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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA ORLANDO DIVISION

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CLARK STEWART, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

CASE NO. 6:18-CV-2111-Orl-41DC

Plaintiff,

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND TRIAL BY JURY DEMAND

v.

FLORIDA COMMUNITY LAW GROUP, P.L.,

NATURE OF ACTION

1. Plaintiff Clark Stewart ("Plaintiff") brings this putative class action against Defendant Florida Community Law Group, P.L. ("Defendant") pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated.

JURISDICTION, STANDING, AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 3. Plaintiff has Article III standing to bring this action, as it seeks to redress conduct by Defendant that caused Plaintiff to suffer intangible harms, which Congress has made legally cognizable in passing the FDCPA. See Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins, 136 S. Ct. 1540, 1549, 194 L. Ed. 2d 635 (2016), as revised (May 24, 2016) (Congress is "well positioned to identify intangible harms that meet minimum Article III requirements," and thus "may

'elevat[e] to the status of legally cognizable injuries concrete, *de facto* injuries that were previously inadequate in law." (quoting *Lujan v. Defs of Wildlife*, 504 U.S. 555, 578 (1992)); *Lane v. Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC*, No. 15 C 10446, 2016 WL 3671467, at *3 (N.D. III. July 11, 2016) ("Without the protections of the FDCPA, Congress determined, the '[e]xisting laws and procedures for redressing these injuries are inadequate to protect consumers." (quoting 15 U.S.C. § 1692(b)).

4. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), where the acts and transactions giving rise to Plaintiff's action occurred in this district, where Plaintiff resides in this district, and where Defendant transacts business in this district.

THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 5. Congress enacted the FDCPA to "eliminate abusive debt collection practices, to ensure that debt collectors who abstain from such practices are not competitively disadvantaged, and to promote consistent state action to protect consumers." *Jerman v. Carlisle, McNellie, Rini, Kramer & Ulrich LPA*, 559 U.S. 573, 577 (2010) (citing 15 U.S.C. § 1692(e)).
- 6. The FDCPA is described as a strict liability statute which "typically subjects debt collectors to liability even when violations are not knowing or intentional." Owen v. I.C. Sys., Inc., 629 F.3d 1263, 1270 (11th Cir. 2011).
- 7. "A single violation of the Act is sufficient to subject a debt collector to liability under the Act." Lewis v. Marinosci Law Grp., P.C., No. 13-61676-CIV, 2013 WL 5789183, at *2 (S.D. Fla. Oct. 29, 2013).

- 8. The Eleventh Circuit applies the "least sophisticated consumer" standard to determine whether a debt collector's communication violates the FDCPA. *Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc.*, 760 F.2d 1168, 1175 (11th Cir. 1985).
- 9. This objective standard does not consider "whether the particular plaintiff-consumer was deceived or misled; instead, the question is 'whether the 'least sophisticated consumer' would have been deceived' by the debt collector's conduct." Crawford v. LVNV Funding, LLC, 758 F.3d 1254, 1258 (11th Cir. 2014) (quoting Jeter, 760 F.2d at 1177 n.11)).

PARTIES

- 10. Plaintiff is a natural person who at all relevant times resided in the State of Florida, County of Orange, and City of Ocoee.
 - 11. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 12. Defendant is an entity who at all relevant times was engaged, by use of the mails and telephone, in the business of attempting to collect a "debt" from Plaintiff, as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
 - 13. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 14. Plaintiff is a natural person allegedly obligated to pay a debt.
- 15. Plaintiff's alleged obligation arises from a transaction in which the money, property, insurance, or services that are the subject of the transaction were incurred primarily for personal, family, or household purposes—namely, the replacement of Plaintiff's residential roof (the "Debt").

- 16. Defendant uses instrumentalities of interstate commerce or the mails in a business the principal purpose of which is the collection of any debts.
- 17. Defendant regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due, or asserted to be owed or due, another.
- 18. In connection with the collection of the Debt, Defendant filed a lawsuit against Plaintiff dated October 10, 2018.
- 19. A true and correct copy of the lawsuit and accompanying documents (collectively, the "Lawsuit") is attached as Exhibit A.
- 20. The Lawsuit required Plaintiff to respond within twenty days after service. Exhibit A at 2.
- 21. The Lawsuit included a document entitled "Notice required by the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("The Act") 15 U.S.C. Section 1601, as amended" (the "Notice"). Exhibit A at 16 (emphasis omitted).
 - 22. The Notice purports to contain the notices required by 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a).
- 23. The Lawsuit does not explain the apparent contradiction between the requirement to respond within twenty days and the consumer's right to dispute the Debt within thirty days.
- 24. The Lawsuit and Notice was Defendant's initial communication with Plaintiff with respect to the Debt.
- 25. In the alternative, the Notice was improperly included with the Lawsuit because it was a legal pleading and thus not the initial communication with Plaintiff with respect to the Debt.

