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Grand Rapids, MI (May 15, 2012) – The following statistics are provided courtesy of WebRecon LLC.

**FDCPA and Other Consumer Lawsuit Statistics, April 16-30, 2012**

**Quick analysis:**

FDCPA litigation had a strong rebound the second half of April, though it is still marginally below YTD 2011. FCRA and TCPA continue to show extraordinary growth over YTD 2011, while Truth in Lending continues to lag significantly.

<b>Comparisons:</b>	<b>Current Period</b>	<b>Previous Period</b>		<b>Previous Year Comp</b>	
	<i>April 16 - 30, 2012</i>	<i>April 1 - 15, 2012</i>		<i>April 16 - 30, 2011</i>	
<b>FDCPA lawsuits</b>	550	460	19.6%	491	12.0%
<b>FCRA lawsuits</b>	81	78	3.8%	59	37.3%
<b>TCPA lawsuits</b>	41	43	-4.7%	21	95.2%
<b>TILA lawsuits</b>	31	33	-6.1%	51	-39.2%
<b>YTD FDCPA lawsuits</b>	3659			3767	-2.9%
<b>YTD FCRA lawsuits</b>	749			443	69.1%
<b>YTD TCPA lawsuits</b>	341			185	84.3%
<b>YTD TILA lawsuits</b>	296			435	-32.0%

**Full Statistics:**

There were about 617 lawsuits filed under consumer statutes in the second half of April 2012. Here is an approximate breakdown:

- 550 FDCPA
- 81 FCRA
- 41 TCPA
- 31 TILA

**Summary:**

- Of those cases, there were about 699 unique plaintiffs (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit).
- Of those plaintiffs, about 224, or 33%, had sued under consumer statutes before.
- Combined, those plaintiffs have filed about 1291 lawsuits since 2001
- Actions were filed in 115 different US District Court branches.
- About 718 different collection firms and creditors were sued.

**The top courts where lawsuits were filed:**

- 41 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Eastern District Court - Philadelphia
- 40 Lawsuits: Illinois Northern District Court - Chicago
- 36 Lawsuits: Minnesota District Court - Dmn
- 35 Lawsuits: California Central District Court - Western Division - Los Angeles
- 30 Lawsuits: New York Eastern District Court - Brooklyn
- 29 Lawsuits: Colorado District Court - Denver

- 19 Lawsuits: New York Southern District Court - Foley Square
- 19 Lawsuits: California Southern District Court - San Diego
- 19 Lawsuits: California Northern District Court - San Francisco
- 14 Lawsuits: New York Western District Court - Buffalo

**The most active consumer attorneys were:**

- Representing 29 Consumers: Richard David Faulkner
- Representing 21 Consumers: Craig T Kimmel
- Representing 20 Consumers: David R Skinner
- Representing 15 Consumers: Mark L Vavreck
- Representing 14 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 14 Consumers: Dennis R Kurz
- Representing 13 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 11 Consumers: Gregory J Gorski
- Representing 11 Consumers: Adam J Fishbein
- Representing 10 Consumers: Mary E Philipps

**Statistics Year to Date:**

**4171 total lawsuits for 2012, including:**

- 3659 FDCPA
- 749 FCRA
- 341 TCPA
- 296 TILA

**Number of Unique Plaintiffs:** 4285 (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit)

**The most active consumer attorneys of the year:**

- Representing 110 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 106 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 102 Consumers: Craig T Kimmel
- Representing 78 Consumers: David J Philipps
- Representing 64 Consumers: Dennis R Kurz

*About WebRecon LLC: Creditors and collection firms use WebRecon's services to easily segregate predictably litigious consumers from their databases. A significant percentage of consumer litigation is initiated by the same consumers over and over again, and screening them out of the general population can reduce lawsuits significantly.*

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