

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ABRAHAM BROWN
on behalf of himself and
all other similarly situated consumers

Plaintiff,

-against-

C. TECH COLLECTIONS, INC.

Defendant.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Introduction

1. Plaintiff Abraham Brown seeks redress for the illegal practices of C. Tech Collections, Inc., concerning the collection of debts, in violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. (“FDCPA”).

Parties

2. Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of New York who resides within this District.
3. Plaintiff is a consumer as that term is defined by Section 1692(a)(3) of the FDCPA, in that the alleged debt that Defendant sought to collect from Plaintiff is a consumer debt.
4. Upon information and belief, Defendant's principal place of business is located in Mount Sinai, New York.
5. Defendant is regularly engaged, for profit, in the collection of debts allegedly owed by consumers.
6. Defendant is a “debt collector” as that term is defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a)(6).

Jurisdiction and Venue

7. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
8. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), as the acts and transactions that give rise to this action occurred, in substantial part, in this district.

Allegations Particular to Abraham Brown

9. Upon information and belief, on a date better known by Defendant, Defendant began to attempt to collect an alleged consumer debt from the Plaintiff.
10. On or about March 2, 2017, Defendant sent the Plaintiff a collection letter seeking to collect a balance allegedly incurred for personal purposes.
11. The said letter was the Defendant's initial communication with the Plaintiff.
12. The said letter stated in pertinent part as follows:

**“MAIL ALL CORRESPONDENCE & PAYMENTS TO:
C.TECH COLLECTIONS, INC.
PO Box 402
Mt. Sinai NY 11766-0402”**

13. Said letter misrepresented the Plaintiff's right to dispute the debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(10) and 1692g.
14. Although Defendant's letter includes a telephone number, that number refers only to payments.
15. Defendant's statement would lead the least sophisticated consumer to assume that his option to dispute the debt, could only be in writing.
16. It is a violation of FDCPA to require disputes be made in writing.
17. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in a letter that overshadows the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g statement.

18. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the letter that contradicts the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g statement.
19. The least sophisticated consumer would assume from the above mentioned language, that he has no option to make an oral dispute.¹
20. This language overshadowed and contradicted the validation notice stated above it in the letter, and was misleading, since it leaves the consumer debtor with the false notion that disputing an alleged debt requires a written communication to be sent to the above mentioned address. The least sophisticated consumer would think that all disputes can only be done in writing.²
21. Said language can be reasonably read to have two or more different meanings, one of which is false.³
22. Defendant's March 2, 2017 letter violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(10), and 1692g(a)(4) for failing to comply with the validation notice requirements, and in particular, for misrepresenting Plaintiff's right to dispute the debt.
23. Plaintiff suffered injury in fact by being subjected to unfair and abusive practices of the Defendant.

¹ Balke v. Alliance One Receivables Mgmt., No. 16-cv-5624(ADS)(AKT), 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 94021, at *14 (E.D.N.Y. June 19, 2017), Vetrano v. CBE Grp., Inc., 2016 WL 4083384 (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 1, 2016), Hooks v. Forman, Holt, Eliades & Ravin, LLC, 717 F.3d 282, 2013 U.S. App. LEXIS 10754, 2013 WL 2321409 (2d Cir. N.Y. 2013). (Requiring a consumer to dispute a debt in writing violates the FDCPA.), Zengerle v. Dynia & Assocs., 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 130873 (M.I. 2013). (Defendant points out that the letter does not expressly state that the consumer must provide a written statement to dispute the debt, but only that the consumer must "provide us with a statement." Viewing the language from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, however, "provide us with a statement" suggests that a writing is necessary and that the consumer may not orally dispute the debt.)

² See e.g., Caprio v. Healthcare Revenue Recovery Group, LLC, 709 F.3d 142, 151 (3d Cir. 2013). (letter stating "if you feel you do not owe this amount, please call us toll free" overshadowed notice; consumer may believe that a phone call was sufficient to trigger duty to verify debt), Abramov v. I.C. Systems, Inc., _ F.Supp.3d_, 2014 WL 5147549 at *5 (E.D.N.Y. Oct. 14, 2014). (Directing consumer to dispute debt "in writing" if identity theft is suspected may overshadow right to verbally dispute debt), Oberther v. Midland Credit Management, Inc., _F.Supp.3d_, 2014 WL 4548871, at *6 (D. Mass. Sept. 15, 2014). (letter that gave only two options to stop referral of account to attorney – mail payment, or call to settle – without mentioning that submitting a dispute would also do so, overshadowed validation notice.)

