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PORTLAND NEWS

#### Man sues Verizon when his intimate photos show up on stranger's phone

Updated Feb 14, 9:18 PM; Posted Feb 14, 7:59 PM



(The Associated Press/File)



By Everton Bailey Jr., ebailey@oregonian.com The Oregonian/OregonLive



### Announcements

**Debtor-Creditor Saturday Session** February 24 – 9am to 12pm Salem Convention Center

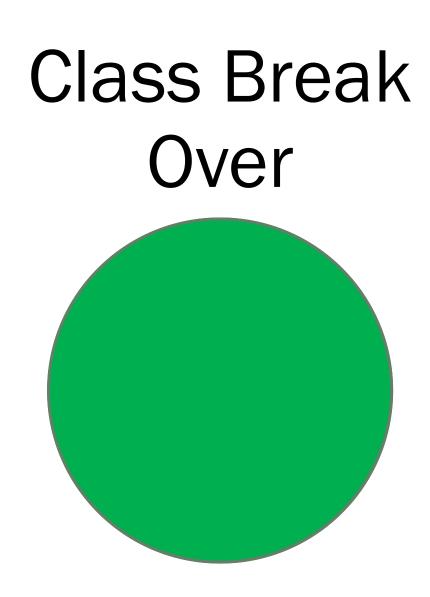
OTLA Consumer Section Meeting March 12 – 12pm to 1pm Downtown OTLA Office

FBA Lunch CLE – Judge Anna Brown March 15 –12pm to 1pm Portland Federal Courthouse



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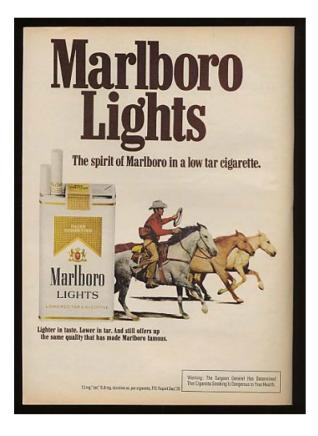


# **Unlawful Trade Practices Act**

"What a plaintiff must prove is that (1) the defendant committed an **unlawful trade practice**; (2) plaintiff suffered an ascertainable **loss of money** or property; and (3) plaintiff's injury (ascertainable loss) was the **result** of the unlawful trade practice."

Pearson v. Philip Morris, Inc., 358 Or. 88, 127 (2015)





#### According to Pearson, what is the basis of the "diminished value theory"?

None of the below

The product is worth less than what the customer paid for it

The customer would not have made the purchase without the misrepresentation

The defendant committed a fraud on the marketplace

#### According to Pearson, what is the basis of the purchase price refund theory?

the consumer didn't receive what they thought they were buying

The consumer received no benefit from the product they bought

The consumer could have bought a similar product for less money

The consumer paid more than they intended to

	regon Supreme Court identify as the plaintiff's tainable loss?
The tent plaintiff received had less value because it was missing a flap and eaves	
The tent plaintiff received would have cost more if it had a flap and eaves	
Plaintiff had no use for a tent without a flap and eaves	
None of the above	

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### ORS 646.608 – "The Laundry List"

#### 2015 ORS 646.6081

Additional unlawful business, trade practices

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Text News Annotations Related Statutes

- (1) A person engages in an unlawful practice if in the course of the person's business, vocation or occupation the person does any of the following:
  - (a) Passes off real estate, goods or services as the real estate, goods or services of another.
  - (b) Causes likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of real estate, goods or services.
  - (c) Causes likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding as to affiliation, connection, or association with, or certification by, another.
  - (d) Uses deceptive representations or designations of geographic origin in connection with real estate, goods or services.
  - (e) Represents that real estate, goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, quantities or qualities that the real estate, goods or services do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, qualification, affiliation, or connection that the person does not have.
  - (f) Represents that real estate or goods are original or new if the real estate or goods are deteriorated, altered, reconditioned, reclaimed, used or secondhand.
  - (g) Represents that real estate, goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that real estate or goods are of a particular style or model, if the real estate, goods or services are of another.

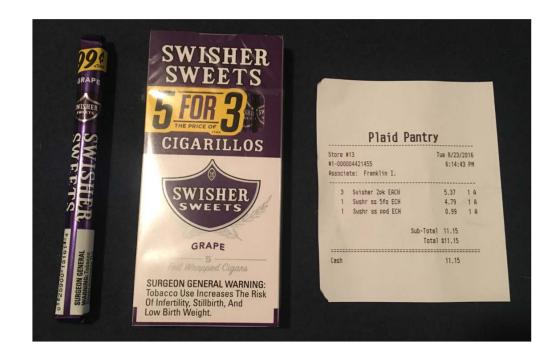
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# **Unlawful Trade Practices Act**

# **Portland**Tribune

#### Portland's Latest News



March 10, 2017

#### Coconut water - minus the coconut - leads to federal lawsuit

by Kevin Harden

Attorneys say Washington's Unique Beverage Co. used 'puffery' and 'deceit' to entice unsuspecting consumers. Friday, March 10, 2017





# ORS 646.608(1)(f)

(f) Represents that real estate or goods are original or new if the real estate or goods are deteriorated, altered, reconditioned, reclaimed, used or secondhand.

# ORS 646.608(1)(s)

(s) Makes false or misleading representations of fact concerning the offering price of, or the person's cost for real estate, goods or services.

# ORS 646.608(1)(j)

(j) Makes false or misleading representations of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions.

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# ORS 646.608(1)(i)

(i) Advertises real estate, goods or services with intent not to provide the real estate, goods or services as advertised, or with intent not to supply reasonably expectable public demand, unless the advertisement discloses a limitation of quantity.

#### **Unlawful Trade Practices Act**

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Eric Olsen, Oregon Bar No. 783261 Lead Attorney for Plaintiff David Johnson, Oregon Bar No. 123553 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff OlsenDaines, P. C. US Bancorp Tower 111 SW 5th Ave., 31st Fl. Portland, Oregon 97204 djohnson@olsendaines.com Phone 503-3862-3933

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

PORTLAND DIVISION

MICHAEL FULLER, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Case No. 3:15-cv-688

Plaintiff,

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATION COMPLAINT

Unfair Trade Practices ORS 646.605 et seq.

COMCAST OF CALIFORNIA/ COLORADO/FLORIDA/OREGON, INC., Demand for Jury Trial a Georgia corporation,

v.

Defendant.

