### QUARTERLY FEDERAL COURT LITIGATION STATUS REPORT

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## **SUMMARY OF CASES**

	D. Ct.	Ct. App.*	S. Ct.	Total
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW	0	3	0	3
INJUNCTION AND CONSUMER REDRESS CASES	72	22	2	96
CIVIL PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT CASES	16	1	0	17
SUBPOENA AND CID ENFORCEMENTS	2	0	0	2
SUITS TO ENJOIN FTC ACTION AND OTHER DEFENSIVE LITIGATION	9	2	0	11
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TOTALS	103	32	4	139

<sup>\*</sup> Includes all cases in which appellate proceedings have taken place during the reporting period or are pending; these cases are not counted in the District Court column, even if such proceedings are going on simultaneously.

#### **PETITIONS FOR REVIEW**

#### (A) Orders to Cease and Desist

## NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS v. FTC, No. 12-1172

(4th Cir.)

Parties: North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners

Assigned Attorneys: Imad D. Abyad (OGC)

Nature of Action: Petition for review of final order *In re North Carolina [State] Board of* 

Dental Examiners.

Status: Petition filed 2/10/12.

Board's opening brief filed 5/10/12.

Commission's response brief filed 6/27/12.

Board's reply brief filed 7/19/12. Oral argument set for 12/5/12.

#### POLYPORE INTERNATIONAL, INC v. FTC, No. 11-10375 (11th Cir.)

Parties: Polypore International, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Michele Arington (OGC)

Nature of Action: Petition for review of final divestiture order

Status: Petition filed 2/28/11.

Polypore's brief filed 4/26/11. Commission's brief filed 6/20/11. Polypore's reply brief filed 7/19/11.

Oral argument held 1/25/12.

Opinion affirming Commission's decision and divestiture order entered

7/11/12.

Polypore's petition for panel rehearing or rehearing en banc filed 8/27/12.

### FTC v. PROMEDICA HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC., No. 12-3583 (6th Cir.)

Parties: ProMedica Health Systems, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Michele Arington (OGC)

Nature of Action: Petition for review of final divestiture order

Status: Petition filed 5/18/12.

ProMedica's opening brief filed 9/17/12. Commission's answering brief due 11/7/12. ProMedica's reply brief due 11/30/12.

### (B) Rulemakings

(None)

#### **INJUNCTION AND CONSUMER REDRESS CASES**

#### (A) Preliminary Injunctions (Mergers/Acquisitions)

FTC v. PHOEBE PUTNEY HEALTH SYSTEM, INC., No. 11-1160 (S. Ct.); No. 11-12906 (11th Cir.); No. 1:11-CV-00058 (M.D. Ga.)

Parties: Phoebe Putney Health System, Inc.

Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc.

Phoebe North, Inc.

HCA, Inc.

Palmyra Park Hospital, Inc.

Hospital Authority of Albany-Dougherty County

Assigned Attorneys: John F. Daly (OGC)

Imad D. Abyad Leslie R. Melman

Malcolm L. Stewart (DOJ/OSG)

Benjamin J. Horwich Edward D. Hassi (BC) Priya Viswanath

Sara Y. Razi Thomas H. Brock Matthew Tabas Peter C. Herrick

Alleged Conduct: Action for preliminary injunction and other equitable relief for violations

of Section 5 of the FTC Act and Section 7 of the Clayton Act in connection with the monopolization of inpatient general acute care services sold to commercial health plans and their customers in Albany,

Georgia and surrounding area.

Status: Sealed complaint filed 4/20/11.

Order granting motion for TRO entered 4/21/11.

Motions to dismiss complaint or, in the alternative, for summary judgment

by defendants filed 5/16/11.

Briefs of the Commission and the State of Georgia in further support of motion for preliminary injunction and in opposition to defendants'

motions to dismiss or for summary judgment filed 6/1/1.

Order granting motions to dismiss and denying motion for preliminary

injunction entered 6/27/11.

Commission's notice of appeal filed 6/28/11.

Commission's emergency motion for injunction pending appeal and to

expedite appeal filed 6/29/11.

Injunction pending appeal granted 7/6/11.

Commission's opening brief filed 7/27/11; appellees' answering brief filed 8/17/11; Commission's reply brief filed 8/24/11.

Order affirming district court entered 12/09/11.

Petition for writ of certiorari filed 3/23/12; granted 6/25/12.

Commission's brief filed 8/20/12.

Oral argument scheduled for 11/26/12.

### (B) Preliminary Injunctions (Other)

(None pending)

#### (C) Permanent Injunctions/Consumer Redress\*\*\*

# FTC v. AFFILIATE STRATEGIES, INC., No. 11-3319 (10th Cir); No. 5:09-CV-04104 (D. Kan.)

Parties: Affiliate Strategies, Inc.

Landmark Publishing Group, L.L.C., d/b/a G.F. Institute and Grant

Funding Institute Grant Writers Institute, L.L.C. Answer Customers, L.L.C.

Apex Holdings International, L.L.C.

Brett Blackman Jordan Sevy James Rulison

Real Estate Buyers Financial Network LLC, d/b/a Grant Writers Research

Network Martin Nossov Alicia Nossov

Wealth Power Systems, LLC Aria Financial Services LLC Direct Marketing Systems, Inc.

Justin Ely

Meggie Chapman, d/b/a Meggie Chapman & Associates

Assigned Attorney: Gary L. Ivens (BCP/MP)

Michael Bergman (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the

Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with obtaining and receiving U.S.

government grants for consumers.

Status: Complaint filed 7/20/09.

TRO with asset freeze entered 7/24/09.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 9/1/09; amended 11/24/09.

Amended complaint filed adding defendants Wealth Power Systems,

LLC; Aria Financial Services LLC; Direct Marketing Systems,

Inc.; Justin Ely; and Meggie Chapman, d/b/a Meggie Chapman &

Associates filed 12/9/09.

Clerk's entry of default against defendant Direct Marketing Systems, Inc.

2/25/10.

Second amended complaint filed 6/21/10.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Unless otherwise noted, cases involve suits for permanent injunction and other equitable relief. Post-judgment proceedings in district court are not generally reported.

- Clerk's entry of default against defendants Apex Holdings, Affiliate Strategies, Landmark Publishing, Grant Writers Institute, Answer Customers, and Direct Marketing Systems entered 8/12/10.
- Motion for summary judgment by defendant Chapman filed 12/10/10; Commission's opposition filed 1/3/11; reply filed 1/31/11.
- Motion for summary judgment by defendant Aria Financial Services, LLC and Wealth Power Systems, LLC filed 12/10/10; Commission's opposition filed 1/3/11; reply filed 1/18/11.
- Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 12/10/10; opposition by defendants Aria Financial LLC and Wealth Power Systems, LLC filed 12/27/10; opposition by defendants Real Estate Buyers Financial Network LLC and Martin and Alicia Nossov filed 1/18/11; opposition by defendant Meggie Chapman filed 1/18/11; opposition by defendant Justin Ely filed 1/26/11; Commission's replies filed 2/4/11.
- Stipulated permanent injunction and final judgment order against Bret Blackman, Justin Ely, Jordan Sevy, and James Rulison entered 7/21/11.
- Commission's motion for default judgment against several corporate defendants filed 7/22/11; order granting motion for default judgment against Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. entered 7/26/11.
- Order denying defendant Chapman's motion for summary judgment; denying as moot defendants Aria and Wealth Power System's motion for summary judgment; and granting in part and denying in part plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, entered 7/26/11.
- Default judgment and permanent injunction against Apex Holdings International LLC, Affiliate Strategies LLC, Landmark Publishing Group LLC, Grant Writers Institute LLC, and Answer Customers LLC entered 7/26/11.
- Order for permanent injunction as to defendants Real Estate Buyers Network LLC and Martin Nossov entered 8/1/11.
- Consent decree and final judgment order against Wealth Power Systems, LLC and Aria Financial Services LLC entered 8/12/11.
- Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment against Alicia Nossov entered 8/18/11.
- Trial held on 8/22/11 and 8/23/11.
- Final judgment order against Real Estate Buyers Financial Network LLC, and Martin Nossov entered 8/24/11.
- Final judgment order and permanent injunction against Meggie Chapman entered 9/26/11.
- Notice of appeal filed 10/27/11; amended 11/17/11.
- Notice of order abating case pending termination of appellant's bankruptcy proceedings entered 11/21/11.
- Commission's motion to vacate abatement filed 12/1/11; appellant's response filed 12/21/11.
- Appellant Meggie Chapman's brief filed 5/3/12; Commission's response

# brief filed 6/28/12; Chapman's reply brief filed 9/27/12. Oral argument set for 11/7/12.

# FTC v. ALCOHOLISM CURE CORPORATION, No. 12-14039 (11th Cir.), No. 3:10-CV-00266 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Alcoholism Cure Corporation, d/b/a Alcoholism Cure Foundation

Robert Douglas Krotzer

Assigned Attorneys: Karen Mandel (BCP/AP)

Elise Whang

Serena Viswanathan

Theodore Metzler, Jr., (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 involving false

advertising claims in connection with cures for alcoholism and related

unauthorized billing.

Status: Complaint filed 3/29/10.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 5/26/10.

Default against Alcoholism Cure Corp. entered 9/22/10.

Commission motion for summary judgment filed 4/6/11; opposition by

defendant Robert Douglass Krotzer filed 4/28/11.

Order granting Commission's motion for summary judgment entered

9/16/11.

Commission motion for default judgment against Alcoholism Cure Corp.

filed 10/31/11; order referring motion for report and

recommendations entered 11/02/11; report and recommendation for default judgment against Alcoholism Cure Corp. entered

12/5/11.

Notice of appeal by defendant Krotzer filed 8/1/12.

#### FTC v. AMERICAN CREDIT CRUNCHERS, LLC, No. 1:12-CV-0128 (N.D. Ill.)

Parties: American Credit Crunchers, LLC

Varang K. Thaker d/b/a American Credit Crunchers

Assigned Attorneys: Elizabeth Coulter Scott (MWR)

John Campbell Hallerud

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of section 5 and the FDCPA in

connection with debt collection practices.

Status: Complaint filed 2/13/12.

TRO with asset freeze and other equitable relief entered 2/14/12. Preliminary injunction entered 2/27/12.

### FTC v. AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRIBUTORS, INC., No. 11-10150-EE (11th Cir); No. 1:04-CV-22431 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: American Entertainment Distributors, Inc.

> Automated Entertainment Dispensers, Inc. Automated Entertainment Machines, Inc.

Universal Technical Support, Inc. **Universal Cybercom Corporation** 

Russell G. MacArthur, Jr.

Miriam Smolyansky (personal representative for estate of deceased

defendant Anthony Rocco Andreoni)

James R. MacArthur Mauricio A. Paz

Miriam Smolyansky, a/k/a Masha Tango

Assigned Attorneys: Michael Tankersley (BCP/MP)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive practices in violation of Section 5 and the Franchise Rule in

connection with the sale of a business opportunity venture involving

automated DVD and VHS movie rental machines.

Status: Complaint for injunctive and other equitable relief filed 9/28/04.

TRO entered 9/29/04.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants American

Entertainment Distributors, Inc. and James R. MacArthur entered

10/21/04.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Universal Cybercom

Corporation and Mauricio A. Paz entered 11/24/04.

Order modifying TRO entered 12/29/04.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Automated

Entertainment Dispensers, Inc., Universal Technical Support, Inc., Anthony Rocco Andreoni and Miriam Smolyansky entered 1/5/05.

Stipulated amendment of preliminary injunction as to defendant Anthony Rocco Andreoni entered 1/5/05.

Stipulated preliminary injunction with asset freeze as to defendant Russell G. MacArthur, Jr. entered 1/21/05.

Default judgment and final order for permanent injunction as to American Entertainment Distributors, Inc., Automated Entertainment Machines, Inc. and James R. MacArthur entered 2/22/05.

Commission's motion to stay discovery until criminal proceedings are completed filed 8/30/05; defendants' response filed 9/6/05;

Commission's response filed 9/9/05; order granting motion to stay entered 10/17/05.

Order reopening case and lifting stay entered 5/13/08.

Commission's motion for summary judgment against defendant Russell G. MacArthur, Jr. filed 10/24/08.

Stipulated proposed final orders as to Mauricio A. Paz, Universal Cybercom Corporation, Automated Entertainment Distributors, Inc., and Universal Technical Support, Inc. filed 1/16/09.

Final order and permanent injunction as to defendant Russell G. MacArthur, Jr. entered 7/21/09.

Stipulated final order as to defendant Miriam Andreoni entered 11/17/10.

Stipulated final orders as to defendants Mauricio A. Paz, Universal Cybercom Corporation, Automated Entertainment Distributors, Inc., and Universal Technical Support, Inc. entered 11/18/10.

Notice of appeal by defendant Miriam Andreoni filed 1/12/11.

Brief for appellant filed 3/3/11.

Brief for the Commission filed 4/11/11.

Decision affirming district court entered 7/8/11.

Motion for summary judgment against defendant the Estate of Anthony Rocco Andreoni filed 9/9/11; motion to strike filed 10/14/11; reply filed 12/5/11; defendant's motion to strike denied 3/29/12.

Order granting motion for summary judgment entered 8/31/12.

Final judgment entered 9/28/12.

#### FTC v. AMERICAN MORTGAGE CONSULTING GROUP, No. 8:12-CV-01561 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: American Mortgage Consulting Group

Home Guardian Management Solutions LLC

Mark Nagy Atalla

Assigned Attorneys: Barbara Chun (WRLA)

Kathryn Decker

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and

the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule in connection with the

marketing and sale of mortgage and debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/18/12.

TRO entered 9/18/12.

# FTC v. AMERICAN PRECIOUS METALS, LLC, No. 12-10385 (11th Cir.); No. 0:11-CV-61072 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: American Precious Metals, LLC

Sam J. Goldman Harry Tanner, Jr. Andrea Tanner

Assigned Attorneys: Dama J. Brown (SER)

Harold E. Kirtz Sana Chriss

Leslie Melman (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the

Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the defendants' marketing,

distribution, and sale to consumers of precious metals investment

opportunity.

Status: Complaint filed 5/10/11.

TRO granted 5/13/11.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to all defendants entered 5/24/11.

Pretrial conference set for 10/21/11. Motion to dismiss complaint filed 6/8/11. Motion for summary judgment filed 9/6/11.

Amended complaint adding Sam Goldman as defendant filed

10/11/11.

Preliminary injunction against Sam Goldman entered 12/28/11.

Notice of interlocutory appeal filed 1/19/12.

Appellant's brief filed 3/5/12.

Joint motion to stay and remand filed 5/30/12.

Order dismissing appeal and remanding to district court

entered 7/9/12.

Stipulated modified order for preliminary injunction against defendant

Sam Goldman entered 7/10/12.

Order closing case due to settlement entered 9/25/12.

### FTC v. AMERICAN TAX RELIEF LLC, No. 12-71937 (9th Cir.), No. 2:11-CV-06397 (C.D.

Cal.); No. 1:10-CV-06123 (N.D. III)

Parties: American Tax Relief LLC

Alexander Seung Hahn

Joo Hyun Park Il Kon Park

Young Soon Park

Assigned Attorneys: Karen D. Dodge (MWR)

Marissa J. Reich

Mark S. Hegedus (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

the advertising, promotion, and sale of tax relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/24/2010.

TRO with asset freeze entered 9/24/10.

Preliminary injunction with asset freeze entered 11/9/10.

Order granting defendants' motion to transfer case to the Central District

of California entered 7/20/11.

Petition for mandamus fled in court of appeals 6/20/12.

Order denying mandamus by court of appeals entered 9/5/12.

#### FTC v. AMG SERVICES, INC, No. 2:12-CV-00536 (D. Nev.)

Parties: AMG Services, Inc.

Red Cedar Services, Inc., d/b/a 500FastCash

SFS, Inc., d/b/a OneClickCash

Tribal Financial Services, Inc., d/b/a Ameriloan, d/b/a UnitedCashLoan,

d/b/a USFastCash, d/b/a Miami Nation Enterprises.

AMG Capital Management, LLC

Level 5 Motorsports, LLC Lead Flash Consulting, LLC Black Creek Capital Corporation Broadmoor Capital Partners, LLC

Muir Law Firm, LLC Scott A. Tucker Blaine A. Tucker

Timothy J. Muir Don E. Brady

Robert D. Campbell Troy L. LittleAxe Park 269 LLC

Kim C. Tucker

Assigned Attorneys: Helen Wong (BCP/FP)

Jason Schall

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5, the Truth in

Lending Act, and the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, in connection with offering and extending credit, "pay-day" loans, and the collection of those

loans.

Status: Complaint filed 4/2/12.

Motion to dismiss by all defendants filed 5/25/12; Commission's response

filed 6/11/12.

#### FTC v. APOGEE ONE ENTERPRISES LLC, No. 1:12-CV-00588 (N.D. III.)

Parties: Apogee One Enterprises LLC, d/b/a Apogee Enterprises LLC,

Platinum Trust Card, Express Platinum Card Marquee Marketing LLC, d/b/a Express Platinum Card

Blake Rubin, d/b/a Platinum Trust Card, Express Platinum Card, CR Ventures LLC, Maxim Management Group, LLC

Chase Rubin, d/b/a Platinum Trust Card, d/b/a Express Platinum Card, CR Ventures LLC, d/b/a Maxim Management Group, LLC

Oakmont Management Services, LLC

Justin Diaczuk Jules Shore

Assigned Attorneys: James Davis (MWR)

Joannie T. Wei

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of section 5 and the TSR in

connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion and sale of general-

purpose credit cards.