- 26. The Notice misleadingly states: "This law firm may be deemed a 'debt collector' under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Any and all information obtained during the prosecution of this lawsuit may be used for all purposes of collecting a debt." *Id.* (emphasis added).
- 27. Upon reading the Notice, the least sophisticated consumer would be unsure whether Defendant was a debt collector under the FDCPA.
- 28. The Notice further states that "[t]he amount of the debt is stated in paragraph 9 of the Complaint attached hereto." *Id*.
- 29. Paragraph 9 of Defendant's complaint identifies the amount of the Debt as "\$3,290.97 exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees." Id. at 8 (emphasis added).
- 30. The Lawsuit does not identify any amount of interest, costs, or attorney's fees.

 See Exhibit A.
 - 31. The Lawsuit does not meaningfully convey the amount of the Debt.
- 32. The Notice further states: "The debt described in the Complaint and evidenced by the document(s) attached to the Complaint will be assumed to be valid by the creditor's law firm unless the debtor, within thirty (30) days after the receipt of this notice, disputes *in writing* the validity of the debt or some portion thereof." *Id.* at 16 (emphasis added).

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 33. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each factual allegation above.
- 34. Defendant's Notice is based on a form or template (the "Template").

- 35. Defendant has served a notice based on the Template along with a lawsuit on more than forty (40) individuals in the State of Florida in the year prior to the filing of this action.
- 36. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated.

 Specifically, Plaintiff seeks to represent the following class:

All individuals in the State of Florida to whom Defendant served, within one year before the date of this complaint and in an attempt to collect a debt, a lawsuit and notice based on the Template.

- 37. The proposed class specifically excludes the United States of America, the State of Florida, counsel for the parties, the presiding United States District Court Judge, the Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the Justices of the United States Supreme Court, all officers and agents of Defendant, and all persons related to or within the third degree of consanguinity or affection to any of the foregoing persons.
 - 38. The class is averred to be so numerous that joinder of members is impracticable.
- 39. The exact number of class members is unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can be ascertained only through appropriate discovery.
- 40. The class is ascertainable in that the names and addresses of all class members can be identified in business records maintained by Defendant.
- 41. There exists a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved that affect the parties to be represented. These common questions of law and fact predominate over questions that may affect individual class members. Such issues include, but are not limited to: (a) the existence of Defendant's identical conduct particular to the

matters at issue; (b) Defendant's violations of 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.; (c) the availability of statutory penalties; and (d) attorney's fees and costs.

- 42. The claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the class he seeks to represent.
- 43. The claims of Plaintiff and of the class originate from the same conduct, practice, and procedure on the part of Defendant. Thus, if brought and prosecuted individually, the claims of each class member would require proof of the same material and substantive facts.
- 44. Plaintiff possesses the same interests and has suffered the same injuries as each class member. Plaintiff asserts identical claims and seeks identical relief on behalf of the unnamed class members.
- 45. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class and has no interest adverse to or which directly and irrevocably conflicts with the interests of other class members.
 - 46. Plaintiff is willing and prepared to serve this Court and the proposed class.
- 47. The interests of Plaintiff are co-extensive with and not antagonistic to those of the absent class members.
- 48. Plaintiff has retained the services of counsel who are experienced in consumer protection claims, as well as complex class action litigation, who will adequately prosecute this action, and who will assert, protect and otherwise represent Plaintiff and all absent class members.
- 49. Class certification is appropriate under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(1)(A) and 23(b)(1)(B). The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the class would, as

a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other members of the class who are not parties to the action or could substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.

- 50. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the class, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the parties opposing the class. Such incompatible standards of conduct and varying adjudications, on what would necessarily be the same essential facts, proof and legal theories, would also create and allow the existence of inconsistent and incompatible rights within the class.
- 51. Class certification is appropriate under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2) in that Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the class, making final declaratory or injunctive relief appropriate.
- 52. Class certification is appropriate under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3) in that the questions of law and fact that are common to members of the class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members.
- 53. Moreover, a class action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversies raised in this Complaint in that: (a) individual claims by the class members will be impracticable as the costs of pursuit would far exceed what any one plaintiff or class member has at stake; (b) as a result, very little litigation has been commenced over the controversies alleged in this Complaint and individual members are unlikely to have an interest in prosecuting and controlling separate individual actions; and (c) the concentration

of litigation of these claims in one forum will achieve efficiency and promote judicial economy.