#### 1.

#### JURISDICTION AND THE PARTIES

This Court has jurisdiction over this civil action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because

true diversity of citizenship exists between the parties and the amount in controversy exceeds

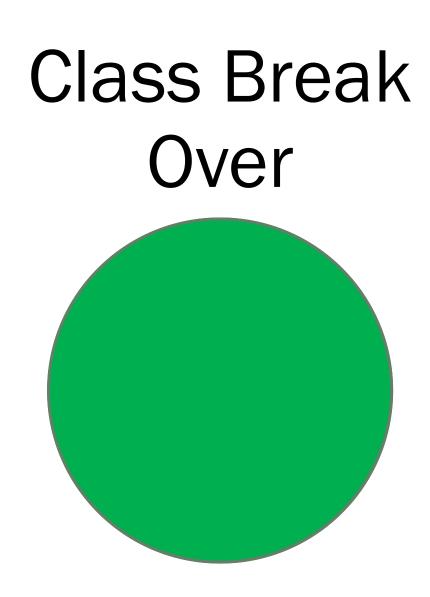
\$75,000, including class statutory damages, punitive damages, attorney fees and costs.

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# Fair Credit Reporting Act

PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION	CLAIM ELEMENTS	DAMAGES	ATTORNEY FEES	STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS
15 U.S.C. § 1681n, o	<ol> <li>Failure of a furnisher or CRA to properly reinvestigate</li> <li>After a consumer</li> <li>Sends notice of a dispute to a CRA</li> </ol>	Actual or statutory damages, punitive damages	Prevailing plaintiff	Two years*



# Fair Credit Reporting Act Private Right of Action

- Duties of CRAs and furnishers to reinvestigate after a consumer sends notice of dispute to a CRA are enforceable by private right of action and federal or state agencies. 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b).
- General duties regarding the initial furnishing of accurate credit information are only enforceable by federal or state agencies. 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(a), (c).



### Fair Credit Reporting Act Claim Elements

- Within 5 business days after receiving a dispute, a CRA must provide all relevant information regarding the dispute (an "ACDV form") to the furnisher. 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(2).
- If a CRA determines a dispute is frivolous, it must notify the consumer within 5 business days. 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(3).
- Within 30 days after receiving a dispute, CRAs and furnishers must investigate, review all relevant information, and delete any incorrect credit information. 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b); i(a). Gorman v. Wolpoff & Abramson, LLP, 584 F.3d 1147 (9th Cir. 2009).
- A CRA must provide reinvestigation results to a consumer within 5 business days. 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(6).



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# **Credit Report Form**

#### (a) Free annual disclosure

... All consumer reporting agencies ... shall make all disclosures pursuant to section 1681g of this title once during any **12-month period** upon request of the consumer and **without charge** to the consumer.

15 U.S.C. § 1681j

www.AnnualCreditReport.com

# **Credit Dispute Letter**

September 20, 2015	
Equifax PO Box 740241	
Atlanta, GA 30374	
RE: FCRA Credit	Report Dispute Letter
Ladies and Gentleme	en,
	information referenced below because [the debt was included ccount belongs to someone else, the balance is incorrect, etc.]:
Account No.: XXXXX Original Creditor: Ca	XX1234 Ipital Chase Bank, N.A.
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Thank you.	
John Q. Public	
Full Legal Name:	John Quincy Public
Social Security No.: Date of Birth:	555-55-5555 01-01-1962
Current Address:	5678 Consumer Drive, Portland, OR 97204
Current Phone No.:	555-555-5555

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# **Damages Chart**

CONSUMER LAW	STATUTORY AUTHORITY	EMOTIONAL HARM	ECONOMIC LOSS	STATUTORY DAMAGES	PUNITIVE DAMAGES
UTPA	ORS 646.638				
FCRA	15 U.S.C. § 1681n				
FDCPA	15 U.S.C. § 1692k				
TCPA	47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)				
ORLTA	ORS 90 et seq.				

# Fair Credit Reporting Act Damages

- The FCRA provides for actual damages, \$1,000 statutory damages, punitive damages, and attorney fees. 15 U.S.C. § 1681n,o.
- The most important factor in determining a reasonable amount of punitive damages is the degree of reprehensibility of the defendant's conduct. BMW v. Gore, 517 U.S. 559, 575 (1996).
- An \$18.4 million punitive damages award in light of \$180,000 actual damages was reduced to \$1.62 million under the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment's due process clause. *Miller v. Equifax*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 69450 (D. Or. May 20, 2014).



# **Fee Shifting Chart**

CONSUMER LAW	STATUTORY AUTHORITY	AMERICAN RULE	PREVAILING PLAINTIFF	PREVAILING PARTY
UTPA	ORS 646.638(3)			
FCRA	15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(2)			
FDCPA	15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3)			
ТСРА	47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)			
ORLTA	ORS 90.255			

### Fair Credit Reporting Act Attorney Fees

- Unlike the American rule, a prevailing plaintiff under the FCRA may recover reasonable attorney fees and costs. 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(3), o(a)(2).
- A defendant may only recover its fees in a FCRA claim as sanctions, or after successfully responding to a complaint or motion filed in bad faith or for purposes of harassment. FRCP 11, FRCP 37, 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(b), o(b).
- A reasonable fee award under the FCRA is based on the lodestar method, which takes into account the time expended and hourly rate. Camacho v. Bridgeport Fin., Inc., 523 F.3d 973 (9th Cir. 2008).



### **Statute of Limitations Chart**

CONSUMER LAW	STATUTORY AUTHORITY	ONE YEAR	TWO YEARS	THREE YEARS	FOUR YEARS
UTPA	ORS 646.638				
FCRA	15 U.S.C. § 1681n		*		
FDCPA	15 U.S.C. § 1692k				
TCPA	28 U.S.C. § 1658				
ORLTA	ORS 90 et seq.				

### Fair Credit Reporting Act Statute of Limitations

The statute of limitations under the FCRA expires the earlier of 2 years after the date of discovery by the plaintiff of the violation that is the basis for such liability; or 5 years after the date on which the violation that is the basis for such liability occurs. 15 U.S.C. § 1681p.



### **FCRA Complaint**

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MATTHEW SPONER,	Cas	se No. 3:17-cv-20	035			
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v.	151	U.S.C. § 1681 et	seq.			
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SERVICES LLC and WELLS FARGO BANK N.A.,	Der	mand for Jury Ti	rial			
Defendants.						
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Case 3:17-cv-02035-HZ Document 1 Filed 12/22/17 Page 2 of 8 1. JURISDICTION AND THE PARTIES This Court has jurisdiction under 15 U.S.C. § 1681p. 2. Plaintiff Matthew Sponer is an individual living in Multnomah County, Oregon and a "consumer" as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) at 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c). 3. Defendant Equifax Information Services, LLC (Equifax) is a Georgia limited liability company and a consumer reporting agency as defined by the FCRA at 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(f). 4. Defendant Wells Fargo Bank N.A. (Wells Fargo) is a national association bank and a person who furnishes information to consumer reporting agencies under the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2. 5. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS This complaint's allegations are based on personal knowledge as to plaintiff's conduct, and made on information and belief as to the acts of others. COMPLAINT - Page 2 of 8

### **FCRA Complaint**

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In October 2016, plaintiff became aware he had been the victim of identity theft. The identity thief was ultimately tracked down by the police, prosecuted by the district attorney, and plead guilty.

6.