Status: Complaint filed 1/26/12.

TRO with asset freeze and other equitable relief entered 1/30/12.

Preliminary injunction entered 2/16/12.

Answer to complaint filed 2/21/12; amended answer to complaint filed

3/29/12.

Stipulated final order as to all defendants entered 9/19/12.

#### FTC v. ASIA PACIFIC TELECOM, INC., No. 1:10-CV-03168 (N.D. III.)

Parties: Asia Pacific Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Asia Pacific Networks

Repo B.V.

SBN Peripherals, Inc., d/b/a SBN Dials Johan Hendrik Smit Duyzentkunst Janneke Bakker-Smit Duyzentkunst

Assigned Attorneys: Steven M. Wernikoff (MWR)

James H. Davis

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the

Telemarketing Sales Rule involving prerecorded telemarketing calls for a

variety of products.

Status: Complaint filed 5/24/10.

TRO with asset freeze entered 5/25/10; extended 5/27/10.

Preliminary injunction as to defendants Asia Pacific Telecom, Inc. and

Repo B.V. entered 6/15/10.

Preliminary injunction as to defendants Johan Hendrik Smit

Duyzentkunst, Janneke Bakker-Smit Duyzentkunst, and SBN

Peripherals, Inc. entered 7/1/10.

Commission's motion for partial summary judgment filed 6/28/11;

granted in part and denied in part 7/26/11.

Final order and permanent injunction against defendants Repo B.V., Johan

Henrik Smith Duzyentkunst, SBN Peripherals, Inc., and Janneke

Bakker-Smit Duyzentkunst entered 3/22/12.

Final order and permanent injunction against defendant Asia Pacific

Telecom, Inc., entered 4/26/12.

#### FTC v. BEONY INTERNATIONAL LLC, No. 1:11-CV-02488 (N.D. Ill.)

Parties: Beony International LLC

Mario Milanovic Cody Adams

Assigned Attorney: John C. Hallerud (MWR)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Sections 5 and 12 of the FTC

Act in connection with the advertising, marketing and promotion of

weight loss and other products to consumers.

Status: Complaint filed 4/13/11.

TRO with other equitable relief and order to show cause why a

preliminary injunction should not issued entered 4/18/11.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 4/29/11.

Order freezing assets and requiring repatriation of assets entered 3/7/12.

#### FTC v. BLUEHIPPO FUNDING, LLC, No. 11-374 (2d Cir.); No. 1:08-CV-01819 (S.D.N.Y.)

Parties: BlueHippo Funding, LLC

BlueHippo Capital LLC

Joseph K. Rensin

Assigned Attorneys: Amanda C. Basta (BCP/ENF)

Michael D. Bergman (OGC)

David C. Shonka

Alleged Conduct: Contempt proceeding for violations of a permanent injunction in

connection with the sale of personal computers, televisions, and other

consumer electronics.

Status: Complaint filed 2/22/08.

Stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction entered

4/9/08.

Motions for contempt and to modify permanent injunction against

BlueHippo Funding, LLC, BlueHippo Capital LLC, and Joseph K.

Rensin filed 11/17/09.

Order to show cause why defendants should not be held in contempt

entered 11/16/09; modified 11/18/09.

Defendants' memoranda of law filed 12/7/09 and 12/11/09; Commission's

reply memoranda of law filed 12/11/09 and 12/12/09.

Trial held 2/9/10-2/11/10; closing argument held 2/19/10.

Order granting motion for contempt entered 7/27/10; judgment entered

7/30/10.

Commission's motion to amend/correct judgment and order filed 8/27/10;

defendants' opposition filed 9/24/10; Commission's reply filed

10/8/10.

Order denying Commission's motion to amend/correct judgment and order

entered 12/1/10.

Notice of appeal filed 2/1/11.

Commission's brief filed 5/16/11.

Appellee's brief filed 8/15/11.

Commission's reply brief filed 9/12/11.

Argument held 2/23/12.

#### FTC v. BROADWAY GLOBAL MASTER, INC., No. 2:12-cv-00855 (E.D. Cal.)

Parties: Broadway Global Master, Inc.

In-Arabia Solutions Inc.

Kirit Patel

Assigned Attorneys: Lisa D. Rosenthal (WRSF)

Austin A.B. Ownbey

Kerry O'Brien Sarah Schroeder

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 and the

FDCPA related to debt collection practices.

Status: Complaint filed 4/3/12.

TRO entered 4/5/12.

Preliminary injunction and asset freeze entered 4/26/12.

Order granting six-month stay entered 9/17/12.

# FTC v. BURNLOUNGE, INC., Nos. 12-55926, 12-56197, 12-56128 (9th Cir.), No. 2:07-CV-03654 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: BurnLounge, Inc.

Juan Alexander Arnold

John Taylor Rob DeBoer Scott Elliott

Assigned Attorneys: Chris M. Couillou (SER)

Dama Brown

David C. Fix (BCP/MP) Burke Kappler (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with the

advertising, marketing, and sale of opportunities to operate on-line digital

music stores.

Status: Complaint filed 6/6/07.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant Scott Elliott entered

7/2/07.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant BurnLounge, Inc.

entered 7/3/07.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant Rob DeBoer entered

8/7/07.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant John Taylor entered 8/8/07.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant Juan Alexander Arnold entered 8/21/07.

Commission's motion to show cause why defendants BurnLounge and Juan Alexander Arnold should not be held in contempt for violation of stipulated preliminary injunction filed 4/24/08; defendants' opposition filed 5/7/08; Commission's reply filed 5/8/08; order granting motion to show cause entered 5/19/08.

Stipulated final order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to defendant Scott Elliott entered 6/16/08.

Defendants BurnLounge and Juan Alexander Arnold opposition to order to show cause filed 6/24/08; Commission's response filed 7/7/08; defendants' reply filed 7/8/08.

Order finding BurnLounge in violation of court injunction entered 8/4/08. Trial held 12/9/08 to 12/22/08.

Post-trial briefs filed 3/6/09.

Closing arguments held 3/30/09.

Commission's motion to protect frozen assets from collection efforts by third parties filed 5/15/09; hearing on motion held 7/13/09.

Statement of decision entered 7/1/11.

Final judgment and order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief against defendants Burnlounge, Inc., Juan Alexander Arnold, John Taylor and Orb Deboer entered 7/25/11.

Defendants' ex parte application to vacate judgment filed 7/29/11; Commission's reply filed 8/1/11; order granting ex part application entered 8/4/11.

Amended final judgment entered 3/1/12.

Defendants' motion to amend or alter final judgment filed 3/29/12; Commission's opposition filed 4/9/12; motion denied 5/13/12.

Notice of appeal by defendants Burnlounge and Arnold filed 5/17/12; notice of appeal by defendant Tyler filed 6/27/12; Commission's notice of cross- appeal filed 6/29/12.

Commission's brief as appellee and cross-appellant due 2/4/13.

# FTC v. CEPHALON, INC., No. 2:08-CV-02141 (E.D. Pa.), formerly No. 1:08-CV-00244 (D.D.C.)

Parties: Cephalon, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Markus H. Meier (BC)

Saralisa C. Brau Bradley S. Albert Alpa D. Gandhi Garth W. Huston Suzanne Munck

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Section 5 in connection with inducing generic companies to

abandon patent challenge and agreeing to refrain from producing a generic

form of the drug Provigil.

Status: Complaint for injunctive relief in D.D.C. filed 2/13/08.

Order granting defendant's motion to transfer case to E.D. Pa. entered

4/28/08.

Defendant's motion to dismiss filed 5/2/08; Commission's opposition to

motion filed 6/2/08; defendant's reply filed 6/20/08.

First amended complaint filed 8/12/09.

Defendant's motion to dismiss filed 8/31/09; Commission's response in

opposition filed 9/14/09; oral argument held 10/21/09.

Order and memorandum denying motion to dismiss entered 3/29/10. Order staying case pending Supreme Court resolution of pay-for-delay

pharmaceutical litigation settlements entered 8/29/12.

#### FTC v. CHASE FINANCIAL FUNDING INC., No. 8:04-CV-00549 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Chase Financial Funding Inc.

James F Berry Suzanna Admire Jeremy Alexander Chase Enterprise WCM QSUB-34

Assigned Attorneys: Faye C. Barnouw (WRLA)

Nikhil Singhvi

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation the Federal Trade Commission

Act and the Truth in Lending Act.

Status: Complaint filed 5/12/04.

Parties executed stipulated final judgment 12/04.

FTC initiates contempt proceedings 6/28/05

Stipulated order resolving contempt proceedings entered 12/7/05.

Bankruptcy proceedings initiated 4/20/06. Bankruptcy proceedings closed 7/8/11.

Motion to reopen to enter final judgment and order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief filed 10/17/11.

#### FTC v. CIRCA DIRECT LLC, No. 1:11-CV-02172 (D. N.J.)

Parties: Circa Direct LLC

Andrew Davidson

Assigned Attorneys: Elizabeth O. Tucci (BCP/AP)

Laura Sullivan

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

the advertising, marketing and promotion of acai berry-based weight loss

products and other products.

Status: Complaint filed 4/18/11.

TRO and order to show cause entered 4/19/11.

Answer to complaint filed 5/6/11.

Stipulated preliminary injunction order entered 6/1/11.

Commission's brief supporting entry of proposed stipulated final order

filed 3/14/12.

Order requiring supplemental briefing by the Commission entered 6/13/12;

Commission's brief supporting settlement filed 7/6/12.

Order conditionally granting permanent injunction entered 9/11/12.

#### FTC v. COLEADIUM, INC., No. 1:12-cv-0694 (N.D. III.)

Parties: Coleadium, Inc.

Jason Akatiff

Assigned Attorneys: Steven Wernikoff (MWRO)

Guy Ward

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in

connection with the advertising, marketing, and promotion of acai berry

products.

Status: Complaint filed 8/30/12.

Order granting permanent injunction entered 9/4/12.

#### FTC v. COMMERCE PLANET, INC., No. 8:09-CV-01324 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Commerce Planet, Inc., d/b/a Online Supplier

Michael Hill Charles Gugliuzza Aaron Gravitz

Assigned Attorneys: David M. Newman (WRSF)

Eric D. Edmondson

Raymond E. McKown (WRLA)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

the marketing and sale of "Online Auction Starter Kits" and automatic

debiting of monthly charges to consumer credit cards.

Status: Complaint filed 11/10/09.

Stipulated final orders for permanent injunction and monetary relief against Commerce Planet, Inc., Michael Hill, and Aaron Gravitz entered 11/18/09.

Motion to dismiss as to defendant Charles Gugliuzza filed 1/19/10; Commission's opposition to motion filed 2/1/10; defendants' reply filed 2/8/10; order denying defendants' motion to dismiss entered 2/12/10.

Defendant Charles Gugliuzza's answer impleading Superfly Advertising, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and Superfly Advertising, Inc. (an Indiana corporation) as third-party defendants filed 4/16/10; amended answer adding counterclaim against Commission filed 5/4/10.

Motion to dismiss Charles Gugliuzza's counterclaim filed 5/25/10; Gugliuzza's opposition filed 6/21/10; Commission's reply filed 6/28/10.

Motion to dismiss third-party defendant Superfly Advertising, Inc. filed 6/22/10; Gugliuzza's opposition filed 7/19/10; reply by third-party defendant Superfly Advertising, Inc. filed 7/26/10.

Order granting third-party defendant Superfly Advertising's motion to dismiss entered 8/5/10.

Amended third-party complaint against counter defendants Superfly Advertising, Inc. (an Indiana corporation) and Superfly Advertising, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) by defendant Charles Gugliuzza filed 8/25/10.

Motion to dismiss first amended third-party complaint by third-party defendant Superfly Advertising, Inc. filed 9/15/10; order granting

motion entered 10/27/10.

Second amended third-party complaint against counter defendants Superfly Advertising, Inc. (an Indiana corporation) and Superfly Advertising, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) by defendant Charles Gugliuzza filed 11/16/10.

Motion to dismiss second amended third-party complaint by third-party defendant Superfly Advertising, Inc. filed 11/29/10; order granting motion entered 12/28/10.

Motion for summary judgment by defendant Charles Gugliuzza filed 4/22/11.

First amended complaint for permanent injunction and other equitable relief filed 6/29/11.

Defendant Charles Gugliuzza's motion for summary judgment filed 7/27/11; Commission's opposition filed 8/22/11; reply filed 8/29/11; order denying motion for summary judgment entered 9/08/11.

Trial held 1/31/12-2/28/12.

Post-trial briefs submitted 3/23/12.

Memorandum of decision in favor of the Commission and directing Commission to file proposed permanent injunction and judgment entered 6/22/12.

Final order and permanent injunction as to all defendants entered 7/17/12.

#### FTC v. CONSUMER ADVOCATES GROUP EXPERTS LLC, No. 2:12-CV-04736 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Consumer Advocates Group Experts LLC, d/b/a Consumer Advocates

Group

Paramount Asset Management Corp., d/b/a National Financial Rescue Corp, National Financial Rescue Group, American Forensic Loan

Auditors Ryan Zimmerman

Assigned Attorneys: Mary T. Benfield (NWR)

Miry Kim

Raymond E. McKown (WRLA)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and

Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule in connection with the sale and

marketing of mortgage assistance programs.

Status: Complaint filed 5/30/12.

Preliminary injunction, appointment of a temporary receiver and other equitable relief entered 6/7/12.

#### FTC v. CONSUMER HEALTH BENEFITS ASS'N, No. 1:10-CV-03551 (E.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Consumer Health Benefits Association

John Schwartz Barbara Taube Jeffery Burman Century Senior Services Rita B. Werner Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Ronald K. Werner

Richard Holson III Vantage America Solutions

Louis Leo Windi Tow

National Association for Americans National Benefits Consultants, LLC National Benefits Solutions, LLC

Assigned Attorneys: Karen A. Dahlberg (NER)

Leonard L. Gordon

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the

Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with defendants' marketing,

distribution, and sale of medical discount plans.

Status: Complaint filed 8/03/10.

Stipulation and order modifying ex parte TRO as to defendant Louis Leo

entered 8/25/10.

Stipulation and order modifying ex parte TRO as to defendants Ron

Werner and Rita Werner entered 8/25/10.

Stipulated preliminary injunction order as to defendant Louis J. Leo

entered 9/21/10.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Ron Werner and Rita Werner entered 10/01/10.

Preliminary injunction as to corporate defendants entered 10/5/10.

Clerk's entry of default as to corporate defendants 11/15/10.

Stipulation and order modifying the preliminary injunction order as to defendants Louis Leo, Rita and Ronald Werner entered 3/31/11.

Commission's motion for leave to amend complaint naming additional defendants filed 5/06/11; magistrate judge's decision granting motion entered 8/18/11.

Appeals of magistrate judge's decision by proposed defendants filed 9/06/11.

Commission's amended complaint filed 10/13/11.

Motions to dismiss by filed 11/22/11; Commission's response in opposition filed 12/13/11.

Orders denying all motions to dismiss entered 5/23/12 & 5/24/12.

FTC v. COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., No. 12-55209 (9th Cir.); No. 2:10-CV-04193 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Countrywide Home Loans Inc.

BAC Home Loans Servicing LP Eric R. Calloway (Claimant)

David Kissi (Movant)

Assigned Attorneys: Heather Allen (BCP/DFP)

John David Jacobs Lucy E. Morris Lynette Hotchkins

Michael D. Bergman (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in

connection with the defendants selling, servicing, and collecting mortgage

loans.

Status: Complaint filed 6/7/10.

Stipulated consent judgment and order entered 6/15/10.

Claimant Eric R. Calloway's petition for enforcement of consent judgment and order filed 11/23/10; order denying petition entered 1/20/11.

Notice of pro se appeal by David Kissi filed 1/31/11.

Supplemental stipulated consent judgment and order as to defendant BAC

Home Loans entered 3/22/12.

Appellant's brief filed 4/20/12; Commission's answering brief filed

8/1/12.

#### FTC v. CREDIT RESTORATION BROKERS, LLC, No. 2:10-CV-00030 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Credit Restoration Brokers, LLC, d/b/a Clear Credit Sam Sky and Sam

Sky Credit Guy

Debt Negotiation Associates, LLC

Sam Tarad Sky

Kurt A. Streyffeler, P.A. Kurt A. Streyffeler

Assigned Attorney: John C. Hallerud (MWR)

Michael Davis

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of the Credit Repair Organizations

Act and Section 5 involving the marketing and sale of credit repair and

debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 1/20/10.

Stipulated settlement order as to defendants Credit Restoration Brokers, LLC; Debt Negotiation Associates, LLC; and Sam Tarad Sky entered 3/11/10.

Stipulated settlement order as to defendants Kurt A. Streyffeler, P.A. and Kurt A. Streyffeler entered 3/11/10.

Judgment entered 3/18/10.

Commission's contempt motion against Sam Sky, Credit Restoration Brokers, Debt Negotiation Associates and Allrepco filed 4/12/11. Show cause hearing held 12/13/11.

Order finding contempt and assessing civil contempt sanctions against Sam Tarad Sky, Allrepco, LLC, Credit Restoration Brokers, LLC, and Debt Negotiation Associates,

LLC entered 2/10/12.

