### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

Shamitra Moffett aka Shamitra Watkins Moffett, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No:

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

-V.-

Credit Service, Inc. dba C.S.I. Group, Adam Bush Law Firm, P.C., and John Does 1-25,

Defendants.

Plaintiff Shamitra Moffett (hereinafter, "Plaintiff" or "Moffett"), a Texas resident, brings this Class Action Complaint by and through her attorneys, The Law Offices of Jonathan Kandelshein, against Defendant Credit Service, Inc. dba C.S.I. Group (hereinafter "Defendant" or "CSI Group") and Defendant Adam Bush Law Firm, P.C. (hereinafter "Defendant" or "Adam Bush") individually and on behalf of a class of all others similarly situated, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, based upon information and belief of Plaintiff's counsel, except for allegations specifically pertaining to Plaintiff, which are based upon Plaintiff's personal knowledge.

### **INTRODUCTION/PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

1. Congress enacted the FDCPA in 1977 in response to the "abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors." 15

U.S.C. §1692(a). At that time, Congress was concerned that "abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to material instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy." *Id.* Congress concluded that "existing laws...[we]re inadequate to protect consumers," and that "'the effective collection of debts" does not require "misrepresentation or other abusive debt collection practices." 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(b) & (c).

2. Congress explained that the purpose of the Act was not only to eliminate abusive debt collection practices, but also to "insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged." ld. § 1692(e). After determining that the existing consumer protection laws ·were inadequate~ id § 1692(b), Congress gave consumers a private cause of action against debt collectors who fail to comply with the Act. Id. § 1692k.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 3. The Court has jurisdiction over this class action pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C. § 1331</u>, as well as <u>15 U.S.C. § 1692</u> et. seq. The Court also has pendent jurisdiction over the State law claims in this action pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C. § 1367(a)</u>.
- 4. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) as this is where a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred.

### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

- 5. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of a class of Texas consumers under § 1692 et seq. of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act ("FDCPA"), and
  - 6. Plaintiff is seeking damages and declaratory and injunctive relief.

#### **PARTIES**

- 7. Plaintiff is a resident of the State of Texas, County of Dallas, residing at 2146 Nectar Drive, Mesquite, TX 75149-8658.
- 8. Defendant Credit Service, Inc. dba C.S.I. Group is a "debt collector" as the phrase is defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a)(6) and used in the FDCPA with an address at 2519 N.W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ste 204, Oklahoma City, OK 73107.
- 9. Defendant Adam Bush Law Firm, P.C. is a "debt collector" as the phrase is defined 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a)(6) and used in the FDCPA with an address at 224 East Main Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104.
- 10. Upon information and belief, Defendant Adam Bush is a company that uses the mail, telephone, and facsimile and regularly engages in business the principal purpose of which is to attempt to collect debts alleged to be due another.
- 11. John Does 1-25, are fictitious names of individuals and businesses alleged for the purpose of substituting names of Defendants whose identities will be disclosed in discovery and should be made parties to this action.

#### **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

- 12. Plaintiffs bring this claim on behalf of the following case, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and 23(b)(3).
  - 13. The Class consists of:
    - a. all individuals with addresses in the State of Texas;
    - to whom Defendant Adam Bush sent a collection letter attempting to collect a consumer debt;
    - c. regarding collection of a debt;

- d. that fails to properly state that in order for a consumer to invoke specific rights when disputing a debt, that the dispute must be in writing;
- e. which letter was sent on or after a date one (1) year prior to the filing of this action and on or before a date twenty-one (2l) days after the filing of this action.
- 14. The identities of all class members are readily ascertainable from the records of Defendants and those companies and entities on whose behalf they attempt to collect and/or have purchased debts.
- 15. Excluded from the Plaintiff Classes are the Defendants and all officer, members, partners, managers, directors and employees of the Defendants and their respective immediate families, and legal counsel for all parties to this action, and all members of their immediate families.
- 16. There are questions of law and fact common to the Plaintiff Classes, which common issues predominate over any issues involving only individual class members. The principal issue is whether the Defendants' written communications to consumers, in the forms attached as Exhibits A, violate 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692f and 1692g.
- 17. The Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the class members, as all are based upon the same facts and legal theories. The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Plaintiff Classes defined in this complaint. The Plaintiffs have retained counsel with experience in handling consumer lawsuits, complex legal issues, and class actions, and neither the Plaintiffs nor their attorneys have any interests, which might cause them not to vigorously pursue this action.