#### 7.

Plaintiff's identity thief used plaintiff's information to create a fraudulent credit account with Wells Fargo Dealer Service (the "Wells Fargo account") while plaintiff was traveling outside the country. Wells Fargo furnished false information pertaining to the fraudulent Wells Fargo account to Equifax.

#### 8.

Equifax prepared and issued consumer credit reports concerning plaintiff that included inaccurate information, including reporting the fraudulent Wells Fargo account with a balance and an amount past due.

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In October 2016, plaintiff began notifying Equifax and Wells Fargo that he was a victim of identity theft that resulted in the opening of a fraudulent Wells Fargo account and that he disputed the accuracy of the fraudulent Wells Fargo account on his credit report. Equifax refused to delete or block the Wells Fargo account from plaintiff's report. Case 3:17-cv-02035-HZ Document 1 Filed 12/22/17 Page 4 of 8

#### 10.

Equifax notified Wells Fargo of plaintiff's disputes of the fraudulent account. Wells Fargo knew the Wells Fargo account on plaintiff's report was fraudulent but did not tell Equifax to remove the account from plaintiff's report.

#### 11.

#### CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

Claim One against Equifax

#### Negligent Noncompliance with the FCRA

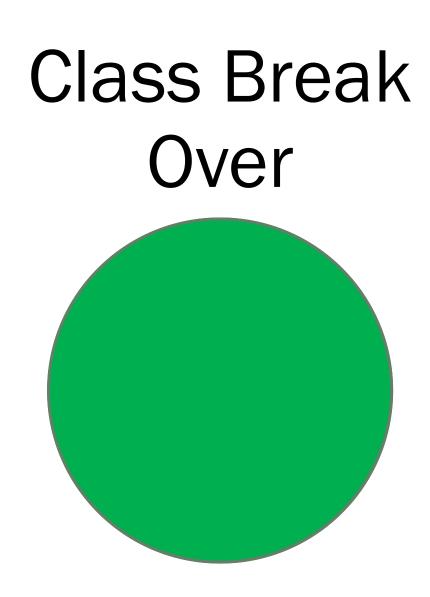
Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1 though 10. Equifax negligently failed to comply with the requirements of the FCRA. As a result of Equifax's failure to comply with the requirements of the FCRA, plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer, actual damages, including economic loss, lost opportunity to receive credit, damage to reputation, emotional distress and interference with plaintiff's normal and usual activities for which plaintiff seeks compensation in an amount to be determined by the jury.

12.

Plaintiff requests reimbursement for his attorney fees under 15 U.S.C.  $\$  16810(a).

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#### Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins

Supreme Court of the United States November 2, 2015, Argued; May 16, 2016, Decided

No. 13-1339

136 S. Ct. 1540 \*: 194 L. Ed. 2d 635 \*\*: 2016 U.S. LEXIS 3046 \*\*\*: 84 U.S.L.W. 4263: 100 Empl. Prac. Dec. (CCH) P45 556; 26 Fla. L. Weekly Fed. S 128

Overview

Outcome

Concurrence: 1 Dissent

#### SPOKEO, INC., Petitioner v. THOMAS ROBINS

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Subsequent History: As Revised May 24, 2016.

On remand at, Motion granted by, in part, Motion denied by, in part Robins v. Spokeo, Inc., 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 22052 (9th Cir. Cal., June 20, 2016)

Decision reached on appeal by, On remand at, Remanded by Robins v. Spokeo, Inc., 2017 U.S. App. LEXIS 15211 (9th Cir., Aug. 15, 2017)

Prior History: [\*\*\*1] ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO LexisNexis® Headnotes THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

#### Robins v. Spokeo, Inc., 742 F.3d 409, 2014 U.S. App. LEXIS 2136 (9th Cir. Cal., Feb. 4, 2014)

Disposition: Vacated and remanded.

#### **Core Terms**

concrete, consumer, injury in fact, requirements, rights, particularized, vindicate, courts, private right, individualized private plaintiff, public right, consumer report, statutory right, injury-in-fact, injuries, limitations, cases, consumer reporting agency, internal quotation marks, standing doctrine, legal right, Common-law, incorrect, confer, procedural violation, reasonable procedure, credit reporting, standing to sue, judicial power

#### **Case Summary**

HOLDINGS: [1]-The injury-in-fact requirement for standing

under Article III of the Constitution required a plaintiff to

allege an injury that was both concrete and particularized; [2]-

In the action under the Fair Credit Reporting Act of 1970, the

appellate court's standing analysis was incomplete because it

failed to fully appreciate the distinction between concreteness

and particularization, and it did not address whether the

particular procedural violations alleged in the case entailed a

degree of risk sufficient to meet the concreteness requirement.

Judgment vacated. Case remanded. 6-2 Decision; 1

Civil Procedure > ... > Justiciability > Standing > Injury in Fact

Constitutional Law > ... > Case or Controversy > Standing > Elements

#### HNI

The injury-in-fact requirement for standing requires a plaintiff to allege an injury that is both concrete and particularized.

Constitutional Law > The Judiciary > Case or Controversy

Constitutional Law > Congressional Duties & Powers

Constitutional Law > The Presidency

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#### 136 S. Ct. 1540, \*1540; 194 L. Ed. 2d 635, \*\*635; 2016 U.S. LEXIS 3046, \*\*\*1

Constitutional Law > The Judiciary

#### HN2[ ] The Judiciary, Case or Controversy

The Constitution confers limited authority on each branch of the Federal Government. It vests Congress with enumerated legislative Powers, U.S. Const. art. I, § 1; it confers upon the President the executive Power, U.S. Const. art. II, § 1, cl. 1; and it endows the federal courts with the judicial Power of the United States, U.S. Const. art. III, § 1. In order to remain faithful to this tripartite structure, the power of the Federal Indiciary may not be permitted to intrude upon the powers given to the other branches. Although the Constitution does not fully explain what is meant by "the indicial Power of the United States," U.S. Const. art. III, § 1, it does specify that this power extends only to "Cases" and "Controversies," U.S. Const. art. III, § 2. And no principle is more fundamental to the judiciary's proper role in the United States' system of government than the constitutional limitation of federal-court jurisdiction to actual cases or controversies.

#### Civil Procedure > ... > Justiciability > Standing > Burdens of

Proof

Constitutional Law > ... > Case or Controversy > Standing > Elements

Constitutional Law > The Judiciary > Case or Controversy > Standing

Civil Procedure > ... > Pleadings > Complaints > Requirements for Complaint

#### HN3[] Standing, Burdens of Proof

Standing to sue is a doctrine rooted in the traditional understanding of a case or controversy. The doctrine developed in the U.S. Supreme Court's case law to ensure that federal courts do not exceed their authority as it has been traditionally understood. The doctrine limits the category of litigants empowered to maintain a lawsuit in federal court to seek redress for a legal wrong. In this way, the law of Article III of the Constitution standing serves to prevent the judicial process from being used to usurp the powers of the political branches, and confines the federal courts to a properly judicial role. Cases have established that the irreducible constitutional minimum of standing consists of three elements. The plaintiff must have (1) suffered an injury in fact, (2) that is fairly traceable to the challenged conduct of the defendant, and (3) that is likely to be redressed by a favorable judicial decision.