COUNT I VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1692e

- 54. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the factual allegations at ¶¶ 10-32.
- 55. The FDCPA creates a broad, flexible prohibition against the use of misleading, deceptive, or false representations in the collection of debts. See 15 U.S.C. § 1692e; Hamilton v. United Healthcare of Louisiana, Inc., 310 F.3d 385, 392 (5th Cir. 2002) (citing legislative history reference to the FDCPA's general prohibitions which "will enable the courts, where appropriate, to proscribe other improper conduct which is not specifically addressed").
- 56. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e by using false, deceptive, or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of the Debt.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

- a) Determining that this action is a proper class action, certifying Plaintiff as a class representative under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and designating this Complaint the operable complaint for class purposes;
- b) Adjudging that Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e with respect to Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent;
- c) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- d) Awarding Plaintiff such additional damages as the Court may allow in the amount of \$1,000, pursuant to § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(i);

- e) Awarding all other class members such amount as the Court may allow, without regard to a minimum individual recovery, not to exceed the lesser of \$500,000 or one percent of the net worth of the debt collector, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(ii);
- f) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) and Rule 23;
- g) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, pre-judgment and postjudgment interest as permissible by law; and
- h) Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

COUNT II VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10)

- 57. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the factual allegations at ¶¶ 10-32.
- 58. Congress, recognizing that it would be impossible to foresee every type of deceptive collection misbehavior, expressly included in the FDCPA a catchall provision, prohibiting "[t]he use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt or to obtain information concerning a consumer." 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10).
- 59. The FDCPA is intended to be "comprehensive, in order to limit the opportunities for debt collectors to evade the under-lying legislative intention," and therefore the same conduct may violate multiple sections of the Act. Clark v. Capital Credit & Collection Servs., Inc., 460 F.3d 1162, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006) (citing FTC Official Staff Commentary on FDCPA, 53 Fed. Reg. 50097, 50101).

- 60. "[T]o send a consumer an unnecessary notice pursuant to § 1692g, during the pendency of a lawsuit, could confuse an unsophisticated consumer." Campbell v. Sansone Law, LLC, No. 4:16-CV-00175-NCC, 2016 WL 4089349, at *3-4 (E.D. Mo. Aug. 2, 2016) (citing Battle v. Gladstone Law Grp., P.A., 951 F. Supp. 2d 1310, 1315 (S.D. Fla. 2013) (finding plaintiff had sufficiently pled a § 1692e(10) violation because the "least sophisticated consumer" could be deceived or confused when the summons sets out a 20-day deadline to respond to the lawsuit and the notice provides for a 30-day deadline)).
- 61. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) by using false, deceptive, or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of the Debt.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

- a) Determining that this action is a proper class action, certifying Plaintiff as a class representative under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and designating this Complaint the operable complaint for class purposes;
- b) Adjudging that Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) with respect to Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent;
- c) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- d) Awarding Plaintiff such additional damages as the Court may allow in the amount of \$1,000, pursuant to § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(i);
- e) Awarding all other class members such amount as the Court may allow, without regard to a minimum individual recovery, not to exceed the lesser of \$500,000

- or one percent of the net worth of the debt collector, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(ii);
- f) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) and Rule 23;
- g) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, pre-judgment and postiudgment interest as permissible by law; and
- h) Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

COUNT III VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(11)

- 62. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the factual allegations at ¶¶ 10-19; 24; 26-27.
- 63. The FDCPA "provides a non-exhaustive list of conduct that is a violation of § 1692e, including: 'The failure to disclose in the initial . . . communication with the consumer . . . that the debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and that any information obtained will be used for that purpose." *Moritz v. Daniel N. Gordon, P.C.*, 895 F. Supp. 2d 1097, 1106 (W.D. Wash. 2012) (citing 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(11)).
- 64. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(11) by failing to disclose in its initial communication with Plaintiff that the communication was an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained would be used for that purpose.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

 a) Determining that this action is a proper class action, certifying Plaintiff as a class representative under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and designating this Complaint the operable complaint for class purposes;

- b) Adjudging that Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(11) with respect to Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent;
- c) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- d) Awarding Plaintiff such additional damages as the Court may allow in the amount of \$1,000, pursuant to § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(i);
- e) Awarding all other class members such amount as the Court may allow, without regard to a minimum individual recovery, not to exceed the lesser of \$500,000 or one percent of the net worth of the debt collector, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(ii);
- f) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) and Rule 23:
- g) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, pre-judgment and postjudgment interest as permissible by law; and
- h) Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

COUNT IV VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1)

- 65. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the factual allegations at ¶¶ 10-19; 21-22; 24; 28-31.
- 66. A key provision of the FDCPA is § 1692g, which requires a debt collector to send, within five days of its initial communication with a consumer, a written notice which provides information regarding the debt and informs the consumer of his or her right to dispute

the validity of the debt, and/or request the name and address of the original creditor, within 30 days of receipt of the notice. See 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a).