- 18. This action has been brought, and may properly be maintained, as a class action pursuant to the provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure because there is a well-defined community interest in the litigation:
  - a. <u>Numerosity:</u> The Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that the Plaintiff Classes defined above are so numerous that joinder of all members would be impractical.
  - b. <u>Common Questions Predominate:</u> Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Plaintiff Classes and those questions predominance over any questions or issues involving only individual class members. The principal issue is whether the Defendants' written communications to consumers, in the forms **attached as Exhibit A** violate 15 § 1692e and § 1692f and § 1692g.
  - c. **Typicality:** The Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the class members.

    The Plaintiffs and all members of the Plaintiff Classes have claims arising out of the Defendants' common uniform course of conduct complained of herein.
  - d. Adequacy: The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class members insofar as Plaintiffs have no interests that are adverse to the absent class members. The Plaintiffs are committed to vigorously litigating this matter. Plaintiffs have also retained counsel experienced in handling consumer lawsuits, complex legal issues, and class actions. Neither the Plaintiffs nor their counsel have any interests which might cause them not to vigorously pursue the instant class action lawsuit.
  - e. **Superiority:** A class action is superior to the other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because individual joinder of all

members would be impracticable. Class action treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum efficiently and without unnecessary duplication of effort and expense that individual actions would engender.

- 19. Certification of a class under Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is also appropriate in that the questions of law and fact common to members of the Plaintiff Classes predominate over any questions affecting an individual member, and a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.
- 20. Depending on the outcome of further investigation and discovery, Plaintiffs may, at the time of class certification motion, seek to certify a class(es) only as to particular issues pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(4).

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 21. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered above herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 22. Some time prior to February 1, 2017, an obligation was allegedly incurred to Affiliated Anesthesiology.
- 23. The Affiliated Anesthesiology obligation arose out of a transaction involving medical services in which money, property, insurance or services, which are the subject of the transaction, are primarily for personal, family or household purposes, specifically a bill for a medical debt.
- 24. The alleged Affiliated Anesthesiology obligation is a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C.§ 1692a(5).

- 25. Affiliated Anesthesiology is a "creditor" as defined by 15 U.S.C.§ 1692a(4).
- 26. Affiliated Anesthesiology assigned the debt to Defendant CSI to collect the alleged debt, which in turn contracted Defendant Adam Bush.
- 27. Defendant Adam Bush and Defendant CSI collect and attempt to collect debts incurred or alleged to have been incurred for personal, family or household purposes on behalf of creditors using the United States Postal Services, telephone and internet.

### <u>Violation I – February 1, 2017 Collection Letter</u>

- 28. On or about February 1, 2017, Defendant Adam Bush sent Plaintiff a collection letter (the "Letter") regarding the debt assigned to Defendant CSI See February 1, 2017 Collection Letter Attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 29. When a debt collector solicits payment from a consumer, it must, within five days of an initial communication, provide the consumer with a written validation notice which must include the following information:
  - (1) the amount of the debt;
  - (2) the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed;
  - (3) a statement that unless the consumer, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the debt collector;
  - (4) a statement that if the consumer notifies the debt collector **in writing** within the thirty-day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the debt collector will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of the judgment against the consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the consumer by the debt collector; and

- (5) a statement that, upon the consumer's **written** request within the thirty-day period, the debt collector will provide the consumer with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a).
- 30. This is known as the "G Notice.
- 31. The "G Notice" in the February 1, 2017 letter does not meet the required guidelines of the FDCPA because it fails to include in two portions of the letter that the consumer must dispute the debt <u>in writing</u> in order to validly exercise her options under the statute.
- 32. The Defendant's letter fails to differentiate that the consumer's dispute and validation request must be in writing and is misleading because without the proper instruction the least sophisticated consumer would be misled about the proper procedures to request validation of the debt within the 30 day required period.
  - 33. The February 1, 2017 letter is deceptive and misleading because it fails to properly outline what actions the consumer must take to validly dispute the debt, specifically that the dispute must be <u>in writing</u>.
  - 34. Plaintiff has incurred an informational injury as she was not properly advised of how she was required to dispute or validate her debt.
  - 35. This placed Plaintiff at an imminent risk of harm of waiving her rights under the FDCPA, by invoking an invalid method.
  - 36. As a result of Defendant's deceptive misleading and false debt collection practices, Plaintiff has been damaged.