The plaintiff, as the party invoking federal jurisdiction, bears the burden of establishing these elements. Where a case is at the pleading stage, the plaintiff must clearly allege facts demonstrating each element.

Civil Procedure > ... > Justiciability > Standing > Injury in Fact

Constitutional Law > ... > Case or Controversy > Standing > Elements

Civil Procedure > ... > Class Actions > Class Members > Named Members

HN4[1] Standing, Injury in Fact

That a suit may be a class action adds nothing to the question of standing, for even named plaintiffs who represent a class must allege and show that they personally have been injured, not that injury has been suffered by other, unidentified members of the class to which they belong.

Civil Procedure > ... > Justiciability > Standing > Injury in Fact

Constitutional Law > ... > Case or Controversy > Standing > Elements

HN5[]] Standing, Injury in Fact

Injury in fact is the first and foremost of standing's three elements. Injury in fact is a constitutional requirement, and it is settled that Congress cannot erase Article III of the Constitution's standing requirements by statutorily granting the right to sue to a plaintiff who would not otherwise have tanding. To establish injury in fact, a plaintiff must show that he or she suffered an invasion of a legally protected interest that is concrete and particularized and actual or imminent, not onjectural or hypothetical.

Civil Procedure > ... > Justiciability > Standing > Injury in Fact

Constitutional Law > ... > Case or Controversy > Standing > Elements

HN6[]] Standing, Injury in Fact

In the context of standing, for an injury to be "particularized,"

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### Spokeo v. Robins Factual Background

- Spokeo operates a "people search engine"
- Spokeo falsely reported that Thomas Robins was married with children, in his 50's, employed, was relatively affluent, and held a graduate degree
- Thomas Robins filed a federal FCRA class action lawsuit against Spokeo



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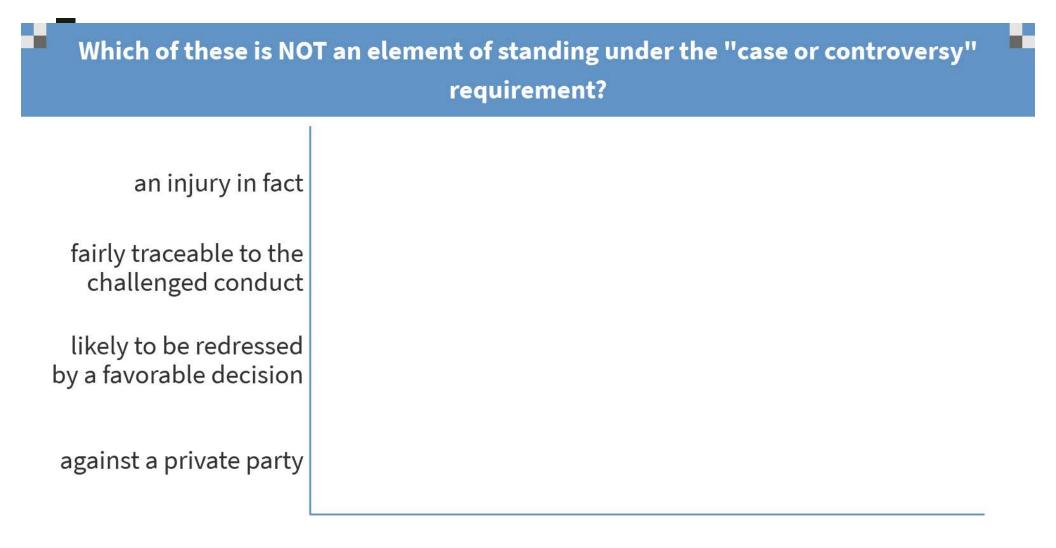
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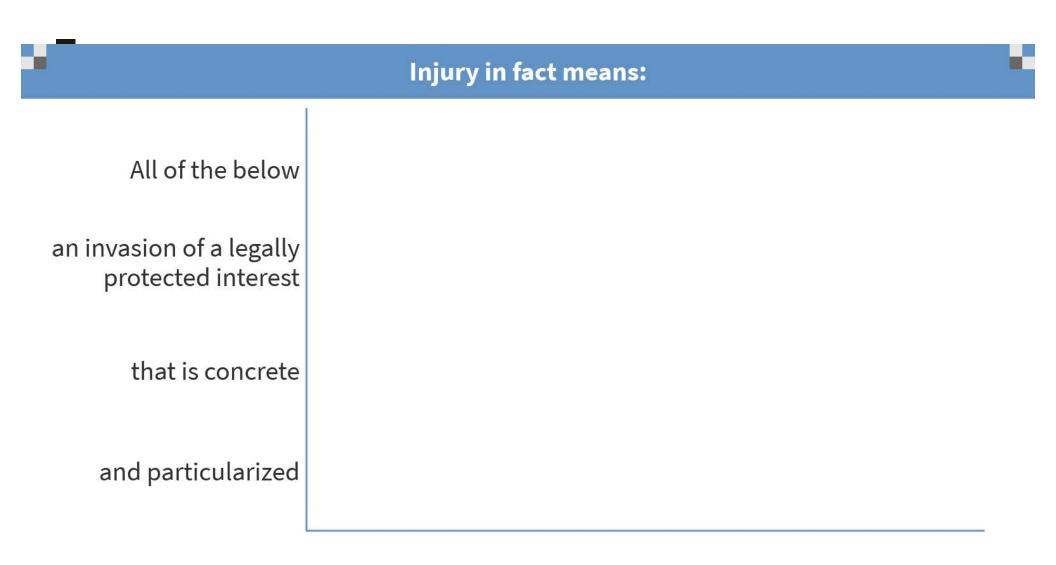
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### **Injury in fact means:**



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### **Particularized** means:



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able to cause ascertainable economic loss

it must affect the plaintiff in a personal way

it must affect the plaintiff in an individual way

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### **Concrete** means:

#### **Concrete means:**

All of the below

real, not abstract

tangible or intangible

harm traditionally regarded as a basis for a lawsuit

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#### HN5[1] Standing, Injury in Fact

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#### **COMPARE**

#### HN8[ Standing, Injury in Fact

In the context of standing, "concrete" is not necessarily synonymous with "tangible." Although tangible injuries are perhaps easier to recognize, the U.S. Supreme Court has confirmed in many of its previous cases that intangible injuries can nevertheless be concrete. In determining whether an intangible harm constitutes injury in fact, both history and the judgment of Congress play important roles. Because the doctrine of standing derives from the case-or-controversy requirement, and because that requirement in turn is grounded in historical practice, it is instructive to consider whether an alleged intangible harm has a close relationship to a harm that has traditionally been regarded as providing a basis for a lawsuit in English or American courts. In addition, because Congress is well positioned to identify intangible harms that meet minimum Article III of the Constitution requirements, its judgment is also instructive and important. Thus, Congress may elevate to the status of legally cognizable injuries concrete, de facto injuries that were previously inadequate in law. Congress has the power to define injuries and articulate chains of causation that will give rise to a case or controversy where none existed before.