- 67. Congress adopted "the debt validation provisions of section 1692g" to guarantee that consumers would receive "adequate notice" of their rights under the FDCPA. Wilson v. Quadramed Corp., 225 F.3d 350, 354 (3d Cir. 2000) (citing Miller v. Payco-General Am. Credits, Inc., 943 F.2d 482, 484 (4th Cir. 1991)).
- 68. "It is not enough that the dunning letter state the amount of the debt that is due. It must state it clearly enough that the recipient is likely to understand it." Chuway v. Nat'l Action Fin. Servs., Inc., 362 F.3d 944, 948 (7th Cir. 2004).
- 69. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1) by failing to meaningfully convey the amount of the alleged debt to Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

- a) Determining that this action is a proper class action, certifying Plaintiff as a class representative under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and designating this Complaint the operable complaint for class purposes;
- b) Adjudging that Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1) with respect to Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent;
- c) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- d) Awarding Plaintiff such additional damages as the Court may allow in the amount of \$1,000, pursuant to § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(i);

- e) Awarding all other class members such amount as the Court may allow, without regard to a minimum individual recovery, not to exceed the lesser of \$500,000 or one percent of the net worth of the debt collector, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(ii);
- f) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) and Rule 23;
- g) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, pre-judgment and postjudgment interest as permissible by law; and
- h) Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

COUNT V VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3)

- 70. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the factual allegations at ¶¶ 10-19; 21-22; 24; 32.
- 71. "Sections 1692g(a)(4), 1692g(a)(5), and 1692g(b) explicitly require written communication, whereas section 1692g(a)(3) plainly does not." Clark v. Absolute Collection Service, Inc., 741 F.3d 487, 490 (4th Cir. 2014).
- 72. "The plain language of subsection (a)(3) indicates that disputes need not be made in writing" Camacho v. Bridgeport Fin. Inc., 430 F.3d 1078, 1082 (9th Cir. 2005).
- 73. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3) by failing to meaningfully convey to Plaintiff that unless Plaintiff disputes the validity of the alleged debt, or any portion thereof, within thirty days after receipt of the initial communication, the debt will be assumed valid by Defendant when stating that the dispute needs to be made in writing.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

- a) Determining that this action is a proper class action, certifying Plaintiff as a class representative under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and designating this Complaint the operable complaint for class purposes;
- b) Adjudging that Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1) with respect to Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent;
- c) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- d) Awarding Plaintiff such additional damages as the Court may allow in the amount of \$1,000, pursuant to § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(i);
- e) Awarding all other class members such amount as the Court may allow, without regard to a minimum individual recovery, not to exceed the lesser of \$500,000 or one percent of the net worth of the debt collector, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(ii);
- f) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) and Rule 23;
- g) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, pre-judgment and postjudgment interest as permissible by law; and
- h) Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

COUNT VI VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b)

74. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the factual allegations at ¶¶ 10-24.

- 75. To ensure debt collectors' notices meaningfully convey consumers' rights under § 1692g, Congress has further declared that "[a]ny collection activities and communication during the 30-day period may not overshadow or be inconsistent with the disclosure of the consumer's right to dispute the debt or request the name and address of the original creditor." *Id*.
- 76. "More importantly for present purposes, the notice must not be overshadowed or contradicted by accompanying messages from the debt collector." Caprio v. Healthcare Revenue Recovery Grp., LLC, 709 F.3d 142, 148-49 (3d Cir. 2013).
- 77. The notice of a consumer's rights under § 1692g may be "overshadowed" by language within the validation letter itself. *See Gostony v. Diem Corp.*, 320 F. Supp. 2d 932, 938 (D. Ariz. 2003) ("The juxtaposition of two inconsistent statements' renders the notice invalid under § 1692g.") (quotations removed).
- 78. "Cases in which courts have found violation of section 1692g address collection letters that demanded payment within a time period that was less than the statutory thirty day period to dispute the debt, that emphasized the duty to make the payment, and that obscured the fact that the debtor had thirty days to dispute the debt." Gesten v. Phelan Hallinan, PLC, 57 F. Supp. 3d 1381, 1387 (S.D. Fla. 2014) (quotations omitted).
- 79. If a debt collection letter "lacks any explanation of how the threats pressuring the consumer for immediate payment are consistent with the validation notice, the threats overshadow and contradict the notice, which therefore has not been effectively conveyed." Garcia-Contreras v. Brock & Scott, PLLC, 775 F. Supp. 2d 808, 819-20 (M.D.N.C. 2011).