Supplemental final order modifying stipulated settlement order as to defendants Sam Tarad Sky, Credit Restoration Brokers, LLC, and Debt Negotiation Associates, LLC entered 2/10/12.

Emergency motion to vacate and/or for clarification of contempt order and supplemental final order modifying stipulated settlement order by defendant Sam Skye filed 2/13/12; Commission's opposition filed 2/17/12.

Emergency motion to stay by defendant Sam Skye filed 4/19/12; Commission's opposition filed 4/25/12.

Order denying defendant Sam Skye's emergency motion to stay filed 9/28/12.

#### FTC v. DALBEY, No. 1:11-CV-01396 (D. Colo.)

Parties: Russell T. Dalbey

DEI, LLLP

Dalbey Education Institute, LLC

IPME, LLLP

Catherine L. Dalbey Marsha Kellogg

Assigned Attorneys: Alysa S. Bernstein (BCP/AP)

David P. Frankel

Michelle Robyn Rosenthal

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive practices in violation of Section 5 and the FTC's Telemarketing

Sales Rule in connection with defendants' marketing of wealth-building

program.

Status: Complaint filed 5/26/11.

Stipulated final order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as

to defendant Marsha Kellogg entered 6/7/11.

Joint motion for stipulated preliminary injunction filed 9/29/11.

Stipulated order for preliminary injunction and other equitable relief as to defendant Russell T. Dalbey entered 10/11/11.

Defendants Catherin Dalbey's and Russell Dalbey's motion for partial summary judgment filed 1/6/12; Commission's response filed 1/20/12; defendants' reply filed 2/3/12; motion denied 5/29/12.

Catherine and Russel Dalbeys motion to dismiss filed 5/4/12; Commission's opposition filed 5/29/12; defendant's reply filed 6/14/12.

Trial set for week of 1/22/13.

#### FTC v. DEBT ADVOCACY CENTER, LLC, No. 1:09-CV-02712 (N.D. Ohio)

Parties: Debt Advocacy Center, LLC CreditLaw Group

Smith, Gromann & Davidson, P.A. Credit Services Alliance, Inc.

Edward J. Davidson

John W. Smith

Glen E. Gromann

Bradford R. Geisen

Maurice Jackson

Patrick Butler

Kevin McCormick

Assigned Attorneys: Michael B. Rose (ECR)

Michael Milgrom Steven W. Balster Maria del Monaco

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the TSR in

connection with mortgage loan modification services, charging consumer

accounts, and refunds of consumer fees.

Status: Complaint filed 11/19/09.

TRO entered 11/20/09.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 1/25/10.

Amended complaint adding claims and defendants CreditLaw Group; Credit Services Alliance, Inc.; Bradford R. Geisen; Maurice

Jackson; and Patrick Butler filed 5/14/10.

Order to show cause why defendant Edward J. Davidson should not be held in contempt of court for violating the stipulated preliminary injunction entered 1/14/11.

Stipulated final judgments and permanent injunctions as to Edward J. Davidson, the Debt Advocacy Center, LLC, Smith Gorman & Davidson, P.A., Kevin McCormick; Bradford Geisen, Patrick Butler, Maurice Jackson, and Credit Services Alliance, Inc., entered 5/2/12.

Stipulated final judgment and permanent injunction as to John W. Smith, Glen E. Gromann, and CreditLaw Group entered 6/6/12.

#### FTC v. DEBT RELIEF USA, No. 3:11-CV-02059 (N.D. Tex.)

Parties: Debt Relief USA Inc

Kelly Reilly Alvin Bell James Wojcik Valerie Leath

Assigned Attorneys: Susan Arthur (SWR)

Shereen El Domeiri

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 involving advertising,

marketing, promotion, and offering for sale or sale of debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 8/17/11.

Stipulated permanent injunction and final order as to defendant Debt Relief

USA Inc entered 9/27/11.

Stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction and Monetary

Relief as to defendants Valerie Leath and James Wojcik entered

9/27/11.

Joint motion to stay case filed 9/26/12.

#### FTC v. DIRECT BENEFITS GROUP, LLC, No. 6:11-CV-01186 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Direct Benefits Group, LLC

Voice Net Global, LLC Solid Core Solutions, Inc.

WKMS, Inc. Kyle Wood Mark Berry

Assigned Attorneys: Harold E. Kirtz (SER)

Barbara E. Bolton

Alleged Conduct: Unfair or deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 involving

unauthorized charges to consumer bank accounts.

Status: Complaint filed 7/18/11.

TRO entered 7/19/11.

Preliminary injunction entered 08/19/11.

Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 5/15/12.

Trial set for October 2012 term.

#### FTC v. DIRECT MARKETING CONCEPTS, INC., No. 1:07-CV-11870 (D. Mass.)

Parties: Direct Marketing Concepts, Inc.

ITV Direct, Inc. ITV Global, Inc. Donald W. Barrett Robert Maihos

Assigned Attorneys: Edward Glennon (BCP/AP)

Shira D. Modell Heather Hippsley

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in

connection with the advertising, promotion, and sale of a book entitled "The Weight Loss Cure 'They' Don't Want You to Know About."

Status: Complaint filed 10/4/07.

Amended complaint adding defendant ITV Global, Inc. filed 10/17/07. Defendants' motion to dismiss filed 11/15/07; Commission's opposition

filed 11/29/07.

Order denying defendants' motion to dismiss entered 7/9/08.

Commission's motion to file second amended complaint filed 4/17/09; response in opposition filed 5/1/09; Commission's reply filed

5/13/09; order denying motion entered 8/13/09. Suggestion of death as to Robert Maihos filed 6/30/11. Order dismissing case due to settlement entered 7/23/12.

#### FTC v. DISH NETWORK, LLC, No. 3:12-cv-03221 (C.D. III.)

Parties: Dish Network, LLC.

Assigned Attorneys: Gary Ivens (BCP/MP)

Russel Deitch

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the Telemarketing Sales Rule

in connection with abandoned calls and telephone calls to consumers on the

National Do Not Call registry.

Status: Complaint filed 8/22/12.

Defendant's motion to dismiss filed 9/25/12.

#### FTC v. DR PHONE COMMUNICATION, INC., No. 3:12-CV-02631 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: DR Phone Communication, Inc.

David Rosenthal

Assigned Attorneys: Laura M. Solis (NWR)

Nadine S. Samter

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in

connection with the sale and marketing of prepaid telephone calling cards.

Status: Complaint filed 5/22/12.

FTC v. EDEBITPAY, No. 11-55431 (9th Cir.); No. 2:07-CV-04880 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: EDebitPay, LLC

Dale Paul Cleveland William Richard Wilson

Assigned Attorneys: Mark Morelli (BCP/ENF)

Zachary V. Hunter John D. Jacobs (WRLA) Leslie R. Melman (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Contempt proceedings for violating a stipulated final order.

Status: Complaint filed 7/30/07.

Stipulated final order entered 1/17/08.

Motions for contempt and for order to show cause as to contempt defendants EdebitPay, LLC; Dale Paul Cleveland; and William

Richard Wilson filed 5/27/10.

Order to show cause 7/2/10.

Hearing on order to show cause held 11/22/10 and 12/2-12/3/10.

Order finding the defendants in contempt and imposing contempt sanction

of \$3,720,774.50 entered 2/4/11.

Notice of appeal filed 3/16/11.

Appellants' opening brief filed 10/06/11; Commission's answering brief

filed 12/06/11; appellants' reply brief filed 12/19/11.

Oral argument held 8/6/12.

Opinion affirming the district court in full entered 8/28/12.

FTC v. E.M.A. NATIONWIDE, INC., No. 1:12-CV-02394 (E.D. Oh.)

Parties: E.M.A. Nationwide, Inc.

New Life Financial Solutions, Inc.

1UC, Inc.

7242701 Canada, Inc. 7242679 Canada, Inc. 7246293 Canada, Inc. 7246421 Canada Inc. James Benheim Daniel Michaels Phillip Hee Min Kwon Joseph Shamolian Nissim H. Ohayon

Assigned Attorneys: Chris Panek (MWR)

Sara DePaul

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts in practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the

Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule in connection with the

advertising, sale, and promotion of debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/25/12.

Order denying Commission's motion for ex-party TRO entered 9/28/12.

FTC v. FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROCESSING, INC., No. 12-10520 (5th Cir.) No. 3:10-CV-02446 (N.D. Tex.)

Parties: Financial Freedom Processing, Inc.,

Corey Butcher Brent Butcher

Debt Consultants of America, Inc. Debt Professionals of America, Inc.

Robert Creel Corey Butcher

Nikki Creel, a/k/a Nikki Vrla

Assigned Attorneys: Ann D. LeJeune (SWR)

Gary D. Kennedy Shereen El Domeiri John A. Singer (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

the marketing and sale of debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 12/2/10.

Order consolidating case with FTC v. Debt Consultants of America, Inc.,

No. 3:10-CV-02447 and adding those defendants to this case

entered 4/1/11. Trial held 12/12-12/20/11.

Final judgment in favor of defendants entered 3/12/12.

Notice of appeal by Commission filed 5/10/12.

Commission's brief due 11/21/12.

#### FTC v. FINMAESTROS, LLC, No. 1:12-CV-07195 (S.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Finmaestros, LLC, d/b/a technogennie, 24x7pchelp, 24x7pctech,

**Transfrontsolutions** 

New World Services, Inc., d/b/a megabites solutions

Megabites Solutions LLC, d/b/a Mega Bites, Inc., Mega Bits, Inc. Greybytes Cybertech P. Ltd., d/b/a Bluesystemcare, BCS, 24x7 PCHelp

Shine Solutions Private Limited

Sanjeev K. Sood, a/k/a Sanjiv K. Sood

Animesh Bharti

Assigned Attorneys: Benjamin Davidson (BCP/MP)

Christine M. Torado Colleen Brennan Robbins

Kelly Ann Horne

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC

Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud Abuse Protection Act in relation to the marketing, sale, and

promotion of computer protection software.

Status: Complaint filed 9/24/12.

FTC v. 1st GUARANTY MORTGAGE CORP., No. 11-13569 (11th Cir.) No. 0:09-CV-61840 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: 1st Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, Inc.

Spectrum Title, Inc.

Crossland Credit Consulting Corp.

Scoreleaper, LLC Stephen Lalonde Amy Lalonde Michael Petroski

Assigned Attorneys: David R. Spiegel (BCP/ENF)

Edwin Rodriguez
John A. Singer (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5, the Credit Repair

Organizations Act, and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of mortgage loan refinancing and modification

services and credit repair services.

Status: Complaint filed 11/17/09.

TRO with asset freeze entered 11/17/09; extended 12/1/09 and 12/15/09.

- Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants 1st Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, Inc.; Spectrum Title, Inc.; Crossland Credit Consulting Corp.; Scoreleaper, LLC; and Amy Lalonde entered 12/1/09.
- Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant Stephen Lalonde entered 12/15/09.
- Clerk's entry of default as to corporate defendants 2/4/10.
- Commission's motion for summary judgment as to defendants Stephen Lalonde, Amy Lalonde, and Michael Petroski filed 8/26/10.
- Defendant Amy Lalonde's opposition to Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 9/10/10; Commission's reply filed 9/27/10.
- Commission's motion for default judgment and order for permanent injunction as to corporate defendants filed 10/8/10.
- Defendant Michael Petroski's opposition to Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 11/30/10; Commission's reply filed 12/14/10.
- Defendant Stephen Lalonde's motion to dismiss Commission's complaint filed 12/30/10; Commission's opposition filed 1/11/11.
- Order granting in part Commission's motion for summary judgment, entered 3/30/11.
- Final judgment entered against defendants Stephen Lalonde and Michael Petroski, 3/30/11.
- Defendant Stephen Lalonde's motion for reconsideration filed 5/10/11; Commission's opposition to motion filed 5/17/11; order denying motion for reconsideration entered 7/20/11.
- Default judgment against defendants 1<sup>st</sup> Guaranty Mortgage, Crossland Credit Consulting, Scoreleaper, and Spectrum Title entered 7/6/11.
- Notice of interlocutory appeal by Stephen Lalonde filed 8/01/11.
- Defendant Stephen Lalonde's motion to stay execution of judgment and release non-party assets filed 8/1/11; Commission's opposition filed 8/11/11.
- Stipulated settlement and final judgment and order for permanent injunction against defendant Amy Lalonde entered 9/26/11.
- Defendant Michael Petroski's motion seeking relief from final judgment and order filed 1/18/12; Commission's opposition filed 1/24/12; order denying motion entered 2/22/12.
- Defendant Michael Petroski's motion to set aside judgment filed 2/13/13; denied 5/19/12.
- Defendant Stephen Lalonde motion for indefinite stay filed 6/29/12; Commission's opposition filed 7/13/12.
- Order denying defendant's motion for indefinite stay and extending the due date of appellant's brief entered 9/21/12.
- Defendant Stephen Lalonde's appeal brief due 10/12/12.

#### FTC v. FITNESS BRANDS, INC., No. 1:12-CV-23065 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: Fitness Brands, Inc.

Fitness Brands International, Inc.

Tara Productions, Inc.

New U, Inc.

Direct Holdings America, Inc.

Direct Entertainment Media Group, Inc.

JNL Inc.

JNL Worldwide, Inc.

David Brodess Tara Borakos Jennifer Nicole Lee

The Readers Digest Association, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Edward B. Glennon (BCP/AP)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

the marketing and sale of exercise equipment.

Status: Complaint filed 8/22/12.

Final order granting permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to

all defendants entered 8/28/12.

# FTC v. FORENSIC CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., No. 2:11-CV-07484 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Forensic Case Management Services, Inc., d/b/a Commercial

Investigations, Inc., FCMS Inc., Commercial Recovery Solutions

Inc., Rumson Bolling & Associates

Specialized Recovery Inc., d/b/a Joseph, Steven & Associates, and

Specialized Debt Recovery

Commercial Receivables Acquisition Inc., d/b/a Commercial Recovery

Authority, Inc., and The Forwarding Company

David M. Hynes II, a/k/a David M. Hynes Jr.

James Hynes Heather True

Frank E. Lindstrom, Jr.

**Kevin Medley** 

Lorena Quiroz-Hynes, a/k/a Lorena Quiroz, and Lorena Hynes

Kester-Archwood, LLC Vesper Collins, LLC Innsbruck, LLC Ramillies, LLC Assigned Attorneys: Christopher Koegel (BCP/FP)

Rebecca Unruh Seena Gressin

Raymond McKown (WRLA)

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 and the

FDCPA related to debt collection practices.

Status: Complaint filed 9/12/11.

Ex parte TRO with asset freeze, appointment of receiver, and expedited

discovery entered 9/14/11. Preliminary injunction entered 9/27/11.

Stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to defendants Kevin Medley and Frank E.

Lindstrom entered 3/14/12.

Amended complaint adding defendants Kester-Archwood, LLC, Vesper Collins, LLC, Innsbruck, LLC, and Ramillies, LLC filed 6/12/12.

#### FTC v. FREEDOM COMPANIES MARKETING, Inc., No. 1:12-cv-05743 (N.D. Ill.)

Parties: Freedom Companies, Inc.

Freedom Companies Marketing, Inc. Freedom Companies Lending, Inc. Freedom Information Services

Haiti Management, Inc. Grupo Marketing Domincana

David F. Preiner Daniel Hungria

Assigned Attorneys: David O'Toole (MWR)

Joannie Wei

Matthew H. Wernz

Alleged Conduct Violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the Commission's MARS

Rules.

Status: Complaint filed 7/23/12.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 7/31/12.

Amended complaint adding defendant Daniel Hungria filed 8/10/12. Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant Daniel Hungria entered

8/20/12.

#### FTC v. GARDEN OF LIFE INC., No. 9:06-CV-80226 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: Garden of Life, Inc.

Jordan S. Rubin

Assigned Attorneys: Karen Mandel (BCP/AP)

Kristin Williams (BCP/ENF) Michele Arington (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and 12 in connection

with the advertising of a dietary supplement.

Status: Complaint filed 3/08/06.

Stipulated final order and judgment for permanent injunction and other

equitable relief entered 3/30/06.

Commission's show cause motion as to why defendants should not be

held in contempt filed 9/8/11; defendants' response filed 10/11/11;

Commission's reply filed 10/18/11.

Commission's motion to modify stipulated final order and judgment filed

10/25/11; defendants' opposition filed 11/14/11; Commission's

reply filed 11/22/11.

Order denying Commission's contempt motion entered 2/27/12.

Notice of appeal by Commission filed 4/26/12.

Commission's opening brief filed 7/3/12; appellees' brief filed 8/31/12;

Commission reply brief filed 9/21/12.

Oral argument scheduled for 2/4/13.

#### FTC v. GOVERNMENT CAREERS INC., No. 4:09-CV-00721 (D. Ariz.)

Parties: Government Careers Inc.

Jon Coover

Richard Friedberg Rimona Friedberg

Assigned Attorneys: Barbara Y.K. Chun (WRLA)

Raymond E. McKown

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

the marketing and sale of employment good and services and related

refunds.

Status: Complaint filed 12/28/09.

TRO with asset freeze entered 1/5/10.

Stipulated preliminary injunction against defendants Richard Friedberg

and Ramona Friedberg entered 2/2/10.

Stipulated preliminary injunction against defendants Government Careers, Inc., and Jon Coover entered 2/2/10.