#### **<u>HN9</u>**[**±**] Standing, Injury in Fact

Congress' role in identifying and elevating intangible harms does not mean that a plaintiff automatically satisfies the injury-in-fact requirement whenever a statute grants a person a statutory right and purports to authorize that person to sue to vindicate that right. Article III standing requires a concrete injury even in the context of a statutory violation. For that reason, a plaintiff could not, for example, allege a bare procedural violation, divorced from any concrete harm, and satisfy the injury-in-fact requirement of Article III of the Constitution. This does not mean, however, that the risk of real harm cannot satisfy the requirement of concreteness. For example, the law has long permitted recovery by certain tort victims even if their harms may be difficult to prove or measure. Just as the common law permitted suit in such instances, the violation of a procedural right granted by statute can be sufficient in some circumstances to constitute injury in fact. In other words, a plaintiff in such a case need not allege any additional harm beyond the one Congress has identified.

#### **ANALYSIS**

In the context of this particular case, these general principles tell us two things: On the one hand, Congress plainly sought to curb the dissemination of false information by adopting procedures designed to decrease that risk. On the other hand, Robins cannot satisfy the demands of Article III by alleging a bare procedural violation. A violation of one of the *FCRA's* procedural requirements [\*\*\*18] may result in no harm. For example, even if a consumer reporting agency fails to provide the required notice to a user of the agency's consumer information, that information regardless may be entirely accurate. In addition, not all inaccuracies cause harm or present any material risk of harm. An example that comes readily to mind is an incorrect zip code. It is difficult to imagine how the dissemination of an incorrect zip code, without more, could work any concrete harm.<sup>8</sup>

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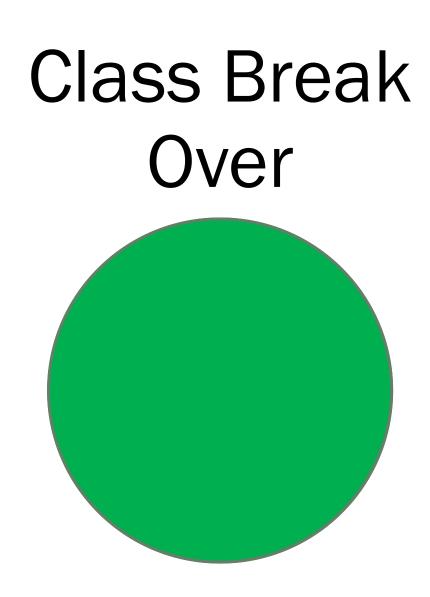
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PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION	CLAIM ELEMENTS	DAMAGES	ATTORNEY FEES	STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS
15 U.S.C. § 1692k	<ul> <li>(1) consumer</li> <li>(2) consumer debt</li> <li>(3) debt collector</li> <li>(4) violation</li> </ul>	Actual and statutory damages	Prevailing plaintiff	One year

"A debt collector may not engage in any conduct the natural consequence of which is to **harass, oppress, or abuse** any person in connection with the collection of a debt."

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- 15 U.S.C. § 1692d

"A debt collector may not use any **false**, **deceptive**, or **misleading** representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt."



- 15 U.S.C. § 1692e

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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#### PORTLAND DIVISION

Jeremy Estrella, a consumer residing in Oregon, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated. Case No. 3:17-cv-117 CLASS ACTION ALLEGATION COMPLAINT

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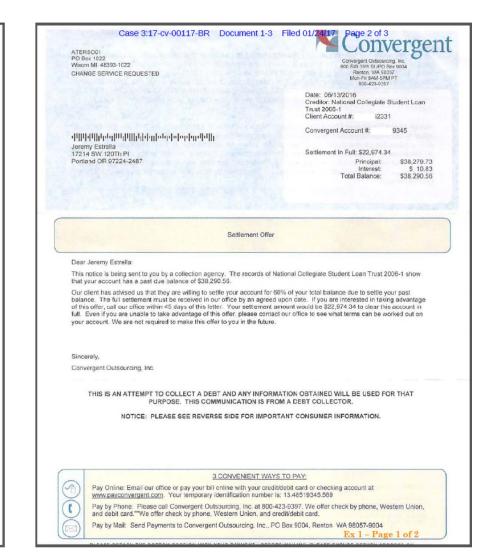
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Defendant.

Plaintiff,

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATION COMPLAINT - Page 1 of 21



"A debt collector may not use **unfair or unconscionable** means to collect or attempt to collect any debt."

- 15 U.S.C. § 1692f



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DISTRICT OF OREGON

PORTLAND DIVISION

TARA BOWMAN, a consumer residing in Oregon, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

v.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATION COMPLAINT

15 U.S.C. § 1692k

Case No. 3:17-cv-1092

Demand for Jury Trial

TODD, BREMER & LAWSON, INC., a foreign debt collector for Portland State University,

Defendant.

Plaintiff,

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### Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Private Right of Action

- A private right of action exists for any violation of the FDCPA. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.
- The FDCPA is a strict liability statute, making "debt collectors liable for violations that are not knowing or intentional." *Reichert v. Nat'l Credit Sys., Inc.*, 531 F.3d 1002, 1005 (9th Cir. 2008).



### Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Private Right of Action (cont.)

A collector is not liable for violations that were "not intentional and resulted from a bona fide error notwithstanding the maintenance of procedures reasonably adapted to avoid any such error." 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(c).



### **FDCPA Elements**

#### A "consumer"

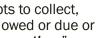
"The term 'consumer' means any natural person obligated or allegedly obligated to pay any debt."



§ 1692a(3)

#### A "debt collector"

"The term 'debt collector' means any person who uses any instrumentality of interstate commerce or the mails in any business the *principal purpose* of which is the collection of any debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another."



§ 1692a(6)

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#### A "consumer debt"

"The term 'debt' means any obligation or alleged obligation of a consumer to pay money arising out of a transaction ... for personal, family or household purposes."



§ 1692a(5)

#### A "violation"

Any abusive practice, false representation, or unfair practice.

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# **Damages Chart**

CONSUMER LAW	STATUTORY AUTHORITY	EMOTIONAL HARM	ECONOMIC LOSS	STATUTORY DAMAGES	PUNITIVE DAMAGES
UTPA	ORS 646.638				
FCRA	15 U.S.C. § 1681n				
FDCPA	15 U.S.C. § 1692k				
TCPA	47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)				
ORLTA	ORS 90 et seq.				

# Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Damages

- Consumers may recover actual damages and up to \$1,000 statutory damages. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1), (2)(A).
- No punitive damages are available under the FDCPA.
   15 U.S.C. § 1692k.



