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Grand Rapids, MI (October 2, 2012) – The following statistics are provided courtesy of WebRecon LLC.

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

**Quick analysis:** It was a weak period for all consumer litigation, with FDCPA, FCRA and TCPA all down from the last half of August. FCRA and TCPA are both holding strong YTD, each above 50% over YTD 2011.

<b>Comparisons:</b>	<b>Current Period</b>	<b>Previous Period</b>		<b>Previous Year Comp</b>	
	<i>Sept 1 - 15, 2012</i>	<i>August 16 - 31, 2012</i>		<i>Sept 1 - 15, 2011</i>	
<b>FDCPA lawsuits</b>	431	491	-12.2%	455	-5.3%
<b>FCRA lawsuits</b>	94	100	-6.0%	91	3.3%
<b>TCPA lawsuits</b>	35	57	-38.6%	36	-2.8%
<b>YTD FDCPA lawsuits</b>	8152			8575	-4.9%
<b>YTD FCRA lawsuits</b>	1647			1086	51.7%
<b>YTD TCPA lawsuits</b>	741			481	54.1%

**Full Statistics:** There were about 497 lawsuits filed under consumer statutes in the first half of September 2012. Here is an approximate breakdown:

- 431 FDCPA
- 94 FCRA
- 35 TILA

**Summary:**

- Of those cases, there were about 512 unique plaintiffs (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit).
- Of those plaintiffs, about 192, or 38%, had sued under consumer statutes before.
- Combined, those plaintiffs have filed about 1141 lawsuits since 2001
- Actions were filed in 270 different US District Court branches.
- About 528 different collection firms and creditors were sued.

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

- 33 Lawsuits: California Central District Court - Los Angeles
- 30 Lawsuits: New York Eastern District Court - Brooklyn

- 25 Lawsuits: Illinois Central District Court - Urbana
- 23 Lawsuits: Colorado District Court - Denver
- 20 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Eastern District Court - Philadelphia
- 19 Lawsuits: Minnesota District Court - Dmn
- 16 Lawsuits: New Jersey District Court - Newark
- 12 Lawsuits: New York Western District Court - Buffalo
- 11 Lawsuits: California Northern District Court - San Francisco
- 11 Lawsuits: Michigan Eastern District Court - Detroit

**The most active consumer attorneys were:**

- Representing 23 Consumers: George T Martin III
- Representing 18 Consumers: Aryeh L Pomerantz
- Representing 15 Consumers: Everett H Mechem
- Representing 13 Consumers: Patrick J. Ascione
- Representing 11 Consumers: Adam Jon Fishbein
- Representing 10 Consumers: Arshak Bartoumian
- Representing 10 Consumers: Benjamin Hans Crumley
- Representing 10 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 9 Consumers: Joseph M Meinhardt
- Representing 9 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg

**Statistics Year to Date:**

9198 total lawsuits for 2012, including:

- 8152 FDCPA
- 1647 FCRA
- 741 TCPA

**Number of Unique Plaintiffs:** 9162 (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit)

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

- Representing 253 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 253 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 206 Consumers: Craig T Kimmel
- Representing 155 Consumers: Gary D Nitzkin
- Representing 139 Consumers: Dennis R Kurz

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