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**FDCPA and Other Consumer Lawsuit Statistics, November 16-30, 2012**

**Quick analysis:** It was a slow period for all litigation due to the Thanksgiving holiday, but it was a really slow period for FDCPA litigation, even taking the holiday into account. While FCRA and TCPA dipped from last period (15.5% and 7.7%, respectively) they were both still up from last year in the same period (19% and 100%, respectively). In contrast, FDCPA was down 23.3% from last period and 11% from the same period last year, continuing its trend to finish the year down in the area of 6-7% from 2011.

**Full Statistics:**

<b>Comparisons:</b>	<b>Current Period</b>	<b>Previous Period</b>		<b>Previous Year Comp</b>	
	<i>Nov 16 - 30, 2012</i>	<i>Nov 1 - 15, 2012</i>		<i>Nov 16 - 30, 2011</i>	
<b>FDCPA lawsuits</b>	385	502	-23.3%	433	-11%
<b>FCRA lawsuits</b>	82	97	-15.5%	69	19%
<b>TCPA lawsuits</b>	48	52	-7.7%	24	100%
<b>YTD FDCPA lawsuits</b>	10541			11221	-6%
<b>YTD FCRA lawsuits</b>	2071			1794	15%
<b>YTD TCPA lawsuits</b>	989			601	65%

There were about 453 lawsuits filed under consumer statutes in the second half of November 2012. Here is an approximate breakdown:

- 385 FDCPA
- 82 FCRA
- 48 TCPA

**Summary:**

- Of those cases, there were about 510 unique plaintiffs (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit).
- Of those plaintiffs, about 186, or 36%, had sued under consumer statutes before.
- Combined, those plaintiffs have filed about 1000 lawsuits since 2001
- Actions were filed in 278 different US District Court branches.
- About 497 different collection firms and creditors were sued.

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

- 27 Lawsuits: Colorado District Court - Denver
- 27 Lawsuits: New York Eastern District Court - Brooklyn
- 25 Lawsuits: Minnesota District Court - Dmn
- 24 Lawsuits: Illinois Northern District Court - Chicago
- 22 Lawsuits: California Central District Court - Los Angeles
- 17 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Eastern District Court - Philadelphia
- 14 Lawsuits: Maryland District Court - Greenbelt
- 14 Lawsuits: Michigan Eastern District Court - Detroit
- 12 Lawsuits: New York Southern District Court - Foley Square
- 11 Lawsuits: Florida Southern District Court - Fort Lauderdale

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

- Representing 18 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 16 Consumers: Zoe Jayde Dolan
- Representing 16 Consumers: Scott Adam Kamber
- Representing 14 Consumers: Craig Thor Kimmel
- Representing 13 Consumers: David Michael Larson
- Representing 12 Consumers: Mary Elizabeth Philipps
- Representing 12 Consumers: David J Philipps
- Representing 12 Consumers: Angie K Robertson
- Representing 11 Consumers: Tammy L Hussin
- Representing 10 Consumers: Daniel A Edelman

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

11,775 total lawsuits for 2012, including:

- 10541 FDCPA
- 2071 FCRA
- 989 TCPA

**Number of Unique Plaintiffs:** 11665 (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit)

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

- Representing 342 Consumers: Sergei Lemberg
- Representing 272 Consumers: Craig T Kimmel
- Representing 256 Consumers: David M Larson
- Representing 191 Consumers: Gary D Nitzkin
- Representing 185 Consumers: David J Philipps

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