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Grand Rapids, MI (August 16, 2012) – The following statistics are provided courtesy of WebRecon LLC.

FDCPA and Other Consumer Lawsuit Statistics, July 16-31, 2012

Quick analysis: In a strong period for consumer litigation, FDCPA, FCRA and TCPA lawsuits were all up over the previous period, and FCRA and TCPA are still strongly up over the previous year. The only down number is YTD FDCPA litigation, which is still tracking a few points behind last year.

Comparisons:	Current Period		Previous Period		Previous Year Comp	
	<i>July 16 - 31, 2012</i>		<i>July 1 - 15, 2012</i>		<i>July 16 - 31, 2011</i>	
FDCPA lawsuits	567	417	36.0%	494	14.8%	
FCRA lawsuits	84	71	18.3%	71	18.3%	
TCPA lawsuits	43	37	16.2%	25	72.0%	
YTD FDCPA lawsuits	6705			7091	-5.4%	
YTD FCRA lawsuits	1349			833	61.9%	
YTD TCPA lawsuits	612			416	47.1%	

Full Statistics:

There were about 630 lawsuits filed under consumer statutes in the second half of July 2012. Here is an approximate breakdown:

- 567 FDCPA
- 84 FCRA
- 43 TCPA

Summary:

- Of those cases, there were about 661 unique plaintiffs (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit).
- Of those plaintiffs, about 195, or 30%, had sued under consumer statutes before.
- Combined, those plaintiffs have filed about 1189 lawsuits since 2001
- Actions were filed in 134 different US District Court branches.
- About 648 different collection firms and creditors were sued.

The top courts where lawsuits were filed:

- 36 Lawsuits: New York Eastern District Court - Brooklyn
- 35 Lawsuits: Colorado District Court - Denver
- 30 Lawsuits: Illinois Northern District Court - Chicago
- 21 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Eastern District Court - Philadelphia
- 21 Lawsuits: Minnesota District Court - Dmn
- 18 Lawsuits: Indiana Southern District Court - Indianapolis
- 16 Lawsuits: New York Eastern District Court - Central Islip
- 15 Lawsuits: State Court Of California - Los Angeles County
- 14 Lawsuits: Ohio Northern District Court - Cleveland
- 13 Lawsuits: Michigan Western District Court - Southern Division

The most active consumer attorneys were:

- Representing 29 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 23 Consumers: Adam J Fishbein
- Representing 17 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 13 Consumers: Alan C Lee
- Representing 10 Consumers: David W Skall
- Representing 10 Consumers: John T Steinkamp
- Representing 10 Consumers: Dennis R Kurz
- Representing 9 Consumers: Amy L Bennecoff
- Representing 9 Consumers: Maxim Maximov
- Representing 9 Consumers: Gary D Nitzkin

Statistics Year to Date:

7554 total lawsuits for 2012, including:

- 6705 FDCPA
- 1349 FCRA
- 612 TCPA

Number of Unique Plaintiffs: 7640 (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit)

The most active consumer attorneys of the year:

- Representing 200 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 194 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 173 Consumers: Craig T Kimmel
- Representing 118 Consumers: David J Philipps
- Representing 116 Consumers: Dennis R Kurz

About WebRecon LLC, The Bureau of Litigant Data: Creditors and collection firms use WebRecon's services to 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. For more information on our consumer litigant batching, monitoring and searching service, please visit www.webrecon.com or call (616) 682-5327.

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