this Notice because:

- The Plaintiff/Petitioner, whose name is listed above, has filed this case using the New York State Courts e-filing system, and
 - You are a Defendant/Respondent (a party) in this case.
 (CPLR § 2111, Uniform Rule § 202.5-bb(a)(2)(v) and (vi))

If you are represented by an attorney: give this Notice to your attorney. (<u>Attorneys</u>: see "Information for Attorneys" pg. 2).

If you are not represented by an attorney: you are not required to e-file. You may serve and file documents in paper form and you must be served with documents in paper form. However, as a party without an attorney, you may participate in e-filing.

Benefits of E-Filing

You can:

- serve and file your documents electronically
- view your case file on-line
- · limit your number of trips to the courthouse
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There are no additional fees to e-file, view, or print your case records.

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• go to the Help Center or Clerk's Office at the court where the case was filed. To find legal information to help you represent yourself visit www.nycourthelp.gov

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Information for Attorneys

attorney representing a party who is served with this notice must either consent or secline consent to electronic filing and service through NYSCEF for this case.

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Attorneys decling to consent must file with the court and serve on all parties of record a declination of consent.

For additional information about electronic filing and to create a NYSCEF account, visit the NYSCEF website at www.nycourts.gov/efile or contact the NYSCEF Resource Center (phone: 646-386-3033; e-mail: efile@nycourts.gov).

Dated: <u>11/12/201</u> §	_			
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ROCKLAND

AARON J. SOLINSKY, on behalf of himself and, others similarly situated,

Plaintiff.

Index No.

SUMMONS

-against-

FORSTER & GARBUS LLP and CAPITAL ONE BANK LP,

Defendants,

To the above named Defendant(s):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The basis of the venue designated is Plaintiff's address.

Dated: November 6, 2018

Edward B. Geller, Esq., P.C., Of Counsel to M. Harvey Rephen & Associates, P.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 15 Landing Way Bronx, New York 10464 Fel. (914)473-6783

To: Forster & Garbus LLP Defendant 60 Motor Parkway Commack, NY 11725 Capital One Bank LP 1680 Capital One Drive McClean, VA 22102

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ORANGE COUNTYX			
AARON J SOLINSKY, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated,	Index No.		
Plaintiff,			
-against-	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT		
Defendant(s)			
FORSTER & GARBUS LLP & CAPITAL ONE BANK LP	*		

Plaintiff AARON J SOLINSKY ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorney, M. Harvey Rephen & Associates, P.C. by Edward B. Geller, Esq., P.C., Of Counsel, as and for his Complaint against the Defendants FORSTER & GARBUS LLP & CAPITAL ONE BANK (hereinafter referred to as Defendant(s)"), respectfully sets forth, complains and alleges, upon information and belief, the following:

INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf for damages and declaratory and injunctive relief arising from the Defendants' violation(s) of §1692 et seq. of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act ("FDCPA").

PARTIES

- Plaintiff AARON J SOLINSKY is a resident of the State of NEW YORK,
 residing at 75 FOREST ROAD, UNIT 213, MONROE, NY 10950.
 - 3. Defendant FORSTER & GARBUS LLP IS A NEW YORK corporation with an

address at 60 MOTOR PARKWAY COMMACK, NY 11725.

- Defendant CAPITAL ONE BANK is a VIRGINIA corporation with an address at 1680 MCCLEAN, VA 22102,
- 5. The Plaintiff is a "consumer" as the phrase is defined and used in the FDCPA under 15 USC §1692a (3).
- 6. The Defendants are "debt collectors" as the phrase is defined and used in the FDCPA under 15 USC §1692a (6).

