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Grand Rapids, MI (September 19, 2012) – The following statistics are provided courtesy of WebRecon LLC.

**FDCPA and Other Consumer Lawsuit Statistics, August 16-31, 2012**

**Quick analysis:** Year-to-date FDCPA litigation continues to lag behind 2011, with the gap now at 4.8% below last year’s record numbers. FCRA and TCPA continue strong showings, both up around 55% over last year.

<b>Comparisons:</b>	<b>Current Period</b>	<b>Previous Period</b>		<b>Previous Year Comp</b>	
	<i>Aug 16 - 31, 2012</i>	<i>August 1 - 15, 2012</i>		<i>Aug 16 - 31, 2011</i>	
<b>FDCPA lawsuits</b>	491	525	-6.5%	448	9.6%
<b>FCRA lawsuits</b>	100	104	-3.8%	74	35.1%
<b>TCPA lawsuits</b>	57	45	26.7%	23	147.8%
<b>YTD FDCPA lawsuits</b>	7706			8094	-4.8%
<b>YTD FCRA lawsuits</b>	1545			992	55.7%
<b>YTD TCPA lawsuits</b>	706			458	54.1%

**Full Statistics:**

There were about 581 lawsuits filed under consumer statutes in the second half of August 2012. Here is an approximate breakdown:

- 491 FDCPA
- 100 FCRA
- 57 TILA

**Summary:**

- Of those cases, there were about 622 unique plaintiffs (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit).
- Of those plaintiffs, about 253, or 41%, had sued under consumer statutes before.
- Combined, those plaintiffs have filed about 1424 lawsuits since 2001
- Actions were filed in 268 different US District Court branches.
- About 641 different collection firms and creditors were sued.

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

- 44 Lawsuits: Colorado District Court - Denver
- 37 Lawsuits: Illinois Central District Court - Urbana
- 24 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Eastern District Court - Philadelphia
- 20 Lawsuits: New York Eastern District Court - Brooklyn
- 19 Lawsuits: Minnesota District Court - Dmn
- 18 Lawsuits: California Southern District Court - San Diego
- 18 Lawsuits: Florida Southern District Court - Fort Lauderdale
- 17 Lawsuits: Georgia Northern District Court - Atlanta
- 17 Lawsuits: Michigan Western District Court - Southern Division
- 17 Lawsuits: New York Southern District Court - Foley Square

### **The most active consumer attorneys were:**

- Representing 19 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 14 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 14 Consumers: Gary D Nitzkin
- Representing 12 Consumers: Brent F Vullings
- Representing 12 Consumers: Daniel A Edelman
- Representing 10 Consumers: Alex D Weisberg
- Representing 10 Consumers: Craig T Kimmel
- Representing 9 Consumers: E David Hoskins
- Representing 8 Consumers: Adam J Fishbein
- Representing 8 Consumers: Yechezkel Rodal

### **Statistics Year to Date:**

#### **8701 total lawsuits for 2012, including:**

- 7706 FDCPA
- 1545 FCRA
- 706 TCPA

**Number of Unique Plaintiffs:** 8718 (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit)

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

- Representing 244 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 243 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 199 Consumers: Craig T Kimmel
- Representing 148 Consumers: Gary D Nitzkin
- Representing 142 Consumers: Adam J Fishbein

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