Stipulated final injunction against defendants Government Careers, Inc., and Jon Coover entered 12/20/10.

Order denying motion to vacate stipulated preliminary injunction against defendants Richard and Rimona Freidberg 3/29/12.

Order vacating scheduling dates and requiring parties to file a stipulated motion to dismiss based on settlement or file a joint settlement status report entered 11/29/11

Final order to permanent injunction and other equitable relief against defendants Richard and Rimona Freidberg entered 3/1/12.

#### FTC v. GOLEMBIEWSKI, No. 2:12-CV-0983 (S.D. Ohio)

Parties: Ryan Golembiewski

United Debt Associates, LLC

Assigned Attorneys: Peter Lamberton (BCP/FP)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

the sale of debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/27/12.

# *FTC v. GRANT CONNECT, LLC*, Nos. 12-15481, 11-18023 (9th Cir.), No. 2:09-CV-01349 (D. Nev.)

Parties: Grant Connect, LLC MSC Online, Inc.

Global Gold, Inc.

Global Gold Limited

Paid To Process, Inc.

Premier Plus Member, Inc.

Horizon Holdings, LLC
O'Connell Gray LLC
Vantex Group, LLC
Vertek Group, LLC
Vertek Group, LLC
Virial Health, Inc.
Vcomm, Inc.
Rachael A. Cook
James J. Gray

Pink LP Steven R. Henriksen
Consolidated Merchant Solutions, LLC Michael L. Henriksen, Jr.

OS Marketing Group, LLC
Acai, Inc.
AllClear Communications, Inc.
Dragon Group, Inc.
Elite Benefits, Inc.
Juliette M. Kimoto
Tasha Jn Paul
Kyle R. Kimoto
Randy D. O'Connell
Johnnie Smith

Global Fulfillment, Inc.

Juliette M. Kimoto Asset Protection Trust

Healthy Allure, Inc.

Juliette M. Kimoto

Randy D. O'Connell

Assigned Attorneys: Roberto Anguizola (BCP/MP)

Tracey Thomas Dotan Weinman Burke Kappler (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Electronic

Funds Transfer Act in connection with purported access to free government grants, the inadequate disclosure of negative options, and the unauthorized

debiting of consumer accounts.

Status: Complaint filed 7/27/09.

TRO entered 7/28/09.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Grant Connect, LLC; Horizon Holdings, LLC; O'Connell Gray LLC; James J. Gray; and Randy D. O'Connell entered 8/18/09.

Preliminary injunction as to defendants Global Gold, Inc.; Vantex Group, LLC; Vertek Group, LLC; Pink LP; Steven R. Henriksen; Rachael A. Cook; and Juliette M. Kimoto entered 9/22/09.

Amended complaint adding defendants Global Gold Limited; Consolidated Merchant Solutions, LLC; OS Marketing Group, LLC; Acai, Inc.; AllClear Communications, Inc.; Dragon Group, Inc.; Elite Benefits, Inc.; Global Fulfillment, Inc.; Healthy Allure, Inc.; MSC Online, Inc.; Paid To Process, Inc.; Premier Plus Member, Inc.; Total Health, Inc.; Vcomm, Inc.; Juliette M. Kimoto Asset Protection Trust; Michael L. Henriksen, Jr.; Tasha Jn Paul; Kyle R. Kimoto; and Johnnie Smith filed 4/21/10.

- Stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction and monetary relief in favor of FTC and against Johnnie Smith entered 6/10/10.
- Preliminary injunction as to defendants Michael L. Hendricksen, Jr.; Tasha Jn Paul; Kyle R. Kimoto; and Johnnie Smith entered 6/17/10.
- Cross-motions for summary judgment filed 12/22/10; responses filed 3/14/11 and 3/15/11.
- Stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction and monetary relief as to defendant Johnnie Smith entered 6/10/11.
- Stipulated consent judgment and order for permanent injunction and monetary relief as to defendants Vantex Group, LLC; Vertek Group LLC; Pink LP; Juliette M. Kimoto Asset Protection Trust; and Juliette M. Kimoto entered 8/31/11.
- Consent judgment in favor of the Commission and against Vantex Group LLC; Vertek Group LLC; Juliette M. Kimono Asset Protection Trust, and Juliette M. Kimoto in the amount of \$29,916,533.38 entered 9/1/11.
- Order denying defendants' motion for summary judgment and granting in part and denying in party Commission's motion for summary judgment entered 10/25/11.

Permanent injunction entered 10/25/11.

Judgment in favor of Commission entered 11/02/11.

Motion to amend/correct judgment by defendants Acai, Inc., Health Allure, Inc., MSC Online, Inc., Paid to Process, Inc., Total Health, filed 11/22/11; Commission's response filed 12/08/11; order denying motion entered 12/20/11.

Notice of appeal, No. 11-18023, by defendant Kyle Kimoto filed 12/19/11.

Notice of appeal, No.12-15481, by defendants Acai, Inc. All Clear

Communications, Inc., Drago Group, Inc., Elite Benefits Group, Inc., Globe Fulfillment, Inc., Global Gold Limited, Global Gold, Inc., Healthy Allure, Inc., Steven Henrickson, Jr., MSC Online, Inc., Paid to Process, Inc., Premier Plus Members, Inc., Total Health, Inc., and Ucomm, Inc., filed 2/21/12.

Appellant Kyle Kimoto's opening brief in No. 11-18023 filed 4/23/12. Appellants opening brief in No. 12-15481 due but not filed on 5/31/12. Commission's answering brief in No. 11-18023 filed 6/11/12.

#### FTC v. GROUP ONE NETWORKS, INC., No. 8:09-CV-00352 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Group One Networks, Inc., d/b/a Credit Line Gold Card, The USA

Workers, TheUSAWork.com, TheUSAWorkers.com US GoldLine, LLC, d/b/a USGoldLine.com, Gainesway Credit,

GaineswayCredit.com

My Online Credit Store, LLC, d/b/a MyOnlineCredit Store.com, MyOnlinecr.com, Diamond Executive, NewECredit,

NewECredit.com

James Nicholson Brett Fisher

Credit First Financial Solution, LLC, d/b/a Credit First Financials,

LowerMyInterestToday.com

Group One Administrative, Inc.

Tall Pine Administrative Services, LLC

Suncoast Data Services, LLC

Andre Keith Sanders (Contempt Defendant)
Pro Credit LLC (Contempt Defendant)
Sanders Law, P.A. (Contempt Defendant)

Sanders Legal Group, P.A. (Contempt Defendant)

Assigned Attorneys: J. Ronald Brooke, Jr. (BCP/MP)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the

Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with marketing of advance-fee

credit cards and Do Not Call violations.

Status: Complaint filed 2/25/09.

Final judgment and order for permanent injunction as to defendant Brett Fisher entered 1/13/10.

Final judgment and order for permanent injunction against remaining defendants entered 3/19/10; amended 3/22/10.

Commission's contempt motion against Brett Fisher, Andre Keith Sanders, Pro Credit LLC, Sanders Legal Group, P.A., Sanders Law, P.A., and my Success Track, LLC, and motion to modify stipulated final judgment and permanent injunction as to Brett Fisher filed 5/9/12.

Motion to strike contempt motion by defendants Andre Keith Sanders, Sanders Law, P.A., and Sanders Law Group filed 5/17/12; motion to strike by defendant Brett Fisher filed 5/23/12; Commission's opposition filed 5/24/12; reply by Andre Keith Sanders filed 5/31/12.

Opposition to motion to modify stipulated final judgment by Brett Fisher filed 6/6/12.

Order dismissing Commission's contempt motion entered 7/16/12.

## FTC v. HOLD BILLING SERVICES, LTD., No. 5: 98-CV-00629-FB (W.D. Tex.)

Parties: Hold Billing Services, Ltd.

HBS, Inc.

Avery Communications, Inc.

Veterans of America Association, Ltd.

Thomas M. Lyons Keith C. Calil Milford H. Balaban

Billings Services Group Limited (Contempt Defendant)

Billing Services Group North America, Inc. (Contempt Defendant)

HBS Billing Services Company (Contempt Defendant) Enhanced Billing Services, Inc.(Contempt Defendant)

Billing Concepts, Inc. (Contempt Defendant) ACI Billing Services, Inc. (Contempt Defendant)

Assigned Attorneys: Craig P. Tregillus (BCP/MP)

Lawrence Hodapp James Kaminski

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive billing practices in cramming bills for services upon

telephone line subscribers in sweepstakes promotion.

Status: Complaint filed 7/15/98.

Stipulated final judgments entered 9/22/99.

Contempt motion against Billings Services Group Limited, Billing Services Group North America, Inc., HBS Billing Services

Company, Enhanced Billing Services, Inc., Billing Concepts, Inc., and ACI Billing Services, Inc. filed 3/28/12; contempt defendants' oppositions filed 4/30/12; Commission's reply filed 5/15/12.

## FTC v. HOPE FOR CAR OWNERS, LLC, No. 2:12-CV-00778 (E.D.Cal.)

Parties: Hope for Car Owners, LLC

Patrick Freeman

Assigned Attorneys: Gregory Ashe (BCP/DFP)

Stephanie Rosenthal

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

advertising, marketing, promotion, and sale of vehicle loan assistance relief

services.

Status: Complaint filed 3/27/12.

TRO entered 4/4/12.

Stipulated permanent injunction as to defendant Patrick Freeman entered

4/16/12.

Request for entry of default as to Hope for Car Owners, LLC filed

5/31/12; clerk's entry of default entered 6/5/12.

Order granting preliminary injunction as to defendant Hope for Car

Owners, LLC entered 8/28/12.

### FTC v. IAB MARKETING ASSOCIATES, LP, No. 0:12-CV-61830 (S.D. Fla.)

Party: IAB Marketing Associates

Independent Association of Businesses

Healthcorp International, Inc. JW Marketing Designs, LLC

International Marketing Agencies LP

International Marketing Management, LLC

Wood, LLC

Health Services Providers, Inc. Magnolia Technologies Corporation

Fav Marketing Inc. James C. Wood James J. Wood Michael J. Wood Gary D. Wood Roy D. Hamilton Judy M. Hamilton

Magnolia Health Management Corporation

Assigned Attorneys: Dotan Weinman (MWR)

Patricia Hsue

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Sections 5 of FTC Act and the

Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the advertising, marketing

and sale of healthcare insurance.

Status: Complaint filed 9/18/12.

TRO as to all defendants entered 9/18/12.

#### FTC v. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT FORUM, INC., No. 6:12-cv-00986 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Information Management Forum, Inc.d/b/a Vacation Property Marketing,

Inc.

Edward Lee Windsor

Assigned Attorneys: Steven Elg (SER)

Valerie Verduce

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

the advertising, marketing, promotion and sale of time share rentals or

resale services.

Status: Complaint filed 6/28/12.

TRO entered 6/28/12.

Preliminary injunction entered 7/9/12.

## FTC v. INNOVATIVE MARKETING, INC., No. 1:08-CV-03233 (D. Md.)

Parties: Innovative Marketing, Inc., d/b/a Billingnow, BillPlanet PTE Ltd.,

Globedat, Innovative Marketing Ukraine, Revenue Response Sunwell, Synergy Software BV, Winpayment Consultancy SPC,

Winsecure Solutions, Winsolutions FZ-LLC

ByteHosting Internet Services, LLC James Reno, d/b/a Setupahost.net

Sam Jain

Daniel Sundlin, d/b/a Vantage Software, Winsoftware, Ltd.

Marc D'Souza, d/b/a Web Integrated Net Solutions

Kristy Ross

Maurice D'Souza (relief defendant)

Assigned Attorneys: Ethan Arenson (BCP/MP)

Colleen B. Robbins

#### Carmen L. Christopher

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 involving computer

security software purchases, scans, and advertising.

Status: Complaint filed 12/2/08.

TRO entered 12/2/08.

Preliminary injunction entered 12/12/08.

Civil contempt order against Innovative Marketing for violation of TRO

entered 12/19/08.

Stipulated final order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment

against defendants James M. Reno and ByteHosting Internet

Services, LLC entered 6/23/09.

Default judgment against defendant Sam Jain entered 2/24/10; amended

3/4/10.

Default judgments against defendants Daniel Sundin and Innovative

Marketing, Inc. entered 2/24/10.

Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 11/19/10; response

filed 12/17/10.

Stipulated final judgment against defendants Marc D'Souza and

Maurice D'Souza, entered 1/10/11.

Joint motion for disbursement of funds filed 9/27/11; order granting

disbursement of funds entered 9/27/11.

Memorandum opinion denying Commission's motion for summary

judgment entered 6/11/12.

Commission's supplemental motion for summary judgment filed 6/25/12.

Order in favor of the Commission, granting a permanent injunction and consumer redress, entered 9/24/12.

## FTC v. IVY CAPITAL, INC., No. 2:11-CV-00283 (D. Nev.)

Parties: Ivy Capital Inc. Virtual Profit, LLC

Fortune Learning Systems, LLC.

Fortune Learning, LLC.

Vianet, Inc.

Enrich Wealth Group, LLC

Dream Financial
ICI Development Inc.
Ivy Capital, LLC
Logic Solutions, LLC

Business Development Division, LLC Oxford Debts Holdings, LLC

Nevada Credit Division, LLC Revsynergy LLC Corporate Credit Division, LLC Sell IT Vizions, LLC Tax Planning Division, LLC Kyle Kirchbaum Zyzac Commerce Solutions, Inc. John Harrison The Shipper, LLC Steven Lyman 3 Day MBA, LLC Benjamin Hoskins Global Finance Group, LLC Christopher Zelig James Hanchett Steven Sonnenberg

Joshua Wickman Cherrytree Holdings, LLC

Oxford Financial, LLC S&T Time, LLC Virtucon LLC Curva, LLC

Mowab, Inc Keirsten Kirschbaum

Melyna Harrison Tracy Lyman

Leanne Hoskins

Assigned Attorneys: Emily Burton (BCP/MP)

Shameka Gainey

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the

Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of get

rich quick programs and the billing of consumers' accounts.

Status: Complaint filed 2/22/11

TRO entered 2/22/11.

Preliminary injunction entered 3/25/11.

Default as to defendants Business Development Division, LLC, Corporate

Credit Division, LLC, Credit Repair Division, LLC, Nevada

Corporate Division, Inc., and Tax Planning Division, LLC entered

4/4/11.

Motion for summary judgment by defendant Benjamin Hoskins filed

8/8/12; Commission's response filed 9/18/12.

Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 9/18/12.

# FTC v. JEREMY JOHNSON, Nos. 11-17265, 11-17267, 12-15778, 12-16213 (9th Cir.); No. 2:10-CV-02203 (D. Nev.)

Parties: Jeremy D. Johnson Anthon Holdings Corp.

Big Bucks Pro, Inc.

Blue Net Progress, Inc.

Blue Streak Progressing, Inc.

Bottom Dollar, Inc.

Business First, Inc.

Business Loan Success, Inc.

CPA Upsell, Inc. CS Processing, Inc. Cloud Nine Marketing, Inc. Cold Bay Media, Inc.

Costnet Discounts, Inc. Cutting Edge Processing, Inc.

Diamond J Media, Inc. EBusiness First, Inc. Ebusiness Success, Inc. Elite Debit, Inc.

Employee Plus, Inc. Excess Net Success, Inc. Duane Fielding Fiscal Fidelity, Inc.

Fitness Processing, Inc. Funding Search Success, Inc.Funding

Success, Inc. GG Processing, Inc.

GGL Rewards, Inc. Highlight Marketing, Inc.

Hooper Processing, Inc. I Works, Inc.

Internet Business Source, Inc. Internet Economy, Inc.

Internet Fitness, Inc.

Jet Processing, Inc.

Loyd Johnston

JRB Media, Inc.

Andy Johnson

Scott Leavitt

Lifestyles for Fitness, Inc. Market Funding Solutions, Inc.

Mist Marketing, Inc. Money Harvest, Inc.

Monroe Processing, Inc. Scott Muir

Net Business Success, Inc.Net Commerce, Inc.Net Discounts, Inc.Net Fit Trends, Inc.Net Success, Inc.Network Agenda, LLC

Optimum Assistance, Inc. Bryce Payne

Kevin Pilon Power Processing, Inc.
Premier Performance, Inc. Pro Internet Services, Inc.

Razor Processing, Inc.

Revive Marketing, Inc.

Rebate Deals, Inc.

Ryan Riddle

Simcor Marketing, Inc.

Terrason Spinks

Success Marketing, Inc. Summit Processing, Inc.

Tran Voyage, Inc. TranFirst, Inc.

Unlimited Processing, Inc. Xcel Processing, Inc.

eCom Success, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Collot Guerard (BCP/MP)

J. Ronald Brooke Teresa Chen

Burke Kappler (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5, the Electronic Fund

Transfer Act, and Regulation E in connection with the advertisement of

government grants and money-making opportunities.

Status: Complaint filed 12/21/10.

TRO and asset freeze entered 1/13/11. Preliminary injunction entered 2/10/11.

Notice of interlocutory appeal by defendant Jeremy Johnson filed 9/22/11. Notice of interlocutory appeal by defendants Duane Fielding et al., filed

9/23/11.

Appeal No.11-17267 dismissed on appellant's motion 11/17/11. Appellant's opening brief in appeal No. 12-15778 due 7/16/12 but

not filed.

Appellant's opening brief in appeal No. 12-1613 due but not filed 9/7/12.