- 80. While a debt collector may legally initiate legal action before the expiration of the 30-day period, a debt collection notice violates § 1692g where such threats would cause an unsophisticated consumer to overlook or ignore his or her rights.
- 81. Where a collection letter makes no effort to explain that the consumer may take advantage of his or her rights under § 1692g, notwithstanding the requirement to respond to a lawsuit within the 30-day dispute period, the debt collector runs the risk of violating § 1692g(b).
- 82. "Bartlett makes clear that although a debt collector has the right to sue a consumer during the statutory thirty-day period, it must tread carefully when leveraging this right in the initial collection letter to extract payment so as not to overshadow or contradict the consumer's validation rights." Garcia-Contreras v. Brock & Scott, PLLC, 775 F. Supp. 2d 808, 820–21 (M.D.N.C. 2011).
- 83. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b) by overshadowing or contradicting the disclosures required by to 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a) during the thirty-day dispute period.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

- a) Determining that this action is a proper class action, certifying Plaintiff as a class representative under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and designating this Complaint the operable complaint for class purposes;
- b) Adjudging that Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b) with respect to Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent;
- c) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);

d) Awarding Plaintiff such additional damages as the Court may allow in the amount of \$1,000, pursuant to § 1692k(a)(2)(B)(i);

e) Awarding all other class members such amount as the Court may allow, without

regard to a minimum individual recovery, not to exceed the lesser of \$500,000

or one percent of the net worth of the debt collector, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §

1692k(a)(2)(B)(ii);

f) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, reasonable attorneys'

fees and costs incurred in this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) and

Rule 23;

g) Awarding Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, pre-judgment and post-

judgment interest as permissible by law; and

h) Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

TRIAL BY JURY

84. Plaintiff is entitled to and hereby demands a trial by jury.

Dated: November 29, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT "A"

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE

COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2018-CC-13706

JASPER CONTRACTORS, INC.,

Plaintiff.

VS.

CLARK STEWART; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARK STEWART,

Defendant(s).

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF FLORIDA: To Each Sheriff of the State:

10/18/14 73 pm 10/18/14 73 pm YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to serve this summons and a copy of the complaint or petition in this action on defendant(s):

CLARK STEWART 424 E LAKESHORE DRIVE OCOEB, FLORIDA 34761

719 SW 75TH STREET, APT 103 **GAINESVILLE, FL 30607**

Each defendant is required to serve written defenses to the complaint or petition on Plaintiff's attorney:

JARED BLOCK, ESQ. FLORIDA COMMUNITY LAW GROUP, P.L. DESIGN CENTER OF THE AMERICAS 1855 GRIFFIN ROAD, SUITE A-423 DANIA BEACH, FL 33004

Within 20 days after service of this summons on that defendant, exclusive of the day of service, and to file the original of the defenses with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter. If a defendant fails to do so, a default will be entered against that defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said court on

October 15

, 2018.

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL Clerk of the Court s/ Dania Lopez, Deputy Clerk By: 2018,10.15 07:30:11 -04'00'

Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 310 Orlando, Florida 32801





24 E LAKE

IMPORTANT

A lawsuit has been filed against you. You have 20 calendar days after this summons is served on you to file a written response to the attached complaint with the clerk of this court. A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be filed if you want the court to hear your side of the case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may thereafter be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

If you choose to file a written response yourself, at the same time you file your written response to the court you must also mail or take a copy of your written response to the "Plaintiff/Plaintiff's Attorney" named in the documents.

IMPORTANTE

Usted ha sido demandado legalmente. Tiene 20 dias, contados a partir del recibo de esta notificacion, para contestar la demanda adjunta, por escrito, y presentarla ante este tribunal. Una llamada telefonica no lo protegera. Si usted desea que el tribunal considere su defensa, debe presentar su respuesta por escrito, incluyendo el numero del caso y los nombres de las partes interesadas. Si usted no contesta la demanda a tiempo, pudiese perder el caso y podria ser despojado de sus ingresos y propiedades, o privado de sus derechos, sin previo aviso del tribunal. Existen otros requisitos legales. Si lo desea, puede usted consultar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a una de las oficinas de asistencia legal que aparecen en la guia telefonica.