ALLEGATIONS FOR CLASS ACTION

- Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to C.P.L.R. 901, on behalf of himself and all persons/consumers, along with their successors-in-interest, who have received similar debt collection notices and/or letters/communications from Defendant which, as alleged herein, are in violation of the FDCPA, as of the date of Plaintiff's Complaint (the "Class"). Excluded from the Class are Defendants herein, and any person, firm, trust, corporation, or other entity related to or affiliated with the Defendants, including, without limitation, persons who are officers, directors, employees, associates or partners of Defendants. Upon information and belief, hundreds of persons have received debt collection notices and/or letters/communications from Defendants, which violate various provisions of the FDCPA.
- 8. This Class satisfies all the requirements of C.P.L.R. 901 for maintaining a class action.
- 9. The Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Upon information and belief, hundreds of persons have received debt collection notices and/or letters/communications from Defendants, which violate various provisions of the FDCPA.
 - 10. The debt collection notices and/or letters/communications from Defendants,

received by the Class, are to be evaluated by the objective standard of the hypothetical "least sophisticated consumer".

- 11. There are questions of law and fact which are common to the Class and which predominate over questions affecting any individual Class member. These common questions of law and fact include, without limitation: (i) Whether Defendants violated various provisions of the FDCPA; (ii) Whether Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by Defendants' conduct; (c) Whether Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages and are entitled to restitution as a result of Defendants' wrongdoing and, if so, what is the proper measure and appropriate statutory formula to be applied in determining such damages and restitution; and, (iv) Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to declaratory and/or injunctive relief.
- 12. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class, and Plaintiff has no interests adverse or antagonistic to the interests of other members of the Class.
- 13. A class action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims herein asserted, this being specifically envisioned by Congress as a principal means of enforcing the FDCPA, as codified by 15 U.S.C. § 1692(k).
- 14. The members of the Class are generally unsophisticated individuals, whose rights will not be vindicated in the absence of a class action.
- 15. Prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications resulting in the establishment of inconsistent or varying standards for the parties.
- 16. A class action will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. Class

treatment also will permit the adjudication of relatively small claims by many Class members who could not otherwise afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein

- 17. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the Class members' interests, in that the Plaintiff's counsel is experienced and, further, anticipates no impediments in the pursuit and maintenance of the class action as sought herein.
- 18. Absent a class action, the Class members will continue to suffer losses borne from Defendants' breaches of their statutorily protected rights as well as monetary damages, thus allowing and enabling: (a) Defendants' conduct to proceed and; (b) Defendants to further enjoy the benefit of their ill-gotten gains.
- 19. Defendants have acted, and will act, on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class, thereby making appropriate a final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 20. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "19" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 21. During collection efforts initiated by Defendant FORSTER & GARBUS, Mr. Robert
 S Trainor was hired to file a Summons and Complaint against Plaintiff.
- 22. Mr. Robert S Trainor filed with the Supreme Court State of New York, Orange County the aforementioned pleadings which included an Affidavit of Service for the Plaintiffs. Mr. Robert S Trainor swore that he had served said pleadings by leaving copies on the door since his prior attempts were unsuccessful. The Plaintiff was said to be served at a street address of 75 Forest Road Unit 213 Monroe, NY 10950 at 6:35 am. The Plaintiff never received a copy of the summons

since the papers were left in a general public area on the door step of a small apartment complex. There are many families living there and therefore the Plaintiff did not receive proper service or receive the summons and complaint. They were not placed on the door of the apartment of the consumer or on the mailbox as stated in the affidavit.

23. Since the Plaintiff never received a copy of the summons he did not respond to the courts in the allotted time frame given, which resulted in a judgement of \$2,292.40 being granted against Mr. Solinsky under case number 2011004208.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION • (Violations of the FDCPA)

- 24. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "23" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 25. 15 USC §1692 e preface prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 24. Defendants violated 15 USC §1692 e preface when they made false claims of proper service of process for the purpose of obtaining, under false pretenses, a Default Judgment in the Supreme Court State of New York Orange County. Defendants claimed to complete service of process upon the Plaintiff at his place of residence at75 Forest Road Unit 213 Monroe, NY 10950 Defendants have together instituted a policy of negligently and deceitfully failing to confirm the veracity of consumer information in their haste to pursue debt collection from the maximum number of consumers possible and thereby implement deceitful means and methods to obtain default judgments from consumers without their knowledge.
 - 25. 15 USC §1692 f –preface prohibits a debt collector from using any unfair or

unconscionable actions in connection with the collection of a debt.