# **Fee Shifting Chart**

CONSUMER LAW	STATUTORY AUTHORITY	AMERICAN RULE	PREVAILING PLAINTIFF	PREVAILING PARTY
UTPA	ORS 646.638(3)			
FCRA	15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(2)			
FDCPA	15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3)			
ТСРА	47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)			
ORLTA	ORS 90.255			

### Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Attorney Fees

- Unlike the American rule, a prevailing plaintiff under the FDCPA may recover reasonable attorney fees and costs at trial and on appeal. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3).
- A defendant may only recover its fees in a FDCPA claim as sanctions, or after successfully defending an action brought in bad faith or for purposes of harassment. FRCP 11, FRCP 37, 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3).
- A reasonable fee award under the UTPA is based on the loadstar method, which takes into account the time expended and hourly rate. Camacho v. Bridgeport Fin., Inc., 523 F.3d 973 (9th Cir. 2008).



# **Statute of Limitations Chart**

CONSUMER LAW	STATUTORY AUTHORITY	ONE YEAR	TWO YEARS	THREE YEARS	FOUR YEARS
UTPA	ORS 646.638				
FCRA	15 U.S.C. § 1681n		*		
FDCPA	15 U.S.C. § 1692k				
TCPA	28 U.S.C. § 1658				
ORLTA	ORS 90 et seq.				

### Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Statute of Limitations

 Actions brought under the FDCPA must be commenced within one year after discovery of the violation. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).



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#### The FDCPA defines a debt collector as:

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any person who uses the mails in any business the principal purpose of which is the collection of any debts

any person who regularly collects debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another



# Why did the US Supreme Court reason that Santander was NOT a debt collector?

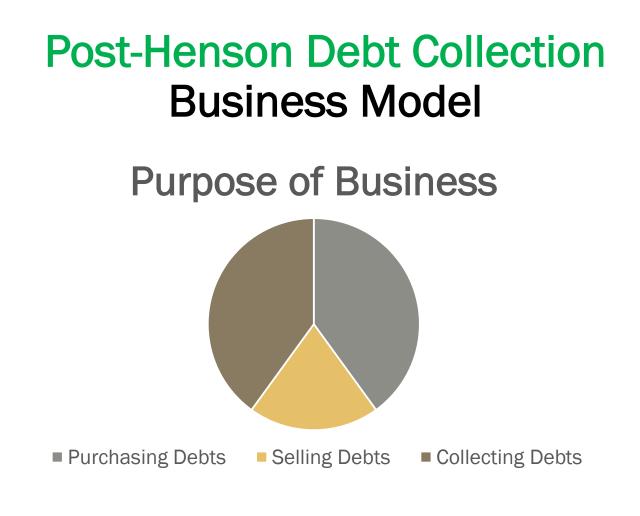
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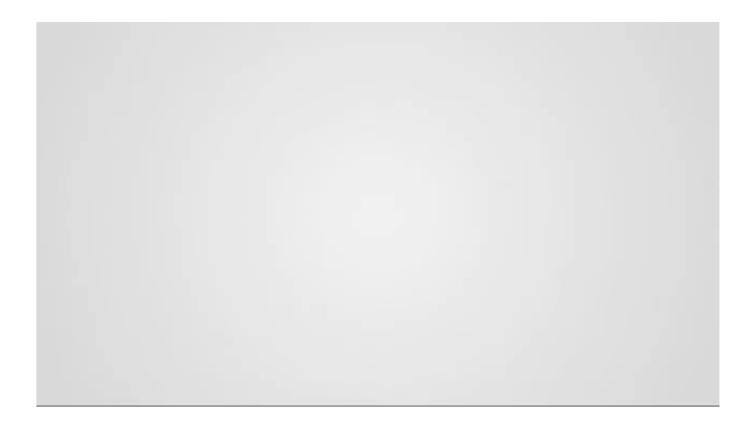
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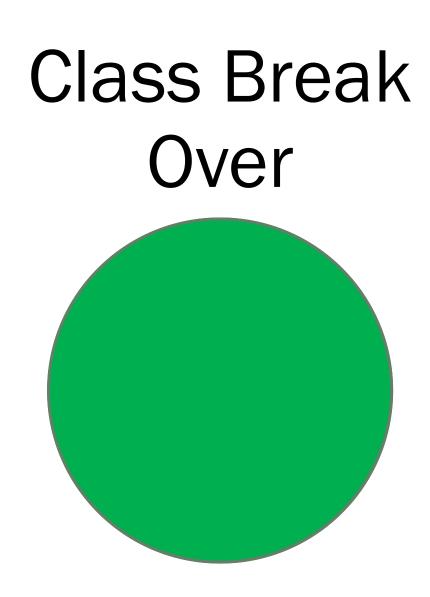
The FDCPA focuses on third party collection agents, not debt owners

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# **Collection Communications**

- No collection calls before 9am or after 8pm
- No collection calls or letters to consumers represented by an attorney
- No collection calls or letters at work if prohibited by a consumer's employer
- No collection calls or letters to third parties except to verify location information
- No collection calls or letters after a consumer asks to be left alone in writing



15 U.S.C. § 1692c

### Validation of debts

In its initial communication (or within five days), a collector must send written notice of the amount of debt, the creditor name, and the right to request verification of debt.

If the consumer requests validation in writing within 30 days, **collections must stop** until the debt is verified.

KEEP KEEP CALM AND VALIDATE

15 U.S.C. § 1692g

### **Multiple debts**

If a consumer owes multiple debts, a collector can't apply payments to disputed debts and **must apply payments as the consumer requests**.

15 U.S.C. § 1692h



# Lawsuits by collectors

Foreclosures must be filed where the real property is located and collection lawsuits must be filed where the consumers **lives or signed** the contract.

15 U.S.C. § 1692i

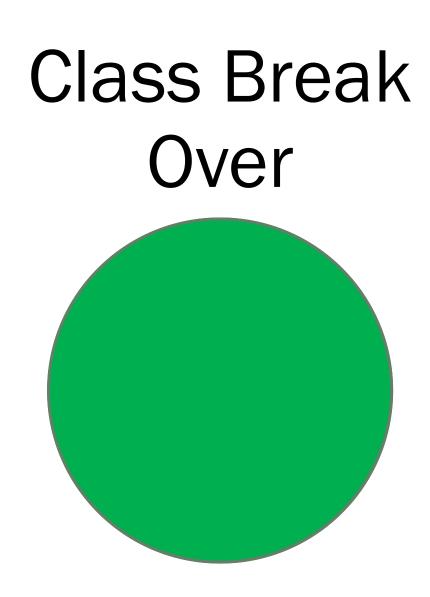


#### **Deceptive forms**

Collectors can't give consumers forms to create the false belief that a third party is participating in the collection of any debt.

15 U.S.C. § 1692j





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## The Automatic Stay

The automatic stay protects debtors from all acts to collect debt that arose before the commencement of a bankruptcy case.