Si desea responder a la demanda por su cuenta, al mismo tiempo en que presenta su respuesta ante el tribunal, debera usted enviar por correo o entregar una copia de su respuesta a la persona denominada abajo como "Plaintiff/Plaintiff's Attorney" (Demandante o Abogado del Demandante).

IMPORTANT

Des poursuites judiciares ont ete entreprises contre vous. Vous avez 20 jours consecutifs a partir de la date de l'assignation de cette citation pour deposer une reponse ecrite a la plainte ci-jointe aupres de ce tribunal. Un simple coup de telephone est insuffisant pour vous proteger. Vous etes obliges de deposer votre reponse ecrite, avec mention du numero de dossier ci-dessus et du nom des parties nommees ici, si vous souhaitez que le tribunal entende votre cause. Si vous ne deposez pas votre reponse ecrite dans le relai requis, vous risquez de perdre la cause ainsi que votre salaire, votre argent, et vos biens peuvent etre saisis par la suite, sans aucun preavis ulterieur du tribunal. Il y a d'autres obligations juridiques et vous pouvez requerir les services immediats d'un avocat. Si vous ne connaissez pas d'avocat, vous pourriez telephoner a un service de reference d'avocats ou a un bureau d'assistance juridique (figurant a l'annuaire de telephones).

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/s/ Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

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/s/ Belvin Perry, Jr.
Juez Principal, Noveno Circuito Judicial

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, I'LORIDA

CASE NO. 2018 - CC-13700

JASPER CONTRACTORS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CLARK STEWART; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARK STEWART,

Defendant(s).		

NOTICE OF LIS PENDENS

TO: Defendant(s) CLARK STEWART; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARK STEWART, and all others whom it may concern:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED of the institution of this action by the Plaintiff against you, seeking foreclosure on the following described real property located in ORANGE County, Florida:

LOT 98, LAKE SHORE GARDENS- FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 108, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

DATED on October 10, 2018.

Florida Community Law Group, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff
Design Center of the Americas
1855 Griffin Rd., Suite A-423
Dania Beach, FL 33004
Tel: (954) 372-5298
Fax: (866) 424-5348
Email: jared@flclg.com

By: /s/ Jared Block, Esq.

Jared Block, Esq.

Florida Bar No.: 90297

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CASENO. 2018-00-13700

JASPER CONTRACTORS, INC.,

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CLARK STEWART; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARK STEWART,

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COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, the Plaintiff, JASPER CONTRACTORS, INC. ("Plaintiff"), and sucs

Defendant(s), CLARK STEWART; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARK STEWART, ("Defendant"), and
alleges the following:

BACKGROUND ALLEGATIONS

- This is an action for money damages and foreclosure of a construction lien in an amount less than \$15,000.00, exclusive of interest, costs and attorney's fees.
- 2. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff regularly conducted business in ORANGE County, Florida.
- Venue and jurisdiction are proper in ORANGE County, Florida because the contract, which is the
 basis of this lawsuit, was executed in ORANGE County, Florida and because the subject property
 is located in ORANGE County, Florida.
- 4. All conditions precedent to bringing this action have been performed or have been waived.
- 5. At all times material hereto, Defendants were the owners of the following described real property in ORANGE County, Florida:

424 E LAKESHORE DRIVE, OCOEE, FLORIDA 34761 (the "Property").

COUNT I - BREACH OF CONTRACT

6. Plaintiff re-alleges and re-incorporates paragraphs 1 through 5 by this reference.

- 7. Plaintiff entered into a written contract (the "Contract") with Defendant whereby Plaintiff agreed to provide materials and/or perform services on the property in exchange for payment. (A true and correct copy of the Contract is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".)
- 8. Defendant breached the Contract by failing to render payment to Plaintiff purstant to the terms of the Contract.
- 9. As a direct and foreseeable result of Defendant's breach, Plaintiff has suffered monetary damages in the amount of \$3,290.97 exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- 10. Plaintiff has agreed to pay undersigned counsel a reasonable fee in connection with this lawsuit.

 WHEREFORE, JASPER CONTRACTORS, INC. prays this Honorable Court will grant
 judgment in against CLARK STEWART and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARK STEWART for
 monetary damages, interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees, and any other relief deemed just and
 proper.

COUNT II - FORECLOSURE OF LIEN

- 11. Plaintiff re-alleges and re-incorporates paragraphs 1 through 5 by this reference.
- 12. This is an action to foreclose a construction lien in an amount less than \$15,000.00, exclusive of interest, costs, and attornoy's fees.
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- 14. Plaintiff first furnished services and/or materials on or around February 7, 2018.
- 15. Plaintiff furnished the last of its services and/or materials on February 7, 2018.
- 16. Based on the work performed, Plaintiff is owed \$3,290.97, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- 17. Although Plaintiff fulfilled its obligations under the Contract, and Defendant receives the benefits of Plaintiff's services and/or materials, Defendant has fuiled or refused to pay the amounts due Plaintiff under the Contract.