COUNT I
VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. §1692e

et seq.

- 37. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs above herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 38. Defendant's debt collection efforts attempted and/or directed towards the Plaintiff violated various provisions of the FDCPA, including but not limited to 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 39. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692e, a debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
  - 40. Defendant violated said section by:
    - a. Making a false and misleading representation in violation of § 1692e(2), 1692e(5) and 1692e(10).
- 41. By reason thereof, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for judgment that Defendant's conduct violated Section 1692e et seq. of the FDCPA, actual damages, statutory damages, costs and attorneys' fees.

# COUNT II VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. \$1692f et seq.

- 42. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs above herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 43. Defendant's debt collection efforts attempted and/or directed towards the Plaintiff violated various provisions of the FDCPA, including but not limited to 15 U.S.C. § 1692f.
- 44. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692f, a debt collector may not use any unfair or unconscionable means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 45. Defendant violated this section by failing to advise Plaintiff of the required procedures for disputing or validating a debt under the FDCPA.

46. By reason thereof, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for judgment that Defendant's conduct violated Section 1692f et seq. of the FDCPA, actual damages, statutory damages, costs and attorneys' fees.

# COUNT III VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. §1692g et seq.

- 47. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs above herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 48. Defendant's debt collection efforts attempted and/or directed towards the Plaintiff violated various provisions of the FDCPA, including but not limited to 15 U.S.C. § 1692g.
- 49. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692g, When a debt collector solicits payment from a consumer, it must, within five days of an initial communication, provide the consumer with a written validation notice which must include the following information:
  - (1) the amount of the debt;
  - (2) the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed;
  - (3) a statement that unless the consumer, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the debt collector;
  - (4) a statement that if the consumer notifies the debt collector <u>in writing</u> within the thirty-day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the debt collector will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of the judgment against the consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the consumer by the debt collector; and

- (5) a statement that, upon the consumer's <u>written</u> request within the thirty-day period, the debt collector will provide the consumer with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a).
- 50. Defendant violated this section by failing to include in its "G Notice" that the consumer must dispute the debt <u>in writing</u> in order to validly exercise many of her validation rights under the statute.
- 51. By reason thereof, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for judgment that Defendant's conduct violated Section 1692g *et seq.* of the FDCPA, actual damages, statutory damages, costs and attorneys' fees.

### **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

52. Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Shamitra Moffett aka Shamitra Watkins Moffett, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated demands judgment from Defendant Credit Service, Inc. dba C.S.I. Group and Defendant Adam Bush Law Firm, P.C., as follows:

- 1. Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and certifying Plaintiff as Class representative, and Jonathan Kandelshein, Esq. as Class Counsel;
  - 2. Awarding Plaintiff and the Class statutory damages;
  - 3. Awarding Plaintiff and the Class actual damages;

- 4. Awarding Plaintiff costs of this Action, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses;
  - 5. Awarding pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest; and
- 6. Awarding Plaintiff and the Class such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: February 1, 2018 Respectfully Submitted,

THE LAW OFFICES OF JONATHAN KANDELSHEIN

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# EXHIBIT A

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C.S.I. Group, Assignee RE:

BE ADVISED:

The above account has been referred to this firm with the information that you have been indifferent to attempts to collect this debt.

This is to advise you that our client has instructed us to review this claim. I am notifying you that you have an opportunity to resolve this account, before our office proceeds further with this claim.

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

Please note that the original creditor and amount of the claim is provided in the top right hand corner of this letter.

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cc: C.S.I. Group 2519 N.W. 23rd Street, Suite 204 Oklahoma City, OK 73107 405-943-9608

This communication is from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information gained will be so used. JS 44 (Rev. 06/17) - TXND (Rev. 06/17)
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Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

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- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
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- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
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- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

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