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Grand Rapids, MI (January 21, 2010) – The following statistics are provided to the ARM industry courtesy of WebRecon LLC.

**Monthly recap: For the month of January, FDCPA cases are up, FCRA cases are down over January 2009.**

- 716 FDCPA (Fair Debt Collection Practices Act), vs. 551 in January 2009
- 77 FCRA (Fair Credit Reporting Act), vs. 109 in January 2009
- 5 TCPA (Telephone Consumer Protection Act), vs. 1 in January 2009
- 39 TILA (Truth in Lending Act)

**FDCPA and Other Consumer Rights Lawsuit Statistics, January 16-31, 2010**

**There were about 465 lawsuits filed under consumer statutes in the second half of January. Here is an approximate breakdown:**

- 403 Fair Debt Collection Practices Act
- 43 Fair Credit Reporting Act
- 1 Telephone Consumer Protection Act
- 15 Truth In Lending Act
- 1 Equal Credit Opportunity Act
- 1 Electronic Fund Transfers Act
- 1 Fair Credit Billing Act
- 1 Home Ownership And Equity Protection Act
- 3 State of California Consumer Statutes
- 1 State of Florida Consumer Statutes
- 1 State of Indiana Consumer Statutes
- 2 State of Maryland Consumer Statutes
- 1 State of Massachusetts Consumer Statutes
- 1 State of Michigan Consumer Statutes
- 2 State of West Virginia Consumer Statutes
- 7 Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act
- 1 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act

**Summary:**

- Of those cases, there were about 484 unique plaintiffs (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit).
- Of those plaintiffs, about 141 had sued under consumer statutes before.
- Combined, those 141 plaintiffs have filed about 801 lawsuits since 2001
- Actions were filed in 104 different US District Court branches.
- About 303 different collection firms and creditors were sued.

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

- 30 Lawsuits: Illinois Northern District Court - Chicago
- 24 Lawsuits: Minnesota District Court - DMN
- 24 Lawsuits: Colorado District Court - Denver
- 18 Lawsuits: New York Western District Court - Buffalo
- 18 Lawsuits: California Central District Court - Western Division - Los Angeles
- 17 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Middle District Court - Scranton
- 17 Lawsuits: Michigan Eastern District Court - Detroit
- 16 Lawsuits: Arizona District Court - Phoenix

- 16 Lawsuits: Georgia Northern District Court - Atlanta
- 16 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Eastern District Court - Philadelphia

**The most active consumer attorneys were:**

- Representing 20 Consumers: Matthew William Kiverts
- Representing 19 Consumers: Brent F. Vullings
- Representing 17 Consumers: Kenneth R. Hiller
- Representing 17 Consumers: Nicholas J. Bontrager
- Representing 14 Consumers: Todd Michael Friedman
- Representing 12 Consumers: Adam Theodore Hill
- Representing 12 Consumers: Kenneth W. Pennington
- Representing 12 Consumers: Ryan Scott Lee
- Representing 11 Consumers: Phillip C. Rogers
- Representing 11 Consumers: David Michael Larson

**Statistics Year to Date:**

**851 total lawsuits for 2010, including:**

- 716 FDCPA
- 77 FCRA
- 5 TCPA
- 39 TILA (Truth in Lending Act)

**Number of unique Plaintiffs: 881 (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit)**

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

- Representing 36 Consumers: Ryan Scott Lee
- Representing 34 Consumers: Brent F. Vullings
- Representing 32 Consumers: Matthew William Kiverts
- Representing 27 Consumers: Adam Theodore Hill
- Representing 26 Consumers: Todd Michael Friedman

*About WebRecon LLC: Creditors and collection firms use WebRecon's services to easily segregate predictably litigious consumers from their databases. A significant percentage of consumer litigation is initiated by the same consumers over and over again, and screening them out of the general population can reduce lawsuits by as much as a third.*

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- The 'Reputation Tracker'** | The industry's only Consumer Web Site search engine
- The 'Litigant Hotsheet'** | A quick snapshot of the most active litigious consumers sent twice monthly

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