18. Plaintiff recorded its Claim of Lien within 90 days of its last date of services. (A true and correct copy of the recorded Claim of Lien is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".)

19. Plaintiff served its Final Payment Affidavit upon Defendant on or around September 14, 2018.

(A true and correct copy of the Final Payment Affidavit is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".)

20. Plaintiff has been forced to retain the services of counsel, has agreed to pay counsel a reasonable fee in connection with this lawsuit.

21. Plaintiff seeks to recover its reasonable attorney's fee pursuant to the Contract and Section 713,29, Florida Statutes.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests the following relief:

(a) For the Court to recognize Plaintiff's Claim of Lien as valid in the amount found to be due, plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees;

(b) For the Court to enter a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for the amount found to be due, plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees;

(c) For the Court to order the property be sold to pay Plaintiff's claim;

(d) To the extent that the proceeds of the sale are not sufficient to satisfy Plaintiff's entire claim, for the Court to enter a deficiency judgment against Defendants; and

(e) For the Court to grant any further relief deemed just and proper.

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By: /s/ Jared Block, Esq.

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FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS' CONSTRUCTION RECOVERY FUND

PAYMENT, UP TO A LIMITED AMOUNT, MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM THE FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS'

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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY INCENSING BOARDAY THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS.

Construction Industry Licensing Board-2601 Bisirstone Road, Tallahussoe, FL 32399-1039, (850) 487-1395
CANCELLATION If Owner elected to derive the derives of Jusper, Owner may do so before midnight on the third business day after Contract is executed. Owner shall receive a fell refund of all deposits. Owner may also rescind Contract before midnight on the third business day after the conficue is executed after application from insurer(s) third the ciaim for payment on read conficue has the third business day after the conficue is executed after application from insurer(s) third the ciaim for payment on read conficuents of the businessed or delivered to Jusper's been denied, in whole or in part. All written notices of concellation, regardless of reason, slind be postmarked or delivered to Jusper's corporate office: 1990 Roberts Businessed, Suite 112, Kennesses, GA 10144. CANCELLATION EXCEPTIONS: The three (3) day right of cancellation DOES SOF APPLY to contracts for emergency busine repairs as time tool the orange.

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Authorized Jasper Representative Date

Owner Dufe

Please return to:

Jasper Contractors, Inc.
Prepared By: Renee Van Tassell
1690 Roberts Blvd., Suite 112
Kennesaw, GA 30144
(p) 770-701-2731
(f) 404-418-7998

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Rec Fee: \$18.50
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Phil Diamond, Comptroller
Orange County, FL
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WARNING!

THIS LEGAL DOCUMENT REFLECTS THAT A CONSTRUCTION LIEN HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE REAL PROPERTY LISTED HEREIN. UNLESS THE OWNER OF SUCH PROPERTY TAKES ACTION TO SHORTEN THE TIME PERIOD, THIS LIEN MAY REMAIN VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF RECORDING, AND SHALL EXPIRE AND BECOME NULL AND VOID THEREAFTER UNLESS LEGAL PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN COMMENCED TO FORECLOSE OR TO DISCHARGE THIS LIEN.

CLAIM OF LIEN

State of FLORIDA County of ORANGE

Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Renee Van Tassell, who was duly sworn and says that she or he is the agent of the lienor, Jasper Contractors, Inc., herein, whose address is 1690 Roberts Blvd., Suite 112, Kennesaw, GA 30144; and that in accordance with a contract with Clark Stewart, lienor furnished labor, services, and/or materials consisting of a full roof replacement on the following described real property in Orange County, Florida:

Commonly known as: 424 E Lakeshore Dr Ocoes, Fl 34761

Legal Description of Real Property LAKE SHORE GARDENS FIRST ADD 4/108

LOT 98 PARCEL #: 20-22-28-4825-00-980

owned by Clark Stewart of a total value of \$14,416.25, of which there remains unpaid \$3,290.97, and furnished the first of the items on 7th day of February, 2018, and the last of the items on 7th day of February, 2018.