# FTC v. JOHN BECK AMAZING PROFITS, LLC, No. 12-56665 (9th Cir.), 2:09-CV-04719 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: John Beck Amazing Profits, LLC

John Alexander, LLC

Jeff Paul, LLC, d/b/a Shortcuts to Millions, LLC

Mentoring of America, LLC

Family Products, LLC Douglas Gravink Gary Hewitt John Beck John Alexander

Jeff Paul

Assigned Attorneys: John D. Jacobs (WRLA)

Stacy R. Procter Christina Tusan

Katie Harrington-McBride

Evan Rose (WRSF) Kenneth H. Abbe Matthew Gold

Theodore Metzler, Jr., (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the

Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of get

rich quick programs and the billing of consumers' accounts.

Status: Complaint filed 6/30/09.

Preliminary injunction entered 11/17/09.

Motion for order to show cause why defendants Jeff Paul, Family Products, LLC, Mentoring of America, LLC, Gary Hewitt, and Douglas Gravink should not be held in contempt of the preliminary injunction filed 5/19/11; opposition filed 6/1/11; reply filed 6/8/11;

Order granting motion to show cause entered 7/21/11; supplemental response by defendants filed 8/15/11; Commission's objection

filed 8/24/11.

Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 8/15/11; defendants' opposition filed 9/24/11; Commission's reply filed 10/11/11.

Order granting Commission's motion for summary judgment and ordering supplemental briefing on scope of injunctive relief and monetary damages entered 4/20/12; Commission's brief filed 5/7/12; defendants' response brief filed 5/14/12; Commission's reply

brief filed 5/21/12.

Final order granting permanent injunction and other equitable relief entered 8/23/12.

Defendant's notice of appeal filed 9/7/12.

#### FTC v. LAKHANY, No. 8:12-CV-00337 (C.D. Cal.)

Party: Sameer Lakhany

The Credit Shop LLC

Fidelity Legal Services LLC

Titanium Realty Inc. Precision Law Center Inc. Precision Law Center LLC

**Brian Pacios** 

Assurity Law Group Inc. National Legal Network Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: John David Jacobs (WRO)

Mark L. Glassman (BCP/FP)

Soyoung Cho

Teresa N. Kosmidis

Alleged Conduct: Complaint filed 3/5/12

TRO with asset freeze and other equitable relief entered 3/7/12.

Preliminary injunction with asset freeze and other equitable relief as to defendants Sameer Lakhany, The Credit Shop, LLC, Fidelity Legal

Services LLC, and Titanium Realty Inc. entered 3/19/12.

Preliminary injunction with asset freeze and other equitable relief as to defendants Precision Law Center Inc., and Precision Law Center

LLC entered 3/22/12.

First amended complaint filed 3/22/12;

Preliminary injunction with asset freeze and other equitable relief as to defendants Brian Pacios and National Legal Network Inc. entered

4/24/12.

## FTC v. LAKSHMI INFOSOUL SERVICES PVT LTD., No. 1:12-CV-07191 (S.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Lakshmi Infosoul Services Pvt Ltd.

Somenath Das Piyush Kheria

Assigned Attorneys: Benjamin Davidson (BCP/MP)

Christine M. Torado Colleen Brennan Robbins

Kelly Ann Horne

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC

Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud Abuse Protection Act in relation to the marketing, sale, and

promotion of computer protection software.

Status: Complaint filed 9/24/12.

FTC v. LANE LABS-USA, INC., No. 09-3909 (3rd Cir.); No. 2:00-CV-03174 (D.N.J.)

Parties: Lane Labs-USA, Inc.

Cartilage Consultants, Inc.

Andrew J. Lane I. William Lane

Assigned Attorneys: Elsie Kappler (BCP/ENF)

Connie Vecellio Amanda C. Basta

Susan J. Steele (DOJ/CIV) Michele Arington (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Violations of stipulated final orders in relation to the marketing and

sale of two dietary supplements.

Status: Complaint filed 6/28/00.

Stipulation and final order as to defendants Cartilage Consultants and I.

William Lane entered 6/30/00.

Notice of refiling of stipulation and final order as to defendants Lane

Labs-USA and Andrew J. Lane entered 9/27/00.

Stipulation and final order for consumer redress and disbursement of

funds entered 10/17/00.

Commission's motions for contempt and for order to show cause against

Lane Labs-USA, Andrew Lane, and I. William Lane filed 1/12/07;

opposition filed 3/19/07; order granting motion to show cause

entered 12/18/07.

Trial held 4/20/09 to 4/24/09.

Commission's post-trial brief filed 5/21/09; defendants' answering briefs

filed 6/5/09; Commission's reply brief filed 6/11/09.

Order denying motion for contempt entered 8/10/09.

Notice of appeal filed 10/5/09.

Commission's opening brief filed 12/16/09.

Appellees' answering brief filed 1/15/10.

Commission's reply brief filed 2/5/10.

Oral argument held 9/14/10.

Opinion vacating district court's order and remanding for further

proceedings entered 10/26/10.

District court order directing the parties to file proposed

findings of fact on the issues remanded by the Third Circuit

entered 11/1/2010.

Parties' proposed findings filed 12/15/10.

Order granting Commission's contempt motion entered 11/18/11.

Stipulated order for briefing on damages entered 12/05/11.

Commission's brief on damages filed 1/25/12; defendants' response filed

3/12/12; Commission's reply filed 4/2/12.

## FTC v. LATRESE & KEVIN ENTERPRISES, INC., No. 3:08-CV-01001 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Latrese & Kevin Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Hargrave & Associates, Financial

Solutions

Latrese Hargrave, a/k/a Latrese V. Williams

Kevin Hargrave Sr.

Assigned Attorney: Jessica D. Gray (SER)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Credit Repair

Organizations Act in connection with the marketing, promotion, and sale of

credit repair services.

Status: Complaint filed 10/20/08.

Final judgment and order of permanent injunction and other equitable

relief entered 1/27/10.

Commission's motions for contempt and for TRO and preliminary

injunction pending decision on contempt motion filed 4/6/12.

TRO with asset freeze entered 5/5/12. Preliminary injunction entered 6/1/12.

Contempt hearing held 8/28/12.

## FTC v. LEANSPA LLC, No. 3:11-CV-01715 (D. Conn.)

Parties: LeanSpa, LLC

NutraSlim, LLC NutraSlim U.K. LTD

Boris Mizhen

Assigned Attorneys: David W. Dulabon (NER)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Electronic

Fund Transfer Act in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of weight-loss and related health

products through various websites.

Status: Complaint filed 11/07/11.

TRO granted in part 11/14/11.

Preliminary injunction entered 11/22/11.

FTC v. LESHIN, Nos. 12-12811, 10-10875, 09-15972, 09-12003, 09-11679 (11th Cir.); No. 0:06-CV-61851 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: Randall Leshin

Randall L. Leshin, P.A., d/b/a Express Consolidation, Express Consolidation, Inc., and Consumer Credit Consolidation, Inc.

Maureen A. Gaviola Charles Ferdon

Assigned Attorneys: Michael Tankersley (BCP/MP)

Douglas Wolfe (BCP/ENF) David Sieradzki (OGC) Robin Moore (BCP/ENF)

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Section 5 and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in making

misrepresentations about non-profit status and the fees and benefits of the

defendants' debt consolidation programs.

Status: Complaint filed 12/11/06.

Stipulated interim order entered 1/26/07.

Amended complaint, adding defendant Charles Ferdon and an additional

Section 5 misrepresentation count, filed 3/21/07.

Commission's motion for order to show cause why Defendants Leshin, Randall L. Leshin, P.A., and Express Consolidation, Inc. should not be held in contempt for violating stipulated interim order filed

5/11/07.

Motion for partial summary judgment on Section 5 and TSR counts filed 6/5/07; denied 1/7/08.

Stipulated permanent injunctions

Stipulated permanent injunctions and judgment as to all defendants entered 5/5/08.

Motion for relief from final judgment by Randall L. Leshin, Randall L. Lechin, P.A., Express Consolidation, Inc., and Charles Ferdon filed 6/30/08.

Order denying motion for relief from final judgment entered 8/5/08.

Commission motion for contempt as to defendants Randall Leshin,

Randall Leshin, P.A., Express Consolidation, Inc., Charles Ferndon, and non-party Debt Management Counseling Center, Inc. filed 1/28/09; response filed 2/9/09; hearing held 2/13/09 and 2/17/09.

Order granting motion for contempt for violating stipulated permanent injunction entered 3/27/09; amended 4/3/09.

Notice of appeal (09-11679) filed 4/1/09.

Defendants' emergency motions to stay modified injunction and for hearing filed 4/10/09; order denying motions entered 4/14/09.

Order modifying stipulated permanent injunctions entered 4/15/09. Appellants' emergency motion for stay pending appeal filed 4/17/09;

Commission's opposition filed 4/20/09; order denying motion entered 4/21/09.

Notice of appeal (09-12003) filed 4/20/09.

Order requesting parties' views on jurisdiction entered 4/17/09; Appellants' and Commission's responses filed 5/1/09; order dismissing appeal in part entered 6/26/09.

Order consolidating appeals entered 7/2/09.

Appellants' brief filed 8/19/09.

Commission's answering brief filed 10/9/09.

Appellants' reply brief filed 10/27/09.

District court orders approving monitor reports entered 10/27/09 and 10/30/09.

Notice of appeal (09-15972) filed 11/23/09.

District court orders entered 11/16/09 and 11/17/09.

Amended notice of appeal seeking review of 11/16/09 and 11/1/7/09 orders filed 12/2/09.

Appellants' motion to stay appeal (09-15972) filed 12/14/09; 11th Cir. order granting stay entered 12/29/09.

11th Cir. order (09-15972) requesting filings on jurisdictional issue entered 12/31/09; appellants' and Commission's responses filed 1/14/10.

Final judgment of disgorgement and consumer redress entered 1/26/10; clarified 1/28/10; corrected 1/29/10.

Emergency motion to stay final judgment filed 2/19/10; order denying motion entered 2/25/10.

Notice of appeal (10-10875) filed 2/19/10.

Appellants' emergency motion for relief from judgment filed 3/12/10; Commission's response filed 3/26/10; order denying motion entered 4/1/10.

Appellants' motion for stay pending appeal filed 3/17/10; Commission's response filed 3/26/10; order granting stay pending resolution of 09-11679 and 09-12003 entered 4/1/10.

Oral argument (09-11679, 09-12003) held 4/14/10.

Order consolidating 10-10875 with 09-11679 and 09-12003 entered 4/15/10.

Appellants' renewed motion for relief from judgment filed 4/27/10; Commission's response in opposition filed 4/30/10; denied 7/7/10.

Order consolidating 09-15972 with other appeals entered 5/14/10.

Appellants' brief (10-10875) filed 5/24/10.

Commission's brief (10-10875) filed 6/28/10.

Commission's motion for contempt as to defendants Randall Leshin, Randall Leshin, P.A., Express Consolidation, Inc., Charles Ferndon, and non-party Debt Management Counseling Center, Inc. filed 6/23/10; defendants' response filed 7/28/10; Commission's reply filed 8/4/10.

Commission's supplemental motion for contempt filed 7/14/10; defendants' response filed 8/2/10; Commission's reply filed 8/12/10.

Opinion (10-10875, consolidated with and also issued in 09-11679, 09-12003, and 09-15972) affirming district court's decisions issued 9/3/10

Order granting in part Commission's motion for contempt entered 3/8/11.

Order denying Commission's supplemental motion for contempt entered 3/24/11.

Commission's motion to convert unpaid balance of civil contempt remedy to a money judgment filed 9/07/11; Defendants' opposition by filed 9/22/11; Commission's reply filed 9/28/11.

Defendant Randall L. Leshin's and Charles Ferdon's motion for new trial or in the alternative for reconsideration filed 3/13/12; Commission's opposition filed 3/27/12; defendants' reply filed 3/30/12; order denying motion for new trial entered 4/24/12;

Notice of appeal filed 5/22/12.

Commission's brief filed 9/27/12.

## FTC v. LIGHTS OF AMERICA, INC., No. 8:10-CV-01333 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Lights of America, Inc.

Farooq Vakil Usman Vakil

Assigned Attorneys: Gregory J. Madden (BCP/ENF)

Robin R. Spector

Stacy R. Procter (WRLA) Mark S. Hegedus (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

defendants' advertising and sale of lighting products.

Status: Complaint filed 9/07/10.

Order granting motion to dismiss complaint as to individual defendants and granting the Commission leave to file an amended complaint

entered 12/17/10.

Amended complaint filed 2/8/11; answer to complaint filed 4/18/11. Order denying individual defendants' motion to dismiss the FTC's amended complaint and denying Lights of America, Inc.'s application to retain the amended complaint under seal entered

3/31/11.

Defendants' motion for summary judgment filed 2/13/12; Commission's

opposition filed 3/12/12.

#### FTC v. LOANPOINTE, LLC, No. 12-4006 (10th Cir.); No. 2:10-CV-00225 (D. Utah).

Parties: LoanPointe, LLC

Eastbrook, LLC Joe S. Strom

Benjamin J. Lonsdale James C. Endicott Mark S. Lofgren

Attorneys: Christopher Koegel (BCP/FP)

Stephanie Rosenthal Gregory A. Ashe

Jeannette F. Swent (AUSA) Imad D.Abyad (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5, the Fair Debt

Collection Practices Act, and the Credit Practices Rule in connection with

payday loans and related collection practices.

Status: Complaint filed 3/15/10.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 4/2/10.

Stipulated orders for voluntary dismissal of defendants Benjamin J.

Lonsdale and James C. Endicott entered 6/18/10.

Stipulated final order for permanent injunction and settlement of claims as

to defendant Mark Lofgren entered 8/26/10.

Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 2/16/11; opposition

by defendants Eastbrook, LLC, LoanPointe, LLC, and Joe Strom

filed 4/18/11; reply filed 5/5/11. Summary judgment granted 9/16/11.

Commission's revised proposed final order filed 10/03/11; defendants'

response filed 10/07/11.

Final order of judgment and permanent injunction as to defendants

Eastbrook, LLC, Loanpointe, LLC, and Joe Storm entered 12/09/11.

Notice of appeal filed 1/6/12.

Appellants' opening brief filed 3/19/12; Commission's brief

filed 4/23/12.

Oral argument held 9/19/12.

## *FTC v. LOEWEN*, No. 2:12-CV-01207 (W.D. Wash.)

Parties: Matthew Loewen

0803065 B.C. Ltd. 0881046 B.C. Ltd.

Ready Pay Services, Inc.

Xavier Processing Services LLC

Assigned Attorneys: Jennifer Larabee (NWR)

Richard McKewen

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and

the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with telemarketing of vehicle

financing.

Status: Complaint filed 7/13/12.

## FTC v. LOMA INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS GROUP, INC., No. 1:11-CV-01483 (D. Md.)

Parties: Loma International Business Group, Inc.

Services LatinoAmericanos De Maryland, Inc.

Manuel E. Alban

Lola Alban

Henry M. Stichel

Assigned Attorneys: Eliseo N. Padilla (SWR)

Deanya T. Kueckelham

Gary D. Kennedy Luis H. Gallegos

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

advertising, marketing, and sale of United States immigration and

naturalization services.

Status: Complaint filed 6/1/11.

TRO granted 6/2/11.

Motion to extend the ex parte TRO filed 6/10/11; extension granted

6/13/11.

Defendant's motion for release frozen assets filed 6/10/11.

Answer to complaint filed 6/23/11.

Motion for pretrial relief from TRO; motion for TRO; motion for order to

show cause filed 6/24/11.

Order granting partial release of frozen funds 6/30/11.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 7/25/11.

Amended complaint filed 10/28/11; answer filed 11/14/11.

Default as to defendant Marco V. Alban entered 1/23/12; joint motion to

set aside default filed 2/17/12; order granting motion entered

2/22/12.

Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 4/19/12; denied

4/20/12.

Motion for summary judgment by Marco Alban filed 4/5/12;

Commission's opposition filed 6/8/12; reply filed 6/25/12.

# FTC v. LUCASLAWCENTER, Nos. 10-56985, 09-72443 (9th Cir.); No. 8:09-CV-00770 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Lucas Law Center "Incorporated", d/b/a Lucas Law Center

Future Financial Services, LLC, d/b/a Lucas Law Center

Paul Jeffrey Lucas

**Christopher Francis Betts** 

Frank Sullivan

Assigned Attorneys: James E. Elliott (SWR)

James E. Hunnicutt John D. Jacobs (WRLA) Michael Bergman (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

the marketing and sale of mortgage loan modification services and refunds

to consumers.

Status: Complaint filed 7/7/09.

Amended order granting TRO with asset freeze entered 7/9/09; extended

7/16/09, 8/3/09, and 8/18/09.

Defendants' motion to release frozen funds to pay attorneys' fees filed

7/15/09; granted 7/29/09.

Commission's motion to reconsider and opposition to defendants' request for release of frozen funds to pay attorneys' fees filed 7/30/09; order granting motion and vacating 7/29/09 order entered 7/30/09.

Commission's motion for contempt filed 7/31/09.

Petition for a writ of mandamus and motion to stay district court proceedings filed 7/31/09.

Order by Ninth Circuit denying motion to stay entered 7/31/09.

Commission's response to petition filed 8/7/09. District court's response to petition filed 8/7/09.