- 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)



# The Automatic Stay Private Right of Action

- Any individual may bring a private right of action for any willful violation of the automatic stay for actual damages, punitive damages, and attorney fees. 11 U.S.C. § 362(k).
- Willful means a party (1) had notice of the stay and (2) intended conduct that violated the stay. In re Pinkstaff, 974 F.2d 113, 115 (9th Cir. 1992).



### The Automatic Stay Claim Elements

- A notice of bankruptcy constitutes notice of the automatic stay. In re Ramirez, 183 B.R. 583, 589 (9th Cir. BAP 1995).
- A "good faith belief" that the stay is not being violated is not relevant to whether a collection attempt is intentional or whether compensation "must be awarded." In re Campion, 294 B.R. 313, 316 (9th Cir. BAP 2003).



# Rivera v LVNV Funding LLC et al.

Jose Loreto Echeagaray Rivera,

Plaintiff,

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LVNV Funding LLC, Johnson Mark LLC, Onemain Financial, Inc., Accounts Receivable, Inc., Michael Borge, American Express Co., GC Services LP, FIA Card Services, NA, Bank of America Corp., First Source Advantage, LLC, FMA Alliance, LLC, Macy's Corporate Services, Inc., Department Stores National Bank, Capital Management Services, LP, CitiFinancial, Inc., LTD Financial Services LP, and United Recovery Systems,

Defendants.

# Case Background

- Mexican immigrant
- Spoke broken English
- Used an ITIN to obtain credit in the 1990's
- Later assigned a different SSN in the 2000's
- aka Loreto Echeagaray aka Rivera J. Echeagaray
- Multiple calls a day to collect debt he didn't owe
- Credit ruined by false derogatory reporting
- Owed \$7,800 at 25% interest on a \$400 pickup
- Worked full time in a factory to support his family
- Contemplated suicide due to his financial nightmare
- Advised to file bankruptcy in November 2012



# 2012 Bankruptcy Filing

Case 12-38328-elp7 Doc 1 Filed 11/02/12

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MICHAEL R FULLER

December 7, 2012

9415 SE STARK ST STE 207 PORTLAND, OR 97216

CURRENT BALANCE

RE: L/VV Funding LLC vs JOSE L ECHEAGARAY RIVERA REFERENCE NUMBER: 5121075030880962 **JM NUMBER: 484331** 

Dear MICHAEL R FULLER:

The current balance as stated above consists of the following:

Judgment Amount:	\$4,214.18
Post Judgment Costs:	\$28.60
Post Judgment Interest:	\$104.41
Post Judgment Payments:	\$1,244.19
Current Balance	\$3,103.00

As of the date of this letter, your client owes the current balance shown above. Because of accruing interest, if any, the account balance may vary from that shown above. For an updated current balance, please contact us. Online payments can be made at payjrm.com.

Please call Johnson Mark, LLC at 888-599-6333 ext. 5700 to discuss this matter further or to make payment and/or settlement arrangements.

Sincerely,

JOHNSON MARK LLC

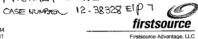
This communication is from a debt collector. Federal and State law prohibit certain methods of debt collection and require that we treat you fairly. Please view our website



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#### MICHAEL FULLER

Statement Date: 05-09-13 Creditor: FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A. Our Reference # 51757494 Original Account #: XXXXXXXXXXXXX1584 Current Account #: XXXXXXXXXXXXX3931 Account Balance: \$5,468,99



205 Bryant Woods South, Amherst, NY 14228 1-866-697-4095

#### Dear Rivera J Echeagaray:

This account has been placed with our office for collection in order to resolve your delinquent debt. Please enclose your payment in the envelope provided and make your check or money order payable to Firstsource Advantage, LLC.

Should you wish to speak to a representative concerning your account you may contact this office toil free at 1-866-697-4095. Please refer to the account number indicated above

This is a communication from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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#### Sincerely.

Firstsource Advantage, LLC A Professional Debt Recovery Agency

This account is issued and administered by FIA Card Services, N.A.

#### Customer Service and Payment Information

- 遼 Telephone: Toll free: 1-866-697-4095 慕 TTY / TDD Users: 1-800-362-1220
- ⑦ Office Hours (Eastern Time): Monday Friday 8am-9pm, Saturday 8am-1pm.
- Send correspondence to: Firstsource Advantage, LLC, 205 Bryant Woods South, Amherst, NY 14228

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CASE NUMBER 12-38328 ETP 7

Bank of America 🖤

RIVERA J ECHEAGARAY 16400 NE LAS BRISAS CT APT 13 PORTLAND, OR 97230-5080

April 17, 2013

Regarding account number ending in: XXXXXXXXXXXXX1584

#### Dear Rivera J Echeagaray:

This is our final letter to you regarding the above referenced account before it will be charged off. If your account is charged off, you will still be responsible for this debt and we may continue to pursue collection efforts.

Please contact us toll-free at 1.800.242.2379 and schedule a payment before 11 p.m. Eastern on April 29, 2013 to prevent this from happening. Additionally, please contact us before this date if you plan to make your payment at a banking center or online at bankofamerica.com.

Our knowledgeable associates are ready to assist you Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to midnight, Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. East-ern. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bank of America

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FILE NUMBER: 1824749

January 8, 2013 File

File Number: 1824749 Client Account Number: ENDING 31004

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Sincerely,

P. CORBETT Account Representative

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CREDITOR:	7322 Southwest Freeway Suite 1600 Houston, TX 77074-2053
DEPARTMENT STORE NATIONAL BAY	IK MON thru THU 8:00A.M. until 9:00P.M. CT
MACY'S	FRI 8:00A.M. until 5:00P.M. CT
CREDITOR ACCOUNT #:	SAT 8:00A.M. until 12:00 Noon CT
XXXXXXX5485	Toli Free: 1-800-741-2100
LTD REF NO: DS2 018243870	Phone: (713) 773-3100
BALANCE: \$1,708.60	Fax: (713) 414-2126

Dear Rivera Echeagaray,

August 8, 2013

Your account with the above named creditor has been placed with LTD Financial Services, L.P., a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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

You may call this office to discuss this debt at 1-800-741-2100. Please refer to the reference number above.

