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Grand Rapids, MI (February 23, 2010) – The following statistics are provided to the ARM industry courtesy of WebRecon LLC.

FDCPA and Other Consumer Rights Lawsuit Statistics, February 1-15, 2010

There were about 436 lawsuits filed under consumer statutes in the first half of February. Here is an approximate breakdown:

- 372 Fair Debt Collection Practices Act
- 38 Fair Credit Reporting Act
- 2 Telephone Consumer Protection Act
- 15 Truth In Lending Act
- 1 Credit Repair Organizations Act
- 1 Electronic Fund Transfers Act
- 2 Home Ownership And Equity Protection Act
- 5 State of California Consumer Statutes
- 3 State of Florida Consumer Statutes
- 1 State of Massachusetts Consumer Statutes
- 2 State of Pennsylvania Consumer Statutes
- 1 State of Texas Consumer Statutes
- 1 State of West Virginia Consumer Statutes
- 7 Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act
- 2 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act

Summary:

- Of those cases, there were about 462 unique plaintiffs (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit).
- Of those plaintiffs, about 153 had sued under consumer statutes before.
- Combined, those 153 plaintiffs have filed about 766 lawsuits since 2001
- Actions were filed in 99 different US District Court branches.
- About 293 different collection firms and creditors were sued.

The top courts where lawsuits were filed:

- 31 Lawsuits: Illinois Northern District Court - Chicago
- 26 Lawsuits: Colorado District Court - Denver
- 17 Lawsuits: Arizona District Court - Phoenix
- 17 Lawsuits: California Central District Court - Western Division - Los Angeles
- 16 Lawsuits: Michigan Western District Court - Southern Division
- 14 Lawsuits: Missouri Eastern District Court - St. Louis - Eastern Division
- 13 Lawsuits: New York Western District Court - Buffalo
- 12 Lawsuits: Minnesota District Court - DMN
- 12 Lawsuits: New Jersey District Court - Newark
- 11 Lawsuits: Pennsylvania Middle District Court - Scranton

The most active consumer attorneys were:

- Representing 29 Consumers: Matthew William Kiverts
- Representing 17 Consumers: Ryan Scott Lee
- Representing 14 Consumers: David Michael Larson
- Representing 14 Consumers: Robert T. Healey, Jr.

- Representing 11 Consumers: Daniel A. Edelman
- Representing 11 Consumers: J. Mark Meinhardt
- Representing 11 Consumers: Nicholas J. Bontrager
- Representing 11 Consumers: Phillip C. Rogers
- Representing 10 Consumers: John Cole Gayle, Jr.
- Representing 10 Consumers: Michael S Agruss

Statistics Year to Date:

1284 total lawsuits for 2010, including:

- 1087 FDCPA (vs. 882 same time 2009, 601 same time 2008)
- 115 FCRA (vs. 155 same time 2009, 150 same time 2008)
- 7 TCPA (vs. 1 same time 2009, 4 same time 2008)
- 54 TILA (Truth in Lending Act)

Number of unique Plaintiffs: 1327 (including multiple plaintiffs in one suit)

The most active consumer attorneys of the year:

- Representing 61 Consumers: Matthew William Kiverts
- Representing 53 Consumers: Ryan Scott Lee
- Representing 38 Consumers: David Michael Larson
- Representing 37 Consumers: Brent F. Vullings
- Representing 33 Consumers: Nicholas J. Bontrager

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 'Litigant Exchange' | Provide your state & local lawsuit data in exchange for access to others' lawsuit data
The 'Reputation Tracker' | The industry's only Consumer Web Site search engine
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