UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AFSAR RAJA, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

<u>CIVIL ACTION</u> CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

-against-

VITAL RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC

Defendant.

Plaintiff AFSAR RAJA (hereinafter, "Plaintiff"), a New York resident, brings this class action complaint by and through his attorneys, Joseph H. Mizrahi Law, P.C., against Defendant VITAL RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC (hereinafter "Defendant"), 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

- 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." *Id.* § 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 under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* and 28 U.S.C. § 2201. If applicable, the Court also has pendent jurisdiction over the state law claims in this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).
- 4. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 5. Plaintiff brings this class action on behalf of a class of New York consumers seeking redress for Defendant's illegal practices, in connection with the collection of a debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff in violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* ("FDCPA").
- 6. Defendant's actions violated § 1692 *et seq*. of Title 15 of the United States Code, commonly referred to as the "FDCPA," which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive and unfair practices.
- 7. Plaintiff is seeking damages, and declaratory and injunctive relief.

PARTIES

- Plaintiff is a natural person and a resident of the State of New York, and is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692(a)(3).
- Upon information and belief, Defendant's principal place of business is located within Peachtree Corners, Georgia.
- 10. Defendant is a company that uses the mail, telephone, and facsimile and regularly engages in

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business the principal purpose of which is to attempt to collect debts alleged to be due another.

11. Defendant is a "debt collector," as defined by the FDCPA under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a (6).

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 12. Plaintiff brings claims, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (hereinafter "FRCP")
 - Rule 23, individually and on behalf of the following nationwide consumer class (the "Class"):
 - All New York consumers who received a collection letter from the Defendant attempting to collect an obligation owed, that states an interest charge without clarifying whether that interest is continuing to accrue, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§1692g and 1692e, *et seq*.
 - The Class period begins one year to the filing of this Action.

13. The Class satisfies all the requirements of Rule 23 of the FRCP for maintaining a class action:

- Upon information and belief, the Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable because there are hundreds and/or thousands of persons who have received debt collection letters and/or notices from Defendant that state an interest charge without clarifying whether that interest is continuing to accrue, in violation of the FDCPA. Plaintiff is complaining of a standard form letter and/or notice that was sent to hundreds of persons (*See Exhibit A*, except that the undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers in an effort to protect Plaintiff's privacy);
- There are questions of law and fact which are common to the Class and which predominate over questions affecting any individual Class member. These common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:
 - a. Whether Defendant violated various provisions of the FDCPA;
 - b. Whether Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by Defendant's

conduct;

- c. Whether Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages and are entitled to restitution as a result of Defendant's wrongdoing and if so, what is the proper measure and appropriate statutory formula to be applied in determining such damages and restitution; and
- d. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to declaratory and/or injunctive relief.
- Plaintiff's claims are typical of the Class, which all arise from the same operative facts and are based on the same legal theories.
- Plaintiff has no interest adverse or antagonistic to the interest of the other members of the Class.
- Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interest of the Class and has retained experienced and competent attorneys to represent the Class.
- A Class Action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims herein asserted. Plaintiff anticipates that no unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered in the management of this class action.
- A Class Action will permit large numbers of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously and without the duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. Class treatment will also permit the adjudication of relatively small claims by many Class members who could not otherwise afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein. Absent a Class Action, class members will continue to suffer losses of statutory protected rights as well as monetary damages. If

Defendant's conduct is allowed proceed to without remedy they will continue to reap and retain the proceeds of their ill-gotten gains.

• Defendant has acted on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

ALLEGATIONS PARTICULAR TO AFSAR RAJA

- 14. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1" through "13" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- Some time prior to September 5, 2017, an obligation was allegedly incurred by Plaintiff to WebBank.
- 16. The aforesaid obligation arose out of a transaction in which money, property, insurance or services, which are the subject of the transaction, are primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
- 17. The alleged obligation is a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C.§ 1692a(5).
- 18. WebBank is a "creditor" as defined by 15 U.S.C.§ 1692a(4).
- 19. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3) of the FDCPA.
- 20. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6) of the FDCPA.
- 21. At a time known only to Defendant, WebBank, directly or through an intermediary, contracted Defendant to collect WebBank's debt.
- 22. In its effort to collect on the WebBank obligation, Defendant contacted Plaintiff by written correspondence on September 5, 2017. *See* Exhibit A.
- 23. The Letter was sent or caused to be sent by persons employed by Defendant as a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6).
- 24. The Letter is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