26. The Defendants violated 15 USC §1692 f – preface by unfairly and unconscionably using lies and reprehensible and malicious means and methods to deceive the Court into granting default judgments which allows the Defendants to damage the Plaintiff and other debtors and consumers.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Intentional Abuse of Service of Process)

- Plaintiff(s) repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "26" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 28. Abuse of Process is improper use of a civil or criminal legal procedure for an unintended, malicious, or perverse reason. It is the malicious and deliberate misuse of regularly issued civil or criminal court process that is not justified by the underlying legal action. Abuse of process includes litigating actions in bad faith intended to delay the delivery of justice. Examples include serving legal papers on persons which have not actually been filed and, as in the instant case, falsely claiming service has been accomplished when it has not.
- 29. In 2010, in response to proven abuse by debt collectors who engage in "sewer service." the City Council of New York passed Local Law 7, requiring process servers to keep detailed records of where they serve papers and to use GPS tracking to confirm they appeared where they said they appeared. The GPS records are held by third-party companies. Since that law was passed, the number of registered process servers in New York has been cut in half, from over 2,000 to just over 1,000. Aware of this, Defendants chose not to use a registered process service, but instead ordered agents and/or employees to sign falsified affidavits of service. A

false, fraudulent, or perjurious declaration of service of process misuses "the power of the court; it is an act done in the name of the court and under its authority for the purpose of perpetrating an injustice." *Meadows v Bakersfield Savings & Loan Assoc*, (1967) 250 Cal. App.2d 749, 753, 59 Cal. Rptr. 34, 37. Because the process server acts with the imprimatur of the court, his misconduct cannot be tolerated. "To establish a cause of action for abuse of process, a plaintiff must plead two essential elements: that the defendant (1) entertained an ulterior motive in using the process and (2) committed a willful act in a wrongful manner." (*Coleman v. Gulf Insurance Group* (1986) 41 Cal.3d 782, 792 [226 Cal.Rptr. 90, 718 P.2d 77], internal citations omitted.)

(1) Ulterior Motive

Defendants deliberately and intentionally filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of New York, Orange County, an Affidavit of Service containing specious and fictitious claims, specifically that service of process was made upon the Plaintiff when it was not and for the ulterior motive of Defendants for the purpose of debt collection.

(2) Commission of Willful Act in a Wrongful Manner

Defendants willfully and intentionally used dishonest means and methods to accomplish debt collection objectives, wrongfully deceiving the Court into granting a Default Judgment against Plaintiff and others. Defendants knew that service of process was not accomplished, and that Plaintiff had no knowledge of Defendants' Summons and Complaint and yet wrongfully and deceitfully filed a bogus Affidavit of Service. Defendants' unscrupulous means and methods of falsifying service of process are part of a strategy which depends upon deliberately concealing Defendants' intentions from their targeted prey such as

Plaintiff which, was he actually and truthfully served process, would be revealed, thereby preventing consumers and Plaintiff from learning of Defendants' actions and having their day in court to their detriment until it is too late. Defendants have thus used the process in a perverted manner to obtain a collateral objective (*Board of Educ v Farmingdale Classroom Teachers Assn.*, 38 NY2d 397 [1975]).