EXHIBIT "B"

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Signature Date

Rence Van Tassoll
Printed Name

State of Georgia }
}ss
County of Cobb }

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 4th of May, 2018, by Renee Van Tassell of Jasper Contactors, Inc., an Indiana corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Personally Known
Produced Identification

Type and # of ID

(Signature Notary)

Name of Notary Typed, Stamped or

Printed)

Notary Public, State of Georgia

פורים כפרד סססם סייבם שנמי

CONTRACTOR'S FINAL PAYMENT AFFIDAVIT 424 EAST LAKESHORE DR., OCOEE, FL 34761

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF COBB

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Rence Van Tassell who, after being first duly swein, deposes and says of his or her personal knowledge the following:

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- 4. All work in he performed under the contract has been folly completed; and all lienors under the direct contract have been paid in full, except the following listed linners: N/A

Signed, scaled, and its livered this 14th day of September, 2018, FURTHER AFFIANT BAYETH NAUGHT

For Jasper Contractors, Inc.

September 14, 2018 Date

Swamtd and subscribed before me this 14th day of September 2018 by Renee Van Tessell. With IXI is personally known.

Notary Public



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/s/ Frederick J. Lauten
Chief Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

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Representantes de el Programa de Mediacion de Ejecuciónes Hipotecarias de la Asociación del Colegio de Abogados del Condado de Orange tambien tratarán de contactarlo vía teléfono o correo. El dueño de la propiedad será responsable de pagar un cargo de \$250.00 por la mediación, para participar en este programa y atender la sesión. Para participar en mediación, usted tendrá que proveer información financiera al Gerente del Programa, para que esta sea enviada al prestamista. Usted podra hablar con alguien de la Asociación del Colegio de Abogados del Condado de Orange sobre las opciones de su mediación y preguntarle del proceso sin costo adicional.

EL GERENTE DEL PROGRAMA LE EXPLICARÁ MAS DEL PROGRAMA DE MEDIACIÓN CUANDO USTED LLAME. COMO ESTA DICHO EN SU DEMANDA, USTED O SU ABOGADO TIENEN 20 DÍAS PARA ARCHIVAR EN LA CORTE UNA RESPUESTA A LA DEMANDA DE LA EJECUCIÓN HIPOTECARIA REGISTRADO CONTRA USTED. USTED O SU ABOGADO NECESITARÁN ENVIARLE UNA COPIA DE SU RESPUESTA AL ABOGADO DEL DEMANDANTE. USTED TENDRÁ QUE ARCHIVAR UNA RESPUESTA A LA DENUNCIA DENTRO DE LA FECHA DE VENCIMIENTO SI DESEA PARTICIPAR EN MEDIACIÓN, SI USTED FALLA EN RESPONDER A TIEMPO A LA DENUNCIA UN FALLO DE INCUMPLIMIENTO PUEDE SER REGISTRADO CONTRA USTED. NO PODRÁ SOLICITAR UNA MEDIACIÓN DE NINGUNA MANERA AL NO HABER RESPONDIDO A LA DEMANDA A TIEMPO.

/s/ Frederick J. Lauten
Juez Principal, Noveno Circuito Judicial

NOTICE REQUIRED BY THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT ("THE ACT") 15 U.S.C. SECTION 1601, AS AMENDED

- 1. This law firm may be deemed a "debt collector" under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

 Any and all information obtained during the prosecution of this lawsuit may be used for all purposes of collecting a debt.
- 1. The amount of the debt is stated in paragraph 9 of the Complaint attached hereto.
- 2. The plaintiff as named in the attached Complaint is the creditor to whom the debt is owed, or is the authorized agent of the creditor to whom the debt is owed. The undersigned attorney represents the interests of the plaintiff.
- 3. The debt described in the Complaint and evidenced by the document(s) attached to the Complaint will be assumed to be valid by the creditor's law firm unless the debtor, within thirty (30) days after the receipt of this notice, disputes in writing the validity of the debt or some portion thereof.
- 4. If the debtor notifies the creditor's law firm in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this notice that the debt or any portion thereof is disputed, the creditor's law firm will obtain a verification of the debt and a copy of the verification will be mailed to the debtor by the creditor's law firm.
- 5. If the creditor named as the plaintiff in the attached Complaint is not the original creditor and if the debtor makes a written request to the creditor's law firm within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this notice, the address of the original creditor will be mailed to the debtor by the creditor's law firm.
- 6. Written requests should be addressed to:

JARED BLOCK, ESQ.
FLORIDA COMMUNITY LAW GROUP, P.L.
DESIGN CENTER OF THE AMERICAS
1855 GRIFFIN ROAD, SUITE A-423
DANIA BEACH, FL 33004

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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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(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Orange (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)				County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.				
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, A Alex D. Weisberg, Weisbe 5846 S. Flamingo Road, (954) 337-1885	era Consumer Law Gro	up, P.A.		Attorneys (If Known				
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