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Grand Rapids, MI (May 30, 2012) – The following statistics are provided courtesy of WebRecon LLC.

**FDCPA and Other Consumer Lawsuit Statistics, May 1-15, 2012**

**Quick analysis:** FDCPA lawsuits continue their struggle to keep pace with last year, while FCRA and TCPA continue strong growth over previous years. It is beginning to look like FDCPA litigation may have peaked in 2011 for the time being, though a few more months of analysis will provide a stronger basis for that theory.

<b>Comparisons:</b>	<b>Current Period</b>	<b>Previous Period</b>		<b>Previous Year Comp</b>	
	<i>May 1 - 15, 2012</i>	<i>April 16 - 30, 2012</i>		<i>May 1 - 15, 2011</i>	
<b>FDCPA lawsuits</b>	443	550	-19.50%	532	-16.70%
<b>FCRA lawsuits</b>	109	81	34.60%	46	137.00%
<b>TCPA lawsuits</b>	42	41	2.40%	13	223.10%
<b>TILA lawsuits</b>	23	31	-25.80%	86	-73.30%
<b>YTD FDCPA lawsuits</b>	4102			4299	-4.60%
<b>YTD FCRA lawsuits</b>	857			489	75.30%
<b>YTD TCPA lawsuits</b>	383			198	93.40%
<b>YTD TILA lawsuits</b>	319			521	-38.80%

**Full Statistics:** There were about 526 lawsuits filed under consumer statutes in the first half of May 2012. Here is an approximate breakdown:

- 443 FDCPA
- 109 FCRA
- 42 TCPA
- 23 TILA

**Summary:**

- Of those cases, there were about 557 unique plaintiffs (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit).
- Of those plaintiffs, about 182, or 33%, had sued under consumer statutes before.
- Combined, those plaintiffs have filed about 1109 lawsuits since 2001
- Actions were filed in 118 different US District Court branches.
- About 605 different collection firms and creditors were sued.

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

- 32 Lawsuits: New York Eastern District Court - Brooklyn
- 30 Lawsuits: Illinois Northern District Court - Chicago
- 27 Lawsuits: Colorado District Court - Denver
- 26 Lawsuits: California Central District Court - Western Division - Los Angeles
- 19 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Eastern District Court - Philadelphia
- 13 Lawsuits: Michigan Eastern District Court - Detroit

- 12 Lawsuits: California Southern District Court - San Diego
- 12 Lawsuits: Georgia Northern District Court - Atlanta
- 11 Lawsuits: Missouri Eastern District Court - St. Louis - Eastern Division
- 10 Lawsuits: California Central District Court - Southern Division - Santa Ana

**The most active consumer attorneys were:**

- Representing 17 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 17 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 14 Consumers: George T Martin III
- Representing 13 Consumers: Adam J Fishbein
- Representing 10 Consumers: Craig T Kimmel
- Representing 10 Consumers: Gary D Nitzkin
- Representing 9 Consumers: Edwin D Hoskins
- Representing 9 Consumers: Kristi C Kelly
- Representing 9 Consumers: Tammy L Hussin
- Representing 8 Consumers: Joseph M Meinhardt

**Statistics Year to Date: 4691 total lawsuits for 2012, including:**

- 4102 FDCPA
- 857 FCRA
- 383 TCPA
- 319 TILA

**Number of Unique Plaintiffs:** 4791 (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit)

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

- Representing 127 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 123 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 112 Consumers: Craig T Kimmel
- Representing 81 Consumers: David J Philipps
- Representing 71 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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