- 32. Pursuant to <u>Barquis v. Merchants Collection Assn</u>, (1972) 7 Cal.3d 94, 104 [101 Cal.Rptr. 745, 496 P.2d 817], where a collection agency intentionally filed actions in improper counties in order to impair the purported debtors' ability to litigate the dispute and to coerce easy settlements and the Court concluded: "Plaintiffs have sufficiently alleged facts which, if true, demonstrate that the agency has in the past been continually committing a gross "abuse of process" and that the agency threatens to continue this unlawful, tortious conduct in the future "Similarly, Defendants continue to conduct such abuse and can be expected to continue in future.
- 33. As a result of Defendants' wrongful and dishonest actions to compel payment of a debt, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for damages sustained because of Defendants' failure to comply with §1692 et seq. of Title 15 of the United States Code (the FDCPA), and other violations of the FDCPA and for malicious and abusive service of process

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION against ALL DEFENDANTS

(Violations of NY General Business Law § 349)

COUNT I

(Deceptive Trade Practices)

- 34. Plaintiff(s) repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "33" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- Plaintiff is a consumer as that term is defined in New York, General Business Law section 349 (NY GBL Sec. 349)
- 36. The described acts and practices involved "trade or commerce" as such terms are described in NY GBL Sec. 349. "a) Deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce or in the furnishing of any service in this state are hereby declared unlawful."
- 37. An unfair or deceptive practice in the conduct of any trade or commerce is unlawful pursuant to NY GBL Sec. 349.
- 38. Defendants made false representations to Plaintiff, including, but not limited to, their intention and decision to file a lawsuit against Plaintiff through the proper means of service of process and notification of same.
- 39. The false information given by Defendants constitute false and misleading actions which were vexatious, wanton, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, and substantially injurious to Plaintiff as a consumer and amounts to unfair and deceptive trade practices in violation of NY GBL Sec. 349.
- 40. Defendants' actions and conduct would be offensive to persons of ordinary sensibilities
- 41. Defendants' actions and conduct were not privileged, were deceptive, intent on obtaining a Judgment against Plaintiff
- 42. Each verbal and written statement of Defendants stating that Plaintiff was served process and was apprised of Defendants' actions and was knowingly in default is an unfair,

deceptive and separate violation of NY GBL Sec. 349 a).

- Each attempt by Defendants to characterize Plaintiff as apprised of a lawsuit against him is an unfair, deceptive and separate violation of NY GBL Sec 349 a).
- 44. Defendants described acts and practices offend established public policy and/or are unprofessional, careless, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous and/or substantially injurious to consumers and are therefore unfair in violation of NY GBL Sec 349.
- 45. Defendants' described acts and practices involved material representations, omissions or practices that misled and deceived the Plaintiff and have been shown to have mislead other consumers acting reasonably under the circumstances and were therefore deceptive in violation of NY GBL Sec. 349 a).
- 46. Pursuant to NY GBL Sec. 349, Plaintiff is a consumer who is injured by unfair and deceptive trade business practices, and is entitled for each unfair and deceptive trade business practice to be awarded a sum not less than \$1,000.00 or threefold any damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees together with costs of this action.

COUNT II

(Bad Faith)

- 47. Plaintiff(s) repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "46" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 48. Defendants owed the Plaintiff a fiduciary duty to deal with him in good faith and in a fair manner.

49. Defendants failed to deal with the Plaintiff in good faith and in a fair manner by failing to serve him properly, which would have informed the Plaintiff about the fact that Defendants had filed a lawsuit against him and that a default Judgment had been granted.

50. As a result of Defendants' actions and conduct, the Plaintiff has suffered various injuries and damages in such amounts as shall be determined at the time of trial.

COUNT III

(Misrepresentation)

- 51. Plaintiff(s) repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "50" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 52. Defendants have continuously and intentionally misrepresented the full nature of their agency and/or collection efforts omitting material facts and making numerous false representations to the Plaintiff for the obvious purpose of concealing from the Plaintiff their intention to obtain a Default Judgment against him.
- 53. Defendants knew or should have known that their misrepresentations were false, misleading, vexatious, willful, wanton and malicious and that the Plaintiff would be unaware of Defendants' actions to their detriment.
- 54. The Plaintiff asserts his claim for punitive damages for willful, wanton, vexatious and malicious misrepresentations in such amounts as will be proven at trial.