- 25. Defendant's September 5, 2017 Collection Letter states in pertinent part: "Interest Due: \$753.52."
- 26. Defendant's Letter further states: "Total Balance Due: \$22,975.43."
- 27. However, despite the accrual of Interest said communication fails to state whether that balance is static or dynamic in violation of this Circuit's case law.
- 28. The above statements would leave the least sophisticated consumer unsure as to whether said post charge-off interest was continuing to accrue, as Defendant only provides Plaintiff with its "Balance Due" as of the date of the communication.
- 29. Defendant's actions as described herein are part of a pattern and practice used to collect debts.
- 30. As set forth in the following Counts Defendant violated the FDCPA.

<u>First Count</u> Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e <u>Misleading Representations Regarding Amount of Debt</u>

31. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered "1"

through "30" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.

32. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e provides:

A debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt. Without limiting the general application of the foregoing, the following conduct is a violation of this section: (2) The false representation of –

the character, amount, or legal status of any debt; or

(10) The use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt or to obtain information concerning a consumer.

- 33. The "Total Amount Due" in this case was for an amount that included original principal and contractual interest.
- 34. Collection notices that state only the Balance Due but do not disclose that the balance might

increase due to interest are "misleading" within the meaning of Section 1692e.

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- 35. As the amount due already accrued Interest in the amount of \$753.52, Plaintiff was left uncertain as to whether the "Total Balance Due" was continuing to accrue interest, as there was no disclosure that indicated otherwise.
- 36. "Applying these principles, we hold that Plaintiffs have stated a claim that the collection notices at issue here are misleading within the meaning of Section 1692e... a consumer who pays the "current balance" stated on the notice will not know whether the debt has been paid in full." *Avila v. Riexinger & Assocs., LLC*, Nos. 15-1584(L), 15-1597(Con), 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 5327, at *10-11 (2d Cir. Mar. 22, 2016)
- 37. Plaintiff and the unsophisticated consumer would be led to believe that the Total Balance Due of \$22,975.43 would remain as is and that paying the amount due would satisfy the debt irrespective of when payment was remitted.
- 38. Absent a disclosure by the holder of the debt that the automatic interest is waived, the Defendant and or the creditor could still seek the automatic interest...or sell the consumer's debt to a third party, which itself could seek the interest and from the consumer. *Avila*, at *10-11.
- 39. A debt-collector must disclose that interest is accruing, or in the alternative, it must disclose any such waiver.
- 40. Waiver of interest even when made explicitly, has not prevented debt-collectors from continuing to illegally charge the waived interest, at the bare minimum a debt collector must make clear to the least sophisticated consumer that it intends to waive the interest.
- 41. A consumer who pays the Total Balance Due of \$22,975.43 stated on the collection letter will be left unsure whether the debt has been paid in full, as the Defendant could still collect on any interest accumulated after the letters were sent but before the balance was paid.
- 42. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2) and 1692e(10) for misrepresenting the

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amount of the debt owed by the Plaintiff.

Second Count 15 U.S.C. §1692e et seq. False or Misleading Representations as to Status of Debt

- 43. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs numbered"1" through "42" herein with the same force and effect as if the same were set forth at length herein.
- 44. Defendant's debt collection efforts attempted and/or directed towards Plaintiff violated various provisions of the FDCPA, including but not limited to 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 45. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692e, a debt collector is prohibited from using false, deceptive, or misleading representation in connection with the collection of a debt.
- 46. While § 1692e specifically prohibits certain practices, the list is non-exhaustive, and does not preclude a claim of falsity or deception based on non-enumerated practice.
- 47. Collection notices are deceptive if they can be reasonably read to have two or more different meanings, one of which is inaccurate.
- 48. The question of whether a collection letter is deceptive is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."
- 49. Defendant's conduct constitutes a false, deceptive and misleading means and representation in connection with the collection of the debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 50. The Letter can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings concerning the actual balance due, one of which must be inaccurate, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 51. According to this Court, a collection letter is deceptive and misleading when it falsely implies

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to the Least Sophisticated Consumer that interest may be accruing when it is not in fact.¹