Order by Ninth Circuit denying petition for a writ of mandamus entered 8/21/09.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 8/24/09.

Order denying Commission's motion for contempt and defendants' motion to release frozen funds to pay attorneys' fees entered 9/30/09.

Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 4/26/10; defendants' response in opposition filed 5/3/10; Commission's reply filed 5/10/10.

Order granting in part and denying in part summary judgment entered 6/3/10.

Final order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief effective at conclusion of case entered 6/3/10.

Order denying Commission's motion for reconsideration of denial of

summary judgment entered 6/21/10.

Order granting joint stipulation to dismiss count 1 without prejudice

entered 6/24/10. Judgment entered 6/25/10.

Notice of appeal by defendant Paul Lucas filed 12/9/10.

Appellant's opening brief filed 8/15/11. Commission's answering brief filed 10/6/11. Appellant's reply brief filed 10/11/11.

Opinion affirming the district court in full entered 9/25/12.

### *FTC v. MALLETT*, No. 1:11-CV-01664 (D.D.C.)

Parties: Christopher Mallett, d/b/a Department of Consumer Services Protection

Commission, U.S. Debt Care, World Law Debt, US Mortgage Relief Counsel, gov-usdebtreform.net, worldlawdebt.org, fha-

homeloan.info

Assigned Attorneys: Gregory Ashe (BCP/FP)

K. Michelle Grajales Lisa Anne Rothfarb

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5, TSR, and MARS

Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of debt relief, tax relief,

and mortgage relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/14/11.

Preliminary injunction entered 10/13/11.

Order staying case pending approval of settlement entered 3/27/12.

Stipulated final order entered 6/14/12.

#### FTC v. MARCZAK., No. 1:12-CV-07192 (S.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Mikael Marczak a/k/a Michale Marczak, d/b/a Virtual PC Solutions, First

PC Solutions, Direct PC Solution, Virtual IT Supports, Global

**Innovative Solutions** 

Assigned Attorneys: Benjamin Davidson (BCP/MP)

Christine M. Torado Colleen Brennan Robbins

Kelly Ann Horne

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC

Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and Telemarketing and Consumer

Fraud Abuse Protection Act in relation to the marketing, sale, and

promotion of computer protection software.

Status: Complaint filed 9/24/12.

FTC v. NAFSO VLM, INC., No. 2:12-CV-00781 (E.D. Cal.)

Parties: NAFSO VLM, Inc., d/b/a Vehicle Loan Modification

Kore Services, LLC, d/b/a Auto Debt Consulting and Car Loans

Modification

Naythem Nafso

Michael Kamfiroozie

Assigned Attorneys: Gregory Ashe (BCP/FP)

Stephanie Rosenthal

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

advertising, marketing, and sale of vehicle loan assistance relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 3/27/12.

TRO granted in part and denied in part 3/29/12. Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 4/20/12.

FTC v. NATIONAL AWARDS SERVICE ADVISORY, LLC, No. 4:10-CV-05418 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: National Awards Service Advisory, LLC

Central Processing of Nevada, LLC International Award Advisors, Inc. Spectrum Caging Service, Inc. Prize Registry Bureau, Inc. Consolidated Data Bureau, Inc. Registered Data Analytics, Inc. Lloyd Brannigan Exchange, Inc.

Geovanni Sorino Jorge A. Castro Tully A. Lovisa Steven McClenahan

Lisa Lovisa (relief defendant)

Assigned Attorneys: Sarah E. Schroeder (WRSF)

Matthew D. Gold Kerry O'Brien Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with

the distribution of mailers representing that consumers have won a multi-

million dollar cash prize.

Status: Complaint filed 11/30/10.

TRO with asset freeze entered 12/1/10.

Preliminary injunction with asset freeze entered 12/15/10.

Default as to defendants International Award Advisors, Inc., Spectrum Caging Service, Inc., Prize Registry Bureau, Inc., Consolidated Data Bureau, Inc., Registered Data Analytics, Inc., and Lloyd

Brannigan Exchange, Inc. entered 3/17/11.

First amended complaint adding claims against relief defendant

Lisa Lovisa filed 7/12/11.

Final order and permanent injunction entered 4/19/12.

## FTC v. NATIONAL SOLUTIONS LLC, No. 6:11-CV-01131 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: National Solutions LLC, d/b/a Blue Scape Timeshares International,

Country Wide Timeshares, Countrywide Timesharesales MA, Landmark Timeshares, Propertys Direct, Quicksale Propertys, Sun Property Networks, Sun Property's, Universal Propertys, VIM

**Timeshares** 

Landmark Marketing LLC, d/b/a Blue Scape Timeshares, Country Wide Timeshares International, Propertys DRK, Quick Sale Advisers, Quick

Sale International, Universal Propertys International. Red Solutions LLC, d/b/a City Resorts, Resort Advisors.

Enterprise America, LLC, d/b/a American Timeshares, Exit Week, Resort

**Advisors International** 

Investments Group of Florida, LLC, d/b/a Resort Advisors AM

Multiglobe LLC, d/b/a Universal Propertys

Leandro Velazquez Samuel Velazquez Joel Velazquez Kiomary Cruz Edgar Gonzalez Vicente Virgilio Aaron Weiss

Rebecca Melendez (Contempt Defendant)

Assigned Attorneys: William Hodor (MWR)

Theresa Marie McGrew

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Telemarketing

Sales Rule in connection with the sale/resale of timeshare properties.

Status: Complaint filed 7/11/2011.

Ex parte TRO with asset freeze, appointment of receiver and other equitable relief entered 7/12/11.

Preliminary injunction as to all defendants except Vicente Virgilio entered 8/09/11.

Motion for order to show cause why defendants Leandro Velazquez and non-party Rebecca Melendez should not be held in civil contempt filed 12/16/11.

Clerk's entry of default as to National Solutions LLC entered 1/3/12.

Clerk's entry of default as to Enterprise America, Investments Group of Florida, LLC, Landmark Marketing LLC, Multiglobe LLC, Red Solutions LLC, entered 1/3/12.

Order granting stipulated motion to dismiss Vicente Birgilio and Aaron Weiss entered 1/9/12.

Contempt hearing held 3/6/12.

Commission's memorandum in support of its contempt motion filed 5/2/12; response in opposition filed 5/23/12.

Order denying Commission's contempt motion entered 7/9/12.

Commission's motion for summary judgment against defendants Kiomary Cruz, Enterprise America, LLC, Investment Group of Florida, LLC, Landmark Marketing, LLC, Multiglobe LLC, National Solutions LLC, Red Solutions LLC filed 8/29/12.

Commission's motion for summary judg ment against defendant Leandaro Velaquez filed 8/31/12.

# FTC v. NATIONAL UROLOGICAL GROUP, INC., No. 10-125 (S. Ct); No. 09-10617 (11th Cir.); No. 1:04-CV-03294 (N.D. Ga.)

Parties: National Urological Group, Inc., d/b/a Warner Laboratories

National Institute for Clinical Weight Loss, Inc.

Hi-Tech Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Jared Wheat Thomasz Holda Michael Howell Stephen Smith

Terrill Mark Wright, M.D.

Assigned Attorneys: Sydney M. Knight (BCP/AP)

Tawana E. Davis Edward Glennon Mary Johnson Theodore Hoppock Leslie Melman (OGC) Alleged Conduct: Deceptive practices in violation of Sections 5 and 12 in connection with the

sale of a purported weight loss product.

Status: Complaint filed 11/10/04.

Final judgment entered 12/16/08. Notice of appeal filed 2/4/09.

Opinion affirming district court order entered 12/15/09.

Petition for rehearing en banc filed 1/29/10; order denying petition entered

4/26/10.

Appellant's petition for a writ of certiorari filed 7/23/10; Commission's opposition filed 9/24/10; appellant's petition denied 11/1/10.

Commission's motion to hold defendants Hi-Tech Pharmaceuticals, Stephen Smith and Jared Wright in contempt filed 11/1/11; defendant's

opposition filed 12/2/11.

Commission's motion to hold defendant Terrill Mark Wright in contempt

filed 3/21/12.

Order to show cause why defendants Wright, Hit-Tech Pharmaceuticals, Stephen Smith, and Jared Wright should not be held in contempt

entered 5/11/12.

#### FTC v. NELSON GAMBLE & ASSOCIATES, No. 8:12-cv-01504 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Nelson Gamble & Associates

Jackson Hunter Morrison & Knight LLP Blackrock Professional Corporation

Mekhia Capital, LLC Jeremy R. Nelson

Assigned Attorneys: Gregory A. Ashe (BCP/FP)

Jason Adler Lisa Rothfarb Raymond McKown

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the

Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing, promotion, and

sale of debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/10/12.

Order granting TRO and asset freeze entered 9/10/12. Hearing on preliminary injunction set for 10/12/12.

FTC v. NEOVI, INC., No. 09-55093 (9th Cir.); No. 3:06-CV-01952 (S.D. Cal.)

Parties: Neovi, Inc., d/b/a Neovi Data Corporation and Ochex.com

G7 Productivity Systems, Inc., d/b/a Qchex.com

James M. Danforth Thomas Villwock iProlog Corporation

FreeQuick Wire Corporation

Assigned Attorneys: Carmen Christopher (BCP/MP)

Russell Deitch Arturo DeCastro

Laura Schneider (BCP/ENF)

Korin Ewing

John D. Jacobs (WRLA) Leslie Melman (OGC) Theodore Metzler, Jr.

Alleged Conduct: Unfair practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with the offering

and sale of online check services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/19/06.

Final order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief entered

1/7/09.

Notice of appeal by defendants filed 1/16/09.

Motion for order to show cause why Thomas Villwock, James M.

Danforth, G7 Productivity Systems, Inc., iProlog Corporation, and FreeQuick Wire Corporation should not be held in contempt filed

10/15/09.

Order requiring Commission to show cause why contempt motion should not be dismissed entered 10/16/09; Commission's response filed 10/21/09

Order by district court staying contempt proceedings pending appeal entered 1/19/10.

Opinion affirming district court order entered 5/14/10; amended 6/15/10. Contempt proceedings reopened 5/14/10.

Final order finding defedants Neovi, Productivity Systems, Thomas Villwock, and James M. Danforth in contempt entered 7/11/12.

Notice of appeal by defendants filed 9/7/12; Commission's cross appeal

filed 9/21/12.

Order by the Ninth Circuit requiring defendants to show cause why appellate jurisdiction exists entered 9/24/12.

FTC v. NHS SYSTEMS, INC., Nos. 12-2375, 11-2375, 09-3899 (3d Cir.); No. 2:08-CV-02215 (E.D. Pa.)

Parties: NHS Systems, Inc., d/b/a National Healthcare Solutions, National Health

Net Online

Harry F. Bell, Jr.

Physician Health Service, LLC, d/b/a American Health Benefits On Line

Donna Newman

John E. Bartholomew

Plus Health Savings, Inc.

Physicians Health Systems, Inc.

Health Management, LLC

6676529 Canada, Inc.

Nicole Bertrand

Barry Kirstein

"Dannie Boie", a person whose true identity is unknown

PHS Enterprises, Inc.

First Step Management, Inc.

Gold Dot, Inc.

Linke Jn Paul

Tasha Jn Paul

Nevada Business Solutions, Inc.

Interface Management, Inc., d/b/a Galaxy Member Benefits

Beginning Again, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Harris A. Senturia (ECR)

Steven W. Balster

Theodore Metzler, Jr. (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Telemarketing

Sales Rule involving misrepresentations of affiliation with U.S. government agencies, promises of tax refunds/rebates or health benefits to obtain bank

account information, and unauthorized billing.

Status: Complaint filed 5/13/08.

TRO with asset freeze entered 5/14/08.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants NHS Systems, Inc.; Harry F. Bell, Jr.; Physician Health Service, LLC; Plus Health Savings, Inc.; Physician Health Systems, Inc.; and Health Manage-

ment, LLC entered 6/10/08.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants John E. Bartholomew; Interface Management, Inc.; and Beginning Again, Inc. entered

1/30/09.

Amended complaint adding claims and defendants Plus Health Savings,

Inc.; Physicians Health Systems, Inc.; Health Management, LLC; 6676529 Canada, Inc.; Nicole Bertrand; Barry Kirstein; "Dannie Boie"; PHS Enterprises, Inc.; First Step Management, Inc.; Gold Dot, Inc.; Linke Jn Paul; Tasha Jn Paul; Nevada Business Solutions, Inc.;

Interface Management, Inc.; and Beginning Again, Inc. filed 7/6/09.

TRO with asset freeze as to defendants 6676529 Canada, Inc.; Nicole

- Bertrand; Barry Kirstein; "Dannie Boie"; PHS Enterprises, Inc.; First Step Management, Inc.; Gold Dot, Inc.; Linke Jn Paul; Tasha Jn Paul; and Nevada Business Solutions, Inc. entered 7/9/09.
- Preliminary injunction as to defendants 6676529 Canada, Inc.; Nicole Bertrand; Barry Kirstein; "Dannie Boie"; PHS Enterprises, Inc.; First Step Management, Inc.; Gold Dot, Inc.; Linke Jn Paul; Tasha Jn Paul; and Nevada Business Solutions, Inc. entered 7/24/09.
- Order granting Commission's motion to require third party Teledraft, Inc. to turn over funds to receiver entered 9/24/09.
- Notice of appeal by Teledraft filed 10/5/09.
- Teledraft's motion for stay pending appeal filed 8/5/09; Commission's memorandum in opposition filed 10/20/09, modified 10/21/09; order denying motion entered 12/10/09.
- 3d Cir. order requiring parties to file memorandum on jurisdiction entered 10/18/09; memoranda filed 11/2/09.
- Appellant's motion for stay filed 12/18/09; Commission's response in opposition filed 12/23/09.
- Order dismissing appeal for lack of jurisdiction entered 1/8/10.
- Motion to show cause why Teledraft should not be held in contempt filed 3/17/10; Teledraft response in opposition filed 3/31/10.
- Commission's motion for summary judgment as to NHS/PHS defendants (NHS Systems, Inc.; Harry F. Bell, Jr.; Physician Health Service, LLC; Donna Newman; Plus Health Savings, Inc.; Physicians Health Systems, Inc.; Health Management, LLC; 6676529 Canada, Inc; Nicole Bertrand; Barry Kirstein; David James Greer a/k/a Dannie Boie; PHS Enterprises, Inc.; First Step Management, Inc.; Gold Dot, Inc.; Linke Jn Paul; Tasha Jn Paul; and Nevada Business Solutions, Inc.) filed 10/1/10; response filed 9/19/11.
- Order of contempt as to defendant Teledraft entered 5/13/11.
- Notice of appeal of contempt order by Teledraft filed 5/19/11.
- Commission's motion to dismiss appeal for lack of jurisdiction filed 6/10/11; response by appellant filed 6/23/11; Commission's reply filed 6/30/11; order granting motion to dismiss case for lack of jurisdiction entered 7/20/11.
- Order staying contempt order until magistrate has made final determination as to amount of compensatory sanctions owed by Teledraft entered 6/17/11.
- Order imposing compensatory sanction on Teledraft entered 7/8/11.
- Defendants Tasha Jn Paul and Linke Jn Paul response to motion for summary judgment filed 8/3/11; Commission's reply 11/3/11.
- Commission's second motion to approve stipulated final order for permanent injunction and monetary relief as to defendant Donna Newman filed 11/18/11.
- Order by District Court Judge affirming magistrate judge's 7/07/11 order awarding compensatory damages and referred matter to magistrate judge for further findings entered 11/30/11.

Commission's second motion for entry of stipulated final order for permanent injunction and monetary relief as to defendant

Harry F. Bell, Jr. filed 2/16/12.

Stipulated final order for permanent injunction and monetary relief as to defendant Donna Newman filed 5/4/12.

Notice of appeal by Teledraft filed 8/14/12.

Appellant's brief due 11/5/12.

## FTC v. NORTH AMERICAN MARKETING AND ASSOCIATES LLC, No. 2:12-cv-00914 (D. Ariz.)

Parties: North American Marketing and Associates LLC

NAMAA LLC

TM Multimedia Marketing LLC National Opportunities LLC

World Wide Marketing LLC, d/b/a WWM LLC

Precious Metals Resources LLC **Guaranteed Communications LLC** 

Superior Multimedia LLC Kimberly J. Birdsong Joseph W. Lowry Tracey J. Morris Sarah L. Stapel Alyssie M. Tramel Daniel Vigil Sheila A. Lowry

Assigned Attorneys: Ann D. LeJeune (SWR)

Gary D. Kennedy James E. Elliot Luis H. Gallois

Carl E. Morris, Jr.

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and

the TSR in connection with the sale and marketing of work-at-home

opportunities.

Status: Complaint filed 5/1/12.

TRO entered 5/2/12.

Preliminary injunction and asset freeze as to defendants Carl E. Morris, Marketing Strategies LLC, Daniel Vigil, National Opportunities,

LLC, and Kimberly J. Birdsong entered 5/23/12.

Preliminary injunction and asset freeze as to defendants Joseph W. Lowry, North American Marketing and Associates, LLC, NAMAA LLC, Multimedia Marketing, LLC, World Wide Marketing, LLC, Precious Metal Resource, LLC, Guaranteed Communications, LLC, Superior Multimedia, LLC, and Sheila A. Lowry entered 5/24/12.

