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

**Quick analysis:** FDCPA and FCRA are up quite a bit over last period, TCPA is down a little. But the real news is that we can now project FDCPA will finish the year at around 10,500 suits, down from 12,018 in 2011. Both FCRA and TCPA will finish the year strongly ahead of 2011. In fact both statutes, as of Oct 15, have met or surpassed 2011 volumes.

**Full Statistics:**

Comparisons:	Current Period	Previous Period		Previous Year Comp	
	<i>Oct 1 - 15, 2012</i>	<i>Sept 16 - 30, 2012</i>		<i>Oct 1 - 15, 2011</i>	
<b>FDCPA lawsuits</b>	532	436	22.0%	469	13%
<b>FCRA lawsuits</b>	105	73	43.8%	78	35%
<b>TCPA lawsuits</b>	40	41	-2.4%	30	33%
<b>YTD FDCPA lawsuits</b>	9117			9902	-8%
<b>YTD FCRA lawsuits</b>	1825			1571	16%
<b>YTD TCPA lawsuits</b>	821			544	51%

There were about 546 lawsuits filed under consumer statutes in the first half of October 2012. Here is an approximate breakdown:

- 532 FDCPA
- 105 FCRA
- 40 TCPA

**Summary:**

- Of those cases, there were about 617 unique plaintiffs (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit).
- Of those plaintiffs, about 232, or 38%, had sued under consumer statutes before.
- Combined, those plaintiffs have filed about 1186 lawsuits since 2001
- Actions were filed in 270 different US District Court branches.
- About 615 different collection firms and creditors were sued.

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

- 42 Lawsuits: Illinois Central District Court - Urbana
- 31 Lawsuits: California Central District Court - Los Angeles
- 20 Lawsuits: Minnesota District Court - Dmn
- 19 Lawsuits: Colorado District Court - Denver
- 19 Lawsuits: Indiana Southern District Court - Indianapolis
- 17 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Eastern District Court - Philadelphia
- 16 Lawsuits: Ohio Northern District Court - Cleveland
- 16 Lawsuits: New Jersey District Court - Newark
- 14 Lawsuits: Michigan Eastern District Court - Detroit
- 14 Lawsuits: California Southern District Court - San Diego

**The most active consumer attorneys were:**

- Representing 45 Consumers: Dale Wood Pittman
- Representing 26 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 12 Consumers: David Michael Larson
- Representing 12 Consumers: John Thomas Steinkamp
- Representing 10 Consumers: Mark H Rephen
- Representing 10 Consumers: Vahag Matevosian
- Representing 8 Consumers: David Wynn Miller
- Representing 7 Consumers: Brent F Vullings
- Representing 7 Consumers: Daniel A Edelman
- Representing 7 Consumers: David J Philipps

**Statistics Year to Date:****10207 total lawsuits for 2012, including:**

- 9117 FDCPA
- 1825 FCRA
- 821 TCPA

**Number of Unique Plaintiffs:** 10148 (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit)

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

- Representing 294 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 279 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 215 Consumers: Craig T Kimmel
- Representing 205 Consumers: G Thomas Martin Iii
- Representing 172 Consumers: Gary D Nitzkin

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