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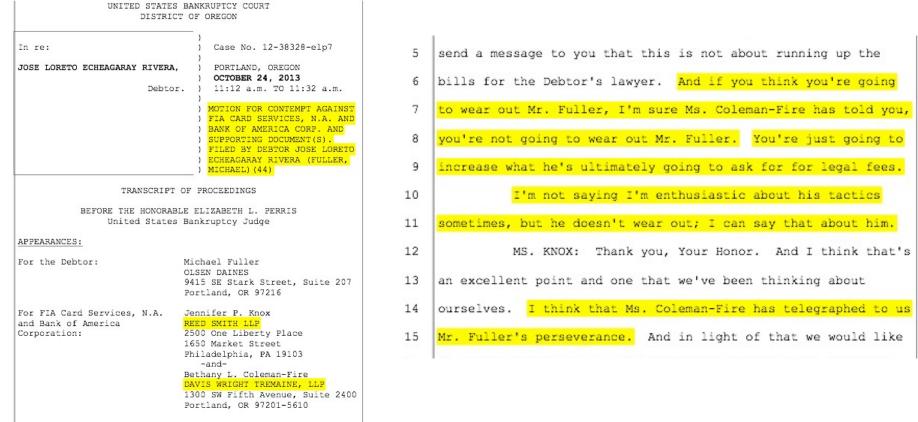
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# **2013 Bankruptcy Litigation**

- Fourteen federal court lawsuits
- Five motions for contempt
- 8 subpoenas to third party collection agencies
- 5,000+ pages of document production requests
- 500+ requests for admission
- 25+ motions, briefs, etc.
- 50+ hearings, conferences, etc.



# 2013 Hearing Transcript



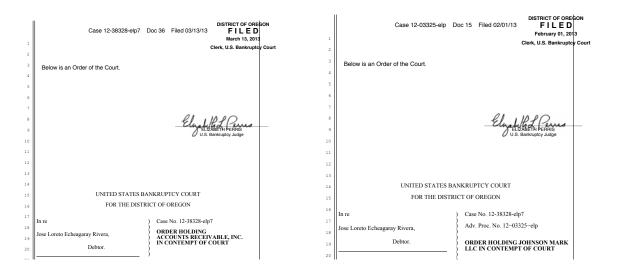
# The Automatic Stay

The stay imposes **"an affirmative duty"** on creditors to discontinue all collections upon learning about bankruptcy. *Eskanos & Adler, P.C. v. Leetien,* 309 F.3d 1210, 1216 (9th Cir. 2002).



# 2013 Results

- Two orders of contempt + title to car
- Sixteen confidential settlements
- Over \$200,000 settlement proceeds







## **December 2015 Collection Letter**

2016-01-04 12:42 MF 698 1/2 SOUTH OGDEN STREET BUFFALO, NY 14206-2317

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CASE NUMBER 12.38328 EIPT

Reference# 099996464

 Rivera Echeagaray 16400 NE LAS BRISAS CT APT 13 PORTLAND, OR 97230-5080 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LP

698 1/2 South Ogden Street Bullalo, NY 14206-2317 Office Hours: M-F 8 am - 9 pm ET Sat 8 am - 1 pm ET Toll Free: 1-877-211-9175, Fax: 716-512-6046

Original Creditor: (DSNB) Department Store National Bank Current Creditor; (DSNB) Department Store National Bank Description: Macy's Account #: XXXXXXXXX4850 AMOUN'T ENCLOSED: Amount of Debt: S1708.60

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TOP PORTION WITH PAYMENT TO ADDRESS LISTED BELOW

Dear Rivera Echeagaray:

December 04, 2015

This company has been engaged by Macy's to resolve your delinquent debt of \$1708.60.

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

You may contact Capital Management Services, LP. at 698 1/2 South Ogden Street, Buffalo, NY 14206-2317 or call 1-877-211-9175 Mon. through Fri. 8 am to 9 pm ET, Sat. 8 am to 1 pm ET. Please submit your payment and make your check or money order payable to DSNB to the address listed below. Payments and correspondence should be mailed to: Capital Management Services, LP, P.O. Box 120, Buffalo, NY 14220-0120. Overnight deliveries should be addressed to: Capital Management Services, LP, 698 1/2 South Ogden Street, Buffalo, NY 14206-2317. You may also make payments online at: www.cms-trans.com.

This is an attempt to collect a debt; any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This communication is from a debt collector.

## Motion for Contempt against Macy's, CitiFinancial, and DSNB + FDCPA class action against Capital Management

#### Michael Fuller, Oregon Bar No. 09357 Special Counsel for Debtor Olsen Daines PC US Bancorp Tower 111 SW 5th Ave., 31st Fl. Portland, Oregon 97204 michael@underdoglawyer.com Direct 503-201-4570

#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

#### In re

Jose Loreto Echeagaray Rivera aka Loreto Echeagaray aka Rivera J. Echeagaray

Debtor.

#### Case No. 12-38328-tmb7

DEBTOR'S MOTION FOR ORDER OF CONTEMPT AND JUDGMENT AGAINST MACY'S CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.

Discharge Injunction Violation

Oral Argument Requested

Evidentiary Hearing Requested

#### MOTION

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 524 and this Court's inherent power, debtor moves for an order of contempt and judgment against Macy's Corporate Services, Inc. ("creditor") based on clear and convincing evidence that after receiving notice of the discharge order, creditor continued to demand payment of its pre-petition debt from debtor, and repeatedly engaged various collectors to harass debtor with demand letters. [Ex. 1]

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#### FW: Jose Loreto Echeagaray Rivera 1 message

White, Katherine M <katherine.m.white@citi.com> To: "michael@underdoglawyer.com" <michael@underdoglawyer.com> Tue, Feb 16, 2016 at 5:17 AM

2/16/16 - confidential settlement communications

Mr. Fuller – I have not yet been able to fully connect with Capital Management. In the interests of resolving this before I have to retain Kathy Salyer, I think I can get \$25,000 for a global settlement if the attached proposed settlement agreement will work.

Please let me know. Thanks, Katherine

Katherine M. White

Assistant General Counsel

Consumer Litigation

Citibank, N.A.

14000 Citi Cards Way, C1-B236

Jacksonville, FL 32258

904-954-2739 - Ph 904-954-8716 - Fax

248-808-4110 - Mobile

katherine.m.white@citi.com

From: White, Katherine M [LEGL] Sent: Monday, February 15, 2016 12:14 PM To: 'michael@underdoglawyer.com' Subject: Jose Loreto Echeagaray

2/15/16

Mr. Fuller – I just left you a v/m to discuss the above matter and the 2/23/16 show cause hearing involving Macy's. Citibank's subsidiary issues Macy's credit cards. Please call so that we can discuss this matter. Thank



# The Discharge Order

The discharge order protects debtors from all acts to collect debt as a personal liability that arose before the commencement of a bankruptcy case.

- 11 U.S.C. § 524(a)



# The Discharge Order Motion for Contempt

- Debtors must enforce discharge orders by filing motions for contempt. Walls v. Wells Fargo, 276 F.3d 502, 506-07 (9th Cir. 2002).
- Aggrieved debtors are entitled to actual damages, attorney fees, and mild sanctions under § 524. In re Marino, 2017 Bankr. LEXIS 4400 (9th Cir. BAP 2017).



# The Discharge Order Contempt Elements

- Contempt requires proof that a party (1) had knowledge of a bankruptcy court order and (2) intended conduct that violated the order. In re ZiLOG, Inc., 450 F.3d 996, 1007 (9th Cir. 2006).
- Contempt must be proved with clear and convincing evidence. In re Bennett, 298 F.3d 1059, 1069 (9th Cir. 2002).







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