## FTC v. PAYDAY FINANCIAL LLC, No. 3:11-CV-03017 (D. S.D.)

Parties: Payday Financial, LLC, d/b/a Lakota Cash, Big Sky Cash, Big Sky Cash

Great Sky Finance, LLC, d/b/a Great Sky Cash, Great \$ky Cash, Gsky

Western Sky Financial, LLC

Red Stone Financial, LLC, d/b/a Red Stone Cash

Management Systems, LLC, d/b/a Gsky

24-7 Cash Direct, LLC Red River Ventures, LLC High Country Ventures, LLC Financial Solutions, LLC

Martin A. Webb, individually and as an officer of Payday Financial, LLC;

Western Sky Financial, LLC; Red Stone Financial, LLC; Management Systems, LLC; 24-7 Cash Direct, LLC; Red River Ventures, LLC; High Country Ventures, LLC; Financial Solutions,

LLC

Assigned Attorneys: K. Michelle Grajales (BCP/FP)

LaShawn M. Johnson

Nikhil Singhivi

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of section 5, Credit

Practices Rule, and Electronic Fund Transfer Act in connection with the offering and extension of credit in the form of high-fee, short-term "payday"

loans, and the collection of those loans.

Status: Complaint filed 9/6/11.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 9/8/11.

Amended complaint filed 3/1/12.

Motion for partial summary judgment by all defendants filed 5/18/12;

Commission's response filed 6/14/12; reply by all defendants filed

7/2/12.

#### FTC v. PCCARE247 INC., No. 1:12-CV-07189 (S.D.N.Y.)

Parties: PCCare247 Inc.

PC Care Solutions Private Limited

Connexxions Infotech Inc.

Connexxions IT Services Private Limited, d/b/a Connexxions InfoTech

Services Pvt. Ltd.

Vikas Agrawal Navin Pasari Anuj Agrawal Sanjay Agarwalla Parmeshwar Agrawal

Assigned Attorneys: Benjamin Davidson (BCP/MP)

Christine M. Torado

Colleen Brennan Robbins

Kelly Ann Horne

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC

Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud Abuse Protection Act in relation to the marketing, sale, and promotion of

computer protection software.

Status: Complaint filed 9/24/12.

## *FTC v. PECON SOFTWARE, LTD*, No. 1:12-CV-07168 (S.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Pecon Software, Ltd., d/b/a Pecon Software, Inc.,, Pecon Software Services

Pecon Infotech, Ltd. Pecon Software U.K., Ltd.

Mahesh Kumar Shah, a/k/a MK Shah

Prateek Shah Sujoy Roy Zulfiquar Ali

Vikas Kumar Gupta

Assigned Attorneys: Benjamin Davidson (BCP/MP)

Christine M. Torado Colleen Brennan Robbins

Kelly Ann Horne

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC

Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud Abuse Protection Act in relation to the marketing, sale, and promotion of

computer protection software.

Status: Complaint filed 9/24/12.

## FTC v. PREMIER NATIONWIDE CORPORATION, No. 1:12-CV-00009 (D. Ariz)

Parties: Premier Nationwide Corporation, d/b/a Premier Savings

Eric C. Synstad

Assigned Attorneys: Joseph Lipinsky (NWR)

Mary T. Benfield Richard McKewen

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of section 5 and the TSR in

connection with the marketing and sale of debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 1/3/12; answer to complaint filed 1/30/12.

TRO entered 1/5/12.

Stipulated preliminary injunction and other equitable relief entered

1/27/12.

Final order granting permanent injunction entered 7/16/12.

## FTC v. PREMIER PRECIOUS METALS, INC., No. 0:12-CV-60504 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: Premier Precious Metals, Inc.

Rushmore Consulting Group, Inc.

PPM Credit, Inc. Anthony J. Columbo

Assigned Attorneys: Barbara Bolton (SER)

Dama Brown

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of section 5 and the TSR in

connection with the marketing and sale of precious metals.

Status: Complaint filed 3/20/12.

TRO entered 3/20/12.

Preliminary injunction entered 4/3/12.

Trial scheduled for 2/11/13.

## FTC v. PRIME LEGAL PLANS, LLC, No. 0:12-CV-61872 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: Prime Legal Plans, LLC

Consumer Legal Plans, LLC Freedom Legal Plans, LLC

Frontier Legal Plans, LLC Reaching U Network, Inc. 123 Save a Home, Inc. American Hardship LLC

Back Office Support Systems LLC Consumer Acquisition Network LLC Legal Service and Billing Partners LLC

Lazaro Dihn Kim E. Landolfi

Derek B. Radzikowski Andrew Primavera Christopher N. Edwards Jason C. Desmond

The 2007 Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust (Relief Defendant)

Maria Soltura (Relief Defendant)

Assigned Attorneys: Jane Ricci (BCP/FP)

Leah Frazier

Rebecca M. Unruh

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Mortgage

Assistance Relief Services Rule in connection with the advertising.

marketing, promotion and sale of mortgage relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/24/12.

TRO entered 9/25/12.

## FTC v. PRO CREDIT GROUP, LLC, No. 8:12-CV-00586 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Pro Credit Group, LLC

**Brett Fisher** 

Sanders Legal Group, P.A.

Sanders Law, P.A.
Andre Keith Sanders
My Success Track, LLC

Consumer Credit Group, LLC

Dale Robinson

First Financial Asset Services, Inc.

William Balsamo

Assigned Attorneys: Julia Solomon Ensor (BCP/ENF)

Melinda Claybaugh

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of section 5 and the TSR in

connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion and sale of interest

rate reduction services, and telemarketing of debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 3/19/12.

TRO entered 3/20/12.

Order lifting TRO and asset freeze as to Dale Robinson, Consumer Credit

Group, and Ideal Interest Inc., entered 4/5/12.

Commission's supplemental brief in support of a permanent injunction

filed 4/16/12.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Brett Fischer and Pro Credit Group entered 4/25/12.

Stipulating preliminary injunction as to defendants Andre

Keith Sander, Sanders Legal Group, Sanders Law, P.A. entered

4/25/12.

# FTC v. PUBLISHERS BUSINESS SERVICES, INC., No. 11-17270 (9th Cir.); No. 2:08-CV-00620 (D. Nev.)

Parties: Publishers Business Services, Inc.

Ed Dantuma Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Publishers Direct Services,

**Publishers Business Services** 

Persis Dantuma Edward Dantuma

Brenda Dantuma Schang

Dirk Dantuma Dries Dantuma Jeffrey Dantuma

Assigned Attorneys: Faye Chen Barnouw (WRLA)

Raymond E. McKown Maricela Segura John F. Daly (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Section 5 and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with

the deceptive and abusive telemarketing of magazine subscriptions.

Status: Complaint filed 5/14/08.

Order denying TRO and setting hearing on motion for preliminary

injunction entered 5/23/08.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 6/3/08.

Commission's motion to strike affirmative defenses filed 9/2/08; defendants' response filed 9/22/08; Commission's reply filed 10/6/08; order

granting in part and denying in part entered 10/16/08.

Motion to amend complaint and add defendants filed 12/17/08.

Amended complaint adding defendants Dirk Dantuma, Dries Dantuma, and Jeffrey Dantuma filed 2/5/09.

Commission's and defendants' cross-motions for summary judgment filed 7/31/09; responses in opposition filed 11/23/09; replies filed 12/7/09.

Defendants' motion to strike Commission's summary judgment motion filed 8/7/09; Commission's response filed 8/25/09; defendants' reply filed 9/8/09; order denying motion entered 10/30/09.

Order granting Commission's motion for summary judgment and denying defendants' motion for summary judgment entered 4/7/10.

Order granting permanent injunction entered 4/7/10.

Commission's brief on monetary relief filed 4/20/10; defendants' brief filed 4/30/10; Commission's reply brief filed 6/1/10.

Evidentiary hearing on monetary relief held 3/30-31/11, 6/7/11, 6/8/11, and 6/9/11.

Judgment against defendants Publishers Business Services, Inc; Ed Dantuma Enterprises, Inc, d/b/a Publisher Direct Services, and Publishers Business Services; Edward Dantuma; and Dries Dantumain the sum of \$191,219.00 entered 7/25/11.

Commission's notice of appeal filed 9/23/11.

Commission's opening brief filed 2/13/12.

Appellees' brief filed 4/13/12.

Commission's reply brief filed 5/11/12.

#### FTC v. RINCON MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC, No. 5:11-CV-01623 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Rincon Management Services LLC., d/b/a Rincon Debt Management,

Rincon Filing Services, Pacific Management Recovery

Prime West Management Recovery LLC

Union Management Services LLC., d/b/a Union Filing Services

National Filing Services LLC City Investment Services LLC Global Filing Services LLC

Pacific Management Recovery Services LLC

Jason R. Begley Wayne W. Lunsford Richard E. Weissman

Assigned Attorney's: Maricela Segura (WRLA)

Raymond E. McKown

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Fair Debt

Collection Practices Act in connection with the collection of debts.

Status: Complaint filed 10/11/11

TRO entered 10/11/11.

Preliminary injunction entered 11/10/11.

Defendant's motion for modify preliminary injunction filed 12/21/11;

Commission's opposition filed 1/9/12; reply filed 1/13/12.

Trial set for 10/23/12.

## FTC v. RMB GROUP, LLC, No. 3:12-CV-04632 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: RMB Group, LLC

Howard Brenner Bruce Brenner

Assigned Attorneys: Kerry O'Brien (WRSF)

Linda K. Badger

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in

connection with advertising of purported toning footwear products.

Status: Complaint filed 9/5/12.

Permanent injunction entered 9/18/12.

#### *FTC v. SKECHERS USA, INC.*, No. 1:12-cv-01214 (N.D. Ohio)

Parties: Skechers USA, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Christopher Panek (MWR)

Dana Barragate Michael Milgroom Lariassa Bungo

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in

connection with advertising of purported toning footwear products.

Status: Complaint seeking permanent injunction and other equitable relief filed

5/16/12.

Proposed stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction

filed 5/16/12.

Final order and permanent injunction entered 7/12/12.

## FTC v. SPRINGTECH 77376, LLC, No. 3:12-CV-04631 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: Springtech 77376, LLC

Cedarcide Industries, Inc. Chemical Free Solutions LLC Cedar Oil Technologies Corp.

David Glassel

Assigned Attorneys: Kerry O'Brien (WRSF)

Linda K. Badger

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in

connection with advertising, marketing, and sale of pest control products.

Status: Complaint filed 9/5/12.

### FTC v. STERLING PRECIOUS METALS, LLC, No. 9:12-CV-80597 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: Sterling Precious Metals, LLC

Kerry Marshal Matthew Mayer Francis R. Zolfay

Assigned Attorneys: Dama J. Brown (SER)

Gideon E. Sinashon

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC and the

TSR in connection with the sale and marketing of precious metals.

Status: Complaint filed 6/4/12.

Motion to dismiss complaint by all defendants filed 7/11/12; Commission's

opposition filed 7/27/12.

Order denying preliminary injunction and TRO entered 9/11/12.

# FTC v. TRUDEAU, No. 12-6 (S. Ct.) Nos. 10-2418, 10-1383, 08-4249 (7th Cir.); Nos. 1:03-CV-03904, 1:98-CV-00168 (N.D. Ill.)

Parties: Kevin Trudeau

Shop America (USA), LLC

Robert Barefoot

Deonna Enterprises, Inc.

Karbo, Inc.

Karbo Enterprises, Inc.

Shop America Marketing Group

TruStar Global Media

K.T. Corp. TruCom, LLC

Assigned Attorneys: Michael P. Mora (BCP-ENF)

Laureen Kapin Elizabeth Tucci Sandhya Prabhu David O'Toole (MWR) John F. Daly (OGC) David Sieradzki

Alleged Conduct:

Deceptive practices in violation of Sections 5 and 12 in connection with the sale of a dietary supplement and violations of a 1998 stipulated order for permanent injunction and final judgment against Kevin Trudeau.

Status:

Complaint filed 6/9/03.

Stipulated final order for permanent injunction and settlement of claims for monetary relief as to defendants Kevin Trudeau, Shop America (USA), LLC, Shop America Marketing Group, LLC, Trustar Global Media, Limited and Relief defendants K.T. Corporation, Limited and TruCom, LLC, including monetary relief of approximately \$2.1 million, entered 9/3/04.

Motion to show cause why defendant Trudeau should not be held in contempt filed 9/13/07.

Order finding Trudeau in contempt for violating permanent injunction entered 11/16/07.

Hearing on remedy for violating permanent injunction held 7/22-25/08. Judgment confirming 11/16/07 order, requiring monetary payment by Trudeau, and providing for other relief entered 8/7/08.

Commission's motion to amend/correct judgment filed 8/21/08; response by Trudeau filed 9/22/08; Commission's reply filed 10/7/08, corrected 10/21/08.

Supplemental order and judgment entered 11/4/08.

Motion by Trudeau to alter or stay judgment pending appeal filed 11/13/08; Commission's response filed 11/26/08; Trudeau's reply filed 12/3/08; order denying motion entered 12/11/08.

Notice of appeal (08-4249) filed 12/16/08.

Appellant's emergency motion for stay pending appeal filed 12/23/08; Commission's response in opposition filed 1/5/09; appellant's reply filed 1/7/09.

Order denying emergency motion for stay pending appeal entered 1/21/09. Appellant's brief filed 2/17/09.

Motion by Appellant to file supplemental jurisdictional memorandum filed 3/5/09; order granting motion entered 3/12/09; supplemental jurisdictional memorandum filed 3/12/09.

Commission's answering brief filed 3/19/09.

Appellant's reply brief filed 4/2/09.

Oral argument held 5/14/09.

Opinion affirming Trudeau contempt finding but vacating and remanding on monetary payment and other relief entered 8/27/09.

- Commission's renewed motion to modify stipulated final order for permanent injunction as to defendant Trudeau filed 11/13/09; defendant's response in opposition filed 12/17/09; Commission's reply filed 2/1/10; defendant's sur-reply filed 3/12/10.
- Commission's renewed motion for compensatory monetary remedy as to defendant Trudeau filed 11/13/09; defendant's response in opposition filed 12/17/09, supplemented 1/19/10; Commission's reply filed 2/1/10; defendant's sur-reply filed 3/12/10.
- Order finding defendant Trudeau in criminal contempt of court entered 2/11/10; modified 2/17/10.
- Notice of appeal (10-1383) of criminal contempt order filed 2/17/10.
- Order staying payment of fine pending appeal entered 2/24/10.
- Trudeau's motion to stay proceedings pending appeal filed 3/9/10; order denying motion entered 3/12/10.
- Supplemental order modifying the stipulated order for permanent injunction and awarding monetary relief entered 4/16/10.
- Trudeau's motion to amend the supplemental order filed 4/22/10; Commission's response in opposition filed 5/7/10; Trudeau's reply filed 5/21/10; Commission's sur-reply filed 6/1/10.
- Commission's motion to amend the supplemental order filed 5/7/10; Trudeau's response filed 5/21/10.
- Opinion (10-1383) vacating finding of criminal contempt and remanding for further proceedings entered 5/20/10.
- Corrected supplemental order modifying the stipulated order for permanent injunction and awarding monetary relief entered 6/2/10.
- Notice of appeal (10-2418) of supplemental and corrected supplemental orders filed 6/11/10.
- Trudeau's emergency motion for stay pending appeal filed 6/15/10; Commission's response filed 6/23/10; Trudeau's reply filed 6/28/10; order denying motion filed 7/14/10.

Trudeau's brief filed 7/23/10.

Commission's brief filed 8/23/10.

Oral argument held 9/24/10.

- Order by district court denying Trudeau's motion for declaratory judgment regarding scope of performance bond provision in supplemental final order entered 9/27/10.
- Court of appeals opinion affirming contempt sanctions and modification of decree, issued 11/29/11.
- Trudeau's petition for rehearing en banc filed 1/13/12; denied 1/30/12.
- Trudeau's petition of certiorari filed 6/28/12; Commission's brief in opposition filed 8/23/12; Trudeau's reply brief filed 9/12/12.

## FTC v. VACATION PROPERTY SERVICES, INC., No. 8:11-CV-00595 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Vacations Property Services, Inc.

Vacation Property Sellers Inc. d/b/a Timeshare Experts; Higher Level

Marketing Inc. d/b/a Vacation Services

Albert M. Wilson David S. Taylor Frank M. Perry, Jr.

Assigned Attorneys: William T. Maxson (BCP/MP)

Dotan Weinman

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Telemarketing

Sales Rule in connection with telephone calls to consumers

Status: Complaint filed 3/22/11.

TRO entered 3/23/11.

Order denying motion for preliminary injunction and dissolving TRO

as to defendant David Taylor entered 4/21/11.

Order granting stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants

Vacation Property Sellers, Inc. and Frank M. Perry, Jr. entered

4/21/11.

Order granting in part and denying in part motion for preliminary

injunction entered 5/5/11.

Stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction as to

defendants Frank M. Perry, Jr, Higher Level Marketing, Inc., and

Vacation Property Sellers, Inc. entered 9/30/11.

Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 1/6/12.

Commission's motion for default judgment against Vacation Property

Services, Inc. filed 1/13/12.

Order granting motion to approve settlement as to defendant David S.

Taylor entered 3/15/12

Stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction as to

defendant David S. Taylor entered 3/20/12.

Order granting in part Commission's motions for summary and default

judgment entered 5/21/12.