- 52. By stating an Interest charge in the amount of \$753.52, without further clarifying whether Interest is continuing to accrue, Defendant falsely suggested that the Total Balance may be subject to change, and could be subject to additional interest.
- 53. That is not the case because interest was not accruing on the account.
- 54. In the alternative, if Interest was in fact accruing, Defendant violated the FDCPA by not clearly stating same, in accordance with Second Circuit precedent in *Avila* supra.
- 55. Defendant's debt collection efforts attempted and/or directed towards Plaintiff violated various provisions of the FDCPA, including but not limited to § 1692(e).
- 56. 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.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants as follows:

- (a) Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and certifying Plaintiff as Class representative and Joseph H. Mizrahi Law, P.C., as Class Counsel;
- (b) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class statutory damages;
- (c) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class actual damages;
- (d) Awarding Plaintiff costs of this Action, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses;

¹ Avila compels the conclusion that any ambiguity as to post-dated accruals in a collection notice gives rise to a claim under the general prohibition of § 1692e – even if the ambiguity does no harm or even inures to the benefit of the debtor. *FATEMA ISLAM, Individually and on behalf of a class, Pl., v. AMERICAN RECOVERY SERVICE INCORPORATED*, Def., 17-CV-4228 (BMC), 2017 WL 4990570, at *2 (E.D.N.Y. Oct. 31, 2017).

- (e) Awarding pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest; and
- (f) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class such other and further relief as this Court

may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

By: <u>/s/ Joseph H. Mizrahi</u> Joseph H. Mizrahi, Esq. Joseph H. Mizrahi Law, P.C. 300 Cadman Plaza West, 12th Floor Brooklyn, New York 11201 Phone: (917) 299-6612 Fax: (347) 665-1545 Email: Joseph@Jmizrahilaw.com *Attorneys for Plaintiff*

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby requests a

trial by jury on all issues so triable.

<u>/s/ Joseph H. Mizrahi</u> Joseph H. Mizrahi, Esq.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York November 9, 2017

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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.)*

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| (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, A | Address, and Telephone Numbe | r) | | Attorneys (If Known) | | | | | |
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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, | JOSEPH H. MIZRAHI | , counsel for | PLAINTIFF | , do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is |
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- \mathbf{X} monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
- the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
- Question of law rather than question of the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason \mathbf{X} fact predominates **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1**

NONE

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or 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)

- Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk 1.) County: 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?^{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

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?

(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. X Yes No

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

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I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Yes

Signature: /s/ Joseph H. Mizrahi

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York

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Civil Action No.

AFSAR RAJA, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated

Plaintiff

VITAL RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC

Defendant

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) VITAL RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC C/O CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 80 STATE STREET ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207

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:

JOSEPH H. MIZRAHI LAW, P.C. 300 CADMAN PLAZA WEST 12TH FLOOR BROOKLYN, NY 11201

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.

CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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VITAL RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC

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Afsar Raja Amount Paid: Home Phone: Davtime Phone: Please Detach And Return in The Enclosed Envelope With Your Payment September 5, 2017 **IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE RESPOND** HELP YOURSELF AND CALL US ABOUT YOUR ACCOUNT. Dear Afsar Raja: ACCOUNT SUMMARY **Original Creditor** Your past-due account has not been paid. WebBank **Current Creditor** If you can't pay in full today, call us anyway. We work everyday to help other people LendingClub Corporation with special payment arrangements customized to fit their situations. You'll have the New Account # peace of mind of putting this obligation in the past. 5723 **Original Account #** 96134127 Last Payment Date 06/02/2017 **Principal Amount Due** \$22,179.74 **Interest Due** \$753.52 **Misc. Fee Due** \$42.17 **Total Balance Due** \$22,975.43 NEW YORK CITY RESIDENTS: Kyle Sutter, Operations Manager, B: 678-578-1045. New York City Department of Consumer Affairs License Number: 2047506-DCA **PAYMENT OPTIONS** To make a payment online: NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS: Debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including but not limited to: https://pay.vitalrecovery.com \$ Sign on using payment id: a) the use or threat of violence: 2330 b) the use of obscene or profane language; and For further information or to c) repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass. pay by phone, please call Vital Recovery Services, LLC If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and at (888)297-4067. federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt: 1. Supplemental security income, (SSI); Mail check or money order 2. Social security: payable to Vital Recovery 3. Public assistance (welfare); Services, LLC 4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support; 5. Unemployment benefits; 6. Disability benefits; 7. Workers' compensation benefits; 8. Public or private pensions; 9. Veterans' benefits; 10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and 888 11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days. RATING:

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt by a debt collector. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This communication is from a debt collector.



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