³ Pipiles v. Credit Bureau of Lockport, Inc., 886 F.2d 22, 25 (2d Cir. 1989). (Because the collection notice was reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading, it was deceptive within the meaning of the Act.), Clomon v. Jackson, 988 F.2d 1314, 1319 (2d Cir. 1993). (Collection notices are deceptive if they are open to more than one reasonable interpretation, at least one of which is inaccurate.), Russell v. Equifax A.R.S., 74 F.3d 30, 34 (2d Cir. N.Y. 1996). (A collection notice is deceptive when it can be reasonably read to have two or more different meanings, one of which is inaccurate. The fact that the notice's terminology was vague or uncertain will not prevent it from being held deceptive under § 1692e(10) of the Act.)

24. Plaintiff suffered actual harm by being the target of the Defendant's misleading debt collection communications.
25. Defendant violated the Plaintiff's right not to be the target of misleading debt collection communications.
26. Defendant violated the Plaintiff's right to a truthful and fair debt collection process.
27. Defendant used materially false, deceptive, misleading representations and means in its attempted collection of Plaintiff's alleged debt.
28. Defendant's communications were designed to cause the debtor to suffer a harmful disadvantage in charting a course of action in response to Defendant's collection efforts.
29. The FDCPA ensures that consumers are fully and truthfully apprised of the facts and of their rights, the act enables them to understand, make informed decisions about, and participate fully and meaningfully in the debt collection process. The purpose of the FDCPA is to provide information that helps consumers to choose intelligently. The Defendant's false representations misled the Plaintiff in a manner that deprived him of his right to enjoy these benefits, these materially misleading statements trigger liability under section 1692e of the Act.
30. These deceptive communications additionally violated the FDCPA since they frustrate the consumer's ability to intelligently choose his or her response.
31. As an actual and proximate result of the acts and omissions of the Defendant, Plaintiff has suffered including but not limited to, fear, stress, mental anguish, emotional stress and acute embarrassment for which he should be compensated in an amount to be established by a jury at trial.

AS AND FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION

Violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act brought by Plaintiff on behalf of himself and the members of a class, as against the Defendant.

32. Plaintiff re-states, re-alleges, and incorporates herein by reference, paragraphs one (1) through thirty one (31) as if set forth fully in this cause of action.
33. This cause of action is brought on behalf of Plaintiff and the members of a class.
34. The class consists of all persons whom Defendant's records reflect resided in the State of New York and who were sent a collection letter in substantially the same form letter as the letter sent to the Plaintiff on or about March 2, 2017; and (a) the collection letter was sent to a consumer seeking payment of a personal debt purportedly owed to NYU LANGONE PHYSICIAN SERVICES; and (b) the collection letter was not returned by the postal service as undelivered; (c) and the Plaintiff asserts that the letter contained violations of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(10), and 1692g(a)(4) for failing to comply with the validation notice requirements, and in particular, for misrepresenting Plaintiff's right to dispute the debt.
35. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, a class action is appropriate and preferable in this case because:
 - A. Based on the fact that a form collection letter is at the heart of this litigation, the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
 - B. There are questions of law and fact common to the class and these questions predominate over any questions affecting only individual class members. The principal question presented by this claim is whether the Defendant violated the FDCPA.

C. The only individual issue is the identification of the consumers who received such collection letters (*i.e.* the class members), a matter capable of ministerial determination from the records of Defendant.

D. The claims of the Plaintiff are typical of those of the class members. All are based on the same facts and legal theories.

E. The Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the class members' interests. The Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in bringing class actions and collection-abuse claims. The Plaintiff's interests are consistent with those of the members of the class.

36. A class action is superior for the fair and efficient adjudication of the class members' claims. Congress specifically envisions class actions as a principal means of enforcing the FDCPA. 15 U.S.C. § 1692(k). The members of the class are generally unsophisticated individuals, whose rights will not be vindicated in the absence of a class action. Prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the classes would create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications resulting in the establishment of inconsistent or varying standards for the parties and would not be in the interest of judicial economy.

37. If the facts are discovered to be appropriate, the Plaintiff will seek to certify a class pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

38. Collection attempts, such as those made by the Defendant are to be evaluated by the objective standard of the hypothetical "least sophisticated consumer."

Violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

39. The Defendant's actions as set forth above in the within complaint violates the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
40. Because the Defendant violated the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Plaintiff and the members of the class are entitled to damages in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, respectfully requests preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, and that this Court enter judgment in his favor and against the Defendant and award damages as follows:

- A. Statutory damages provided under the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692(k);
- B. Attorney fees, litigation expenses and costs incurred in bringing this action;
and
- C. Any other relief that this Court deems appropriate and just under the circumstances.

Dated: Woodmere, New York
March 25, 2018

/s/ Adam J. Fishbein
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Plaintiff requests trial by jury on all issues so triable.

/s/ Adam J. Fishbein
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ADCTEC01
 PO Box 1022
 Wixom MI 48393-1022
 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



COLLECTIONS, INC.
 Post Office Box 402 ♦ Mt. Sinai, NY 11766

March 2, 2017

Date: 03/01/2017
 Creditor Name: NYU LANGONE PHYSICIAN SERVICES
 Account #: []28-[]
 Balance: \$ 24.89



Abraham Brown
 1325 47Th St Apt 1A
 Brooklyn NY 11219-2675

Dear Abraham Brown:

NYU Langone Physician Services has referred your account to this office for collection. All future payments, inquiries and correspondence should be directed to C.Tech Collections, Inc.

NYU Langone Physician Services has advised us that services were provided, and payment is due. Please contact our office pursuant to the "Important Consumer Notice" set forth below, or remit \$ 24.89 in order to conclude this matter.

Please see payment options below. Should you choose to remit payment by mail, an envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

IMPORTANT CONSUMER NOTICE

"Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within 30 days from receiving this notice that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, this office will: obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and will mail you a copy of such verification or judgment. If you request from this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor."

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

New York City Department of Consumer Affairs License Number 0980854.

Laura Muhlhausen
 Collection Division Manager
 (631) 828-3140
 (866) 402-1026

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*** DETACH HERE AND RETURN WITH REMITTANCE ***

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Date: 03/01/2017
 Creditor Name: NYU LANGONE PHYSICIAN SERVICES
 Account #: []28-[]
 Balance: \$ 24.89

If you wish to pay by credit card, please enter the requested information in the spaces provided.			
CHECK ONE:	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA	<input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD	3 DIGIT SECURITY CODE (on back of card)
CARD NUMBER			EXP. DATE
CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE			AMOUNT AUTHORIZED \$

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Check, Money Order, Credit/Debit Card

By Mail: PO Box 402
Mt. Sinai NY 11766-0402

By Phone: Call (866) 402-1026

Online: www.ctech-collects.com

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C. TECH COLLECTIONS, INC.
1000 WEST STATE PIQUET HWAY
SUITE 200
WESCONERSVILLE, OHIO 45386

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

516-668-6945
shpe@datainj@gmail.com

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York

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_____)	
Plaintiff(s))	
v.)	Civil Action No.
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Defendant(s))	

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: *(Defendant's name and address)*

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

DOUGLAS C. PALMER
CLERK OF COURT

Date: _____

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. _____

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
was received by me on *(date)* _____ .

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* _____
_____, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,
on *(date)* _____ , and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____ , who is
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because _____ ; or

Other *(specify)*:

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ 0.00 _____ .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

Print

Save As...

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

<p>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</p> <p>(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____ (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</p> <p>(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) _____</p>	<p>DEFENDANTS</p> <p>County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____ (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</p> <p>NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.</p> <p>Attorneys (If Known) _____</p>
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<p>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)</p>	<p>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th></th> <th>PTF</th> <th>DEF</th> <th></th> <th>PTF</th> <th>DEF</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of This State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td>Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>		PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF	Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only) Nature of Suit Code Descriptions

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

1 Original Proceeding 2 Removed from State Court 3 Remanded from Appellate Court 4 Reinstated or Reopened 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): _____

Brief description of cause: _____

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ _____ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY (See instructions): JUDGE _____ DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT # _____ AMOUNT _____ APPLYING IFP _____ JUDGE _____ MAG. JUDGE _____

CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

I, _____, counsel for _____, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

- monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
- the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
- the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason class action

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stocks:

RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)

Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that " A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court."

NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 50.1(d)(2)

- 1.) Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County? Yes No
- 2.) If you answered "no" above:
 - a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? Yes No
 - b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? Yes No
 - c) If this is a Fair Debt Collection Practice Act case, specify the County in which the offending communication was received: _____.

If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? Yes No
(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).

BAR ADMISSION

I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court.

- Yes No

Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court?

- Yes (If yes, please explain) No

I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature: _____

ClassAction.org

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