COUNT IV

(Defamation)

- 55. Plaintiff(s) repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "54" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 56. Defendants negligently and/or recklessly and/or intentionally published or caused to be published and defamatory statements about the Plaintiff and Plaintiff's credit to third-parties and/or others, thereby placing his ability to seek and find credit in jeopardy.
- 57. The actions by Defendants lacked any justification or privilege and it was an abuse of legitimate legal means to improperly litigate while knowing that the Plaintiff was not cognizant of such actions.
- As a direct and proximate result of the defamation by Defendants, the Plaintiff has suffered consequential, special and general damages in such amounts as shall be proven at trial and further claims for punitive damages for wrongful acts.

COUNT V

(Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress)

- 59. Plaintiff(s) repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "58" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 60. Defendants owed Plaintiff a duty to avoid negligently inflicting severe mental and emotional distress upon Plaintiff, which continues currently.
 - 61. Defendants caused Plaintiff to suffer severe mental and emotional distress, by placing

him in a position of being in default of a Judgment.

- 62. As a direct and proximate result of the wrongful actions and/or omissions of Defendants, Plaintiff have suffered humiliation, embarrassment, severe anxiety, pain and mental anguish, all to his damage.
- 63. As a direct and proximate result of the intentional and/or negligent and/or reckless infliction of emotional distress, Plaintiff demands consequential, special and general damages in such amounts as shall be proven at trial.

COUNT VI

(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)

- 64. Plaintiff(s) repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "63" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 65. Defendants had a duty to avoid intentionally inflicting severe and emotional distress upon Plaintiff.
- 66. Defendants breached their duties to Plaintiff by causing the Plaintiff to suffer extreme and egregious mental and emotional distress, by intentionally and/or recklessly, willfully, and maliciously misleading him regarding his rights to be aware of Defendants' proposed legal actions against him and other wrongful and misleading acts with full knowledge of the extreme and severe damage to his health and wellbeing which Defendants was causing Plaintiff.
- As a direct and proximate result of the intentional wrongful actions and conduct and/or omissions of Defendants as alleged above, Plaintiff's health and wellbeing were damaged

causing Plaintiff severe pain and mental anguish, all to his damage.

68. As a direct and proximate result of the intentional, willful, wanton and malicious acts and conduct towards and against Plaintiff, Defendants caused the Plaintiff harm, including the infliction of emotional distress and pain, mental anguish and anxiety, and Plaintiff demands consequential, special general and punitive damages in such amounts as will be proven at trial

COUNT VII

(Tort of Outrage)

- 69. Plaintiff(s) repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "68" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 70. Being that Plaintiff is a person and a consumer who is entitled to good faith and fair dealing, who due to the malicious, willful and wanton acts and conduct of Defendants, which was extreme and outrageous, Plaintiff was caused severe emotional distress, mental anguish and anxiety by Defendants wrongfully and falsely deceiving him into defaulting and manufacturing false records to represent that he was served process and wrongfully placing his credit rating and personal capacity in jeopardy.
- 71. As a direct and proximate result of the intentional and/or negligent and/or reckless infliction of emotional distress, Plaintiff demands special, general and punitive damages in such amounts as shall be proven at trial.

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COUNT VIII

(Unconscionability)

- 72. Plaintiff(s) repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through 71 "" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 73. Defendants have engaged in unconscionable behavior and acts to the detriment of the Plaintiff, including but not limited to failing to properly serve process upon the Plaintiff in a timely manner and apprise him of their intentions to file a lawsuit against him and making false and misleading representations regarding Plaintiff's knowledge of Defendants' intentions.
- 74. As a direct and proximate result of the intentional and/or negligent and/or reckless infliction of emotional distress, Plaintiff demands special, general and punitive damages in such amounts as shall be proven at trial.
- 75. As a result of Defendants' violations of the FDCPA, Plaintiff has been damaged and is entitled to damages in accordance with the FDCPA.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment from the Defendants as follows:

- A. For actual damages provided and pursuant to 15 USC §1692k (a) (1) in the amount of \$100,000.00;
 - B For statutory damages provided and pursuant to 15 USC §1692(2)(A);
 - C. For statutory damages provided and pursuant to 15 USC§1692k(2)(B);
 - D. For attorneys' fees and costs provided and pursuant to15USC§1692(a) (3);

- E. A declaration that the Defendant's practices violated the FDCPA;
- F. For any such other and further relief, as well as further costs, expenses and disbursements of this action, as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated New York, New York November 6, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Geller, Esq.

Edward B. Geller, Esq., P.C., Of Counsel to M. HARVEY REPHEN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

15 Landing Way

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Attorney for the Plaintiff AARON J SOLINSKY

AFFIRMATION

I, Aaron J. Solhsky, under the penalty of perjury, deposes and say:

I am the Plaintiff in the above entitled action. I have read the foregoing Complaint and know the contents thereof. The same are true to my knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Aaron J. Solinsky

_____(Printed)

Plaintiff

Affirmed before me this 6 day of Novamber 2018

Notary Public

JOEL MERT2
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01ME6090135
Qualified in Orange County
Commission Expires April 7, 2019

EXHIBIT B

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

Case:	Court:	County:		
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Plaintiff / Petitioner:		Defendant / Respondent:		
Aaron J. Solinsky		Forester & Garbus LLP, Capital One Bank, LP		
To be served upor Capital One Bank,				

I, Iris Velasquez, being duly sworn, depose and say: I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action, and that within the boundaries of the state where service was effected, I was authorized by law to make service of the documents and informed said person of the contents herein

Recipient Name / Address: Capital One Bank, LP, 1600 Capital One Dr 7th Floor, Mc Lean, VA 22102

Manner of Service:

Substitute Service - Business, Nov 14, 2018, 9:46 am EST

Documents:

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Notice of Electronic Filing; Summons; Class action Complaint (Received Nov 13, 2018 at 12:11pm EST)

Additional Comments:

1) Successful Attempt: Nov 14, 2018, 9:46 am EST at 1600 Capital One Dr 7th Floor, Mc Lean, VA 22102 received by Kenya Bracey at Capital One Bank, LP. Age: 31; Ethnicity: African American; Gender: Female; Weight: 135; Height: 5'5"; Hair: Brown; Eyes: Brown; Relationship: Legal Admin; This person was authorized to accept service of process.

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11/15/2018

Date

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Subscribed and sworn to before me by the affiant who is

personally known to me.

Notary Public

Date

Commission Expires

WM.

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EXHIBIT C

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ORANGE

AARON J. SOLINSKY, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated,

NOTICE OF FILING OF

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Plaintiff,

V.

FORSTER & GARBUS LLP & CAPITAL ONE BANK LP,

Defendants.

TO THE CLERK OF COURT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 13, 2018, counsel for Defendant Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., incorrectly identified in the Complaint as "Capital One Bank LP," filed a Notice of Removal of this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1367, 1441 and 1446, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. A copy of the Notice of Removal is attached as **Exhibit A**. The filing of the Notice of Removal in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, together with the filing and service of this Notice of Filing, effects the removal of this action. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), "the State court shall proceed no further unless and until the case is remanded."

Dated: New York, New York December 13, 2018

Respectfully Submitted, McGuireWoods LLP

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Plaintiff,	:	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
V.	:	
FORSTER & GARBUS LLP & CAPITAL ONE BANK LP,	:	
Defendants.	:	
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on December 13, 2018, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal and accompanying exhibits to be served on the following via Federal Express overnight mail, postage prepaid:

Edward B. Geller, Esq. 15 Landing Way Bronx, New York 10464 Counsel for Plaintiff

-and-

Forster & Garbus 60 Motor Parkway Commack, New York 11725 *Defendant*

Dated: New York, New York December 13, 2018

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