FTC v. WASHINGTON DATA RESOURCES, INC., Nos. 12-13392, 10-12901, 10-10716, 10-10715 (11th Cir.); No. 8:09-CV-02309 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Washington Data Resources, Inc.

Optimum Business Solutions, LLC

Crowder Law Group, P.A.

Richard A. Bishop Brent McDaniel Tyna Caldwell Douglas A. Crowder

Bruce Meltzer

Kathleen Lewis, a/k/a Kathy Lewis

Assigned Attorneys: Jonathan L. Kessler (ECR)

Julie A. Lady Michael Milgrom Christopher D. Panek Harris A. Senturia Mark S. Hegedus (OGC) Michael D. Bergman

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Telemarketing

Sales Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of mortgage loan

modification and foreclosure relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 11/12/09.

TRO with asset freeze entered 11/13/09.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Optimum Business Solutions, LLC; Crowder Law Group, P.A.; Tyna Caldwell; Bruce Meltzer; and Kathleen Lewis entered 11/8/09; modified 3/17/10.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant Douglas A. Crowder entered 11/23/09; modified 11/25/09.

Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant Brent McDaniel entered 12/4/09.

Order adopting Magistrate Judge's report and issuing preliminary injunction as to defendant Richard A. Bishop entered 12/14/09.

Order granting in part and denying in part defendant Brent Mc Daniel's motion to modify asset freeze and denying Richard A. Bishop's emergency motion to modify or dissolve asset freeze entered 1/15/10.

Notices of appeal (10-10715, 10-10716) by defendant Richard A. Bishop filed 2/12/10.

Order dismissing appeal (10-10716) of denial of asset freeze motion for lack of jurisdiction entered 4/13/10.

Richard A. Bishop's renewed motion to modify asset freeze filed 4/30/10; Commission's opposition filed 5/14/10; reply filed 5/26/10.

Order denying renewed motion to modify asset freeze entered 6/15/10.

Notice of appeal (10-12091) by Richard A. Bishop filed 6/22/10.

Bishop's appellate brief filed 8/23/10.

Commission's answering brief filed 9/27/10.

Bishop's reply brief filed 10/21/10.

Commission's proposed stipulated final judgment and order as to defendants Crowder Law Group, P.A. filed 11/19/10.

Commission's proposed stipulated final judgment and order as to defendants Kathleen Lewis and Optimum Business Solutions, LLC filed 11/19/10.

Defendants' motions for summary judgment denied 3/25/11.

Stipulated judgment against defendants Crowder Law Group, P.A.,
Optimum Business Solutions, LLC, Bruce Meltzer, and Kathleen
Lewis entered 3/28/11.

Oral argument held 4/14/11.

Opinion upholding preliminary injunction against defendant Richard Bishop but vacating asset freeze issued 4/25/11.

Commission's motion to modify preliminary injunction as to Richard Bishop filed 5/20/11; response filed 6/03/11.

Order granting motion in part and denying motion in part entered 8/12/11.

Permanent injunction and judgment against Douglas A. Crowder entered 9/29/11.

Trial held on 10/3-11/11.

Order in favor of Commission entered 4/23/12.

Order for permanent injunction against Richard Bishop, Brent McDaniel and Tyna Caldwell entered 6/8/12.

Judgment in favor of the Commission against Washington Data Resources, Inc., Brent McDaniel, Richard A. Bishop, and Tyna Caldwell entered 6/20/12.

Notice of appeal filed 6/22/12.

Appellant's opening brief filed 8/13/12; Commission's response brief due 10/3/12.

# FTC v. WATSON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., No. 10-12729 (11th Cir.); No. 1:09-CV-00955 (N.D. Ga.), formerly No. 2:09-CV-00598 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Par Pharmaceuticals Companies, Inc.

Paddock Laboratories, Inc. Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Markus Meier (BC)

Bradley S. Albert

Cynthia A. Liebes (SER) Mark S. Hegedus (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Action for a permanent injunction and other equitable relief for violations of

the Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Act and Section 5 of the FTC Act in connection with agreement between brand name drug manufacturer and

generic manufacturers delaying entry of generic drug.

Status: Complaint in C.D. Cal. filed 1/27/09.

Amended complaint filed 2/12/09.

Defendants motion to transfer case to Northern District of Georgia filed 2/27/09; Commission's opposition filed 3/16/09; defendants' reply filed 3/23/09; order transferring case to N.D. Ga. entered 4/9/09.

Second amended complaint filed 5/28/09.

Commission's motion to stay proceeding filed 6/15/09; defendants' opposition filed 6/17/09; Commission's reply filed 7/6/09; order denying motion entered 7/17/09.

Defendants' motions to dismiss second amended complaint filed 7/20/09; Commission's opposition filed 8/21/09; defendants' replies filed 9/11/09.

Order granting motion to dismiss Commission's second amended complaint entered 2/22/10.

Judgment dismissing Commission's claims with prejudice entered 4/21/10

Notice of appeal filed 6/10/10.

Commission's opening brief filed 7/26/10. Defendants' answering brief filed 11/10/10. Commission's reply brief filed 12/15/10.

Oral argument held 5/13/11.

Opinion affirming district court issued on 4/25/12.

Commission's petition for rehearing *en banc* filed 6/11/12. Order denying petition for rehearing *en banc* entered 7/18/12.

## FTC v. WELLNESS SUPPORT NETWORK, INC., No. 3:10-CV-04879 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: Wellness Support Network, Inc.

Robert Held Robyn Held

Assigned Attorneys: Laura Fremont (WRSF)

Kenneth Hatheway Abbe

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Sections 5 and 12 of the FTC Act

in connection with the marketing and sale of dietary supplements for the

treatment of diabetes.

Status: Complaint filed 10/28/10.

Defendants' motion to dismiss filed 12/29/10; memorandum in opposition

filed 1/14/11; reply to opposition filed 1/21/11; order granting in part

and denying in part motion entered, 4/4/11.

Amended complaint filed 4/29/11.

Defendants' motion to dismiss first amended complaint filed 6/8/11,

Commission's opposition filed 6/29/11; reply filed 7/8/11.

Order denying motion to dismiss entered 9/12/11.

## FTC v. WILLMS, No. 2:11-CV-00828 (W.D. Wash)

Parties: Jesse Willms

Peter Graver Adam Sechrist Brett Callister Carey Milne

1021018 Alberta Ltd. d/b/a Just think Media 1016363 Alberta Ltd. d/b/a edirect software

1524948 Alberta Ltd. d/b/a terra Marketing Group Circle Media Bids Limited d/b/a Swipebids.com

CoastWest Holdings Limited

Elizabeth Graver Farend Service Ltd. JDW Media LLC

Mobile Web Media LLC NetSoft Media LLC

Sphere Media LLC d/b/a SwipeBids.com True Net LLC d/b/a selloffauctions.com

Assigned Attorneys: Julie K. Mayer (NWR)

Kathryn C. Decker Nadine Samter Eleanor Durham

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with the

advertising, marketing and sale of variety of teeth whiteners, quick weight

loss products and work from home schemes.

Status: Complaint filed 5/16/11.

Amended complaint filed 9/2/11. Preliminary injunction entered 9/13/11. Joint notice of settlement filed 11/30/11.

Stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction and

monetary relief entered 3/6/12.

Order modifying final judgment and order entered 6/26/12.

# FTC v. WYNDHAM WORLDWIDE CORP., No. 2:12-CV-01365 (D. Ariz.)

Parties: Wyndham Worldwide Corp.

Wyndham Hotel Group, LLC Wyndham Hotels Resorts, LLC Wyndham Hotel Managment Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: John A. Krebs (BCP/DPIP)

Katherine E. McCarron Kevin H. Moriarty Kristin K. Cohen Lisa N.W. Schifferle

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in

connection with failing to maintain reasonable of appropriate data security of

consumer for consumers sensitive information.

Status: Complaint filed 6/26/12.

Defendants' motion to dismiss filed 8/27/12.

#### FTC v. YELLOW PAGE MARKETING B.V., No. 1:11-CV-05035 (N.D. III.)

Parties: Yellow Page Marketing B.V., d/b/a Yellow Page B.V. and Yellow Page

(Netherlands) B.V. Yellow Publishing Ltd. Yellow Data Services Ltd.

Jan Marks

Assigned Attorneys: Rozina Cynthia Bhimani (MWR)

Matthew H. Wernz

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act

involving a campaign to induce small business and nonprofit organizations in the United States and elsewhere to pay for unordered listings in an internet

directory.

Status: Complaint filed 7/26/11.

Ex parte TRO with asset freeze entered 7/26/11.

Preliminary injunction as to defendants Yellow Page Marketing B.V., Yellow Publishing Ltd., and Yellow Data Services Ltd. entered

8/9/11.

Commission's motion for default against defendants Yellow Page

Marketing B.V., Yellow Data Services LTD., and Yellow

Publishing LTD. filed 12/05/11; granted 12/13/11.

## FTC v. YOUR BABY CAN LLC, 3:12-CV-02114 (S.D. Cal.)

Parties: Your Baby Can LLC

Hugh Penton, Jr. Robert Titzer

Assigned Attorneys: Robin Spector (BCP/AP)

Rosemary Rosso

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in

connection with the sale, marketing and promotion of Your Baby Can Read!

products.

Status: Complaint filed 8/27/12.

Final order granting permanent injunction and other equitable relief against

all defendants entered 9/12/12.

## FTC v. ZEAL IT SOLUTIONS PVT LTD., No. 1:12-CV-07188 (S.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Zeal IT Solutions Pvt Ltd.

Khishore Gosh

Assigned Attorneys: Benjamin Davidson (BCP/MP)

Christine M. Torado Colleen Brennan Robbins

Kelly Ann Horne

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC

Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud Abuse Protection Act in relation to the marketing, sale, and promotion of

computer protection software.

Status: Complaint filed 9/24/12.

## **CIVIL PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT CASES**\*\*\*\*

### (A) Consumer Protection

UNITED STATES v. ANDREW TORREGROSSA & SONS, INC., No. 1:12-CV-03198 (E.D. N.Y.)

Parties: Andrew Torregrossa & Sons, Inc.

Andrew L. Torregrossa John L. Torregrossa

Assigned Attorneys: Richard K. Hayes (AUSA)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and

Funeral Rule in connection with providing funeral goods and services.

Status: Complaint filed 6/27/12.

Consent order entered 8/29/12.

UNITED STATES v. B.K. HENRY FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC., No. 1:11-CV-01258 (D.D.C.)

Parties: B.K. Henry Funeral Chapel, Inc.

Brian K. Henry Lisa Henry

Assigned Attorneys: Cindy Cho (DOJ/CPB)

Alleged Conduct: Violations of the Funeral Rule by failing to provide written casket pricing list

for customers who inquire in person.

Status: Complaint filed 7/12/11.

Answer to complaint with jury demand filed 9/26/11.

Consent decree entered 7/31/12.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Includes all suits in which civil penalties are sought; consumer redress, injunctions, and ancillary equitable relief may also be sought.

# UNITED STATES v. BUSINESS RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC, No. 11-17677 (9th Cir.), No. 2:11-CV-00390 (D. Ariz.)

Parties: Business Recovery Services, LLC

Brian Hessler

Assigned Attorneys: Jessica R. Gunder (DOJ/CPB)

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Section 5 and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with

abandoned calls and telephone calls to consumers on the National Do Not

Call registry.

Status: Complaint filed 3/1/11.

Answer to complaint filed 3/28/11; amended answer filed 6/19/12.

Order granting preliminary injunction entered 4/15/11.

Order denying defendants' motion to modify preliminary injunction,

entered 10/17/11.

Notice of appeal from order denying motion to modify preliminary injunction

filed 11/5/11; appellant's brief filed 12/5/11; United States' brief filed

1/17/12.

Defendants' motion to dismiss filed 1/16/12; United States' response filed

2/1/12; reply filed 2/13/12; order denying motion entered

4/10/12.

Appeal argued 6/15/12.

Court of appeals per curiam affirmance issued 6/20/12.

### *UNITED STATES v. CARTER*, No. 1:11-CV-04801 (N.D. III.)

Parties: Harry J. Carter, III, individually, and d/b/a Carter Funeral Chapels, Ltd.

Assigned Attorneys: Adrienne Fowler (DOJ/CPB)

LaShonda Hunt (AUSA)

Alleged Conduct: Violation of the Funeral Rule by failing to provide a printed general price

list.

Status: Complaint filed 7/15/11.

Defendants' answer to complaint filed 2/8/12. Joint motion for consent judgement filed 9/19/12.

### *UNITED STATES v. COX*, No. 8:11-CV-01910 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Roy M. Cox, Jr.

Capital Solutions Group, S.A. and its foreign affiliate Transfers Argentina, S.A. and its foreign affiliate

Public Service and its foreign affilliate

Marketing Strategy Group and its foreign affiliate

Castle Rock Capital Management Inc. and its foreign affiliate Castle Rock Capital Management, S.A. and its foreign affiliate

Capital Solutions Group, S.A. and its foreign affiliate

Assigned Attorneys: Carol Lyn Wallack (DOJ/CPB)

Matthew Samuel Ebert

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practice in violation of Section 5 and the

Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with telephone calls made to

person's on the National Do Not Call Registry.

Status: Complaint filed 12/12/11.

# UNITED STATES v. DANIEL CHAPTER ONE, No. 10-5370 (D.C. Cir.); No. 1:10-CV-01362 (D.D.C.)

Parties: Daniel Chapter One

James Feijo

Assigned Attorneys: Laura DeMartino (BCP/ENF)

Kristin M. Williams

Jessica R. Grunder (DOJ/CPB)

Alleged Conduct: Violation of an FTC final cease and desist order in connection with

defendants' continued deceptive advertising, promotion, and sale of "cancercure" products and failure to send required notification to prior purchasers of

such products.

Status: Complaint filed 8/13/10.

United States' motion for preliminary injunction filed 8/25/10.

Defendants' motion to dismiss filed 9/1/10.

Order denying United States' and defendants' motions, and staying case

pending resolution of defendants' appeal of the Commission's cease

and desist order entered 9/14/10.

Notice of appeal by United States filed 11/12/10. United State's motion to

dismiss appeal voluntarily by United States filed 1/3/11.

Stay lifted 3/7/11.

United States' motion for preliminary injunction filed 3/11/11; opposition filed 3/25/11; reply filed 4/1/11.

Defendants' motion for stay filed 3/25/11; opposition filed 4/1/11; reply filed 4/8/11; motion denied 5/10/11.

Order granting United States' motion for preliminary injunction entered 6/22/11.

United States' motion for order to show cause why Daniel Chapter One, James Feijo, and Patricia Feijo should not be held in contempt of 6/22/11 order filed 7/29/11.

United States' motion for summary judgment on liability filed 9/30/11; opposition filed 10/21/11; reply filed 11/30/11.

Order finding defendants in contempt entered 5/9/12; contempt purged and order vacated 5/24/12.

Summary judgment in favor of the United States entered 9/24/12.

### UNITED STATES v. DISH NETWORK L.L.C., No. 3:09-CV-03073 (C.D. Ill.)

Parties: Dish Network L.L.C.

Assigned Attorneys: Russell Deitch (BCP/MP)

Gary Ivens

Daniel K. Crane-Hirsch (DOJ/CPB)

James A. Lewis (AUSA)

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Section 5 and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with

abandoned calls and telephone calls to consumers on the National Do Not

Call registry.

Status: Complaint filed 3/25/09.

Defendant's motion to dismiss filed 5/21/09; plaintiff's response in

opposition filed 7/17/09; defendant's reply filed 7/27/09; plaintiff's

sur-reply filed 9/11/09.

Order denying motion to dismiss entered 11/21/09.

Defendant's motion for reconsideration or interlocutory appeal filed

11/19/09; plaintiff's response filed 12/22/09; order denying motion

entered 2/4/10.

Memorandum in opposition to motion/petition filed 5/21/10.

Motion to compel 7/30/10; memorandum in opposition to motion 8/16/10; memorandum in support of motion filed 9/24/10; order on motion

to compel entered, 12/9/10.

Appeal of magistrate judge decision to district court filed 12/29/10.

Defendants' motion to stay action under doctrine of primary jurisdiction

filed 12/21/10; opposition filed 1/12/11.

Order directing the parties to file an administrative complaint with the FCC, to obtain its interpretation of statutory language, entered 2/4/11.

Trial set for 6/4/13.

# *UNITED STATES v. FEATURE FILMS FOR FAMILIES, INC.*, No.2:12-CV-00811 (D. Ut.) No. 4:11-CV-00197 (N.D. Fla.)

Parties: Feature Films for Families, Inc.

Corporations for Character LC

Family of Utah, Inc.

Forrest Sandusky Baker, III

Assigned Attorneys: Peter G. Fisher (AUSA)

Daniel M.. Bacza (DOJ/CPB) Michael Tankersley (BCP)

Arturo DeCastro

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Telemarketing

Sales Rule in connection with telemarketing to induce the purchase of goods or services, and to induce charitable contributions, telemarketing calls to

consumers on the "Do-Not-Call" list.

Status: Complaint filed 5/5/11.

Defendants' motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim and for improper

venue filed 7/25/11; United States' memo in opposition filed

8/8/11; order denying motion entered 10/25/11.

Defendants' counterclaim against the United States filed 11/14/11. United States' motion to dismiss counterclaims for lack of jurisdiction filed 12/21/11; response in opposition filed 1/09/12; motion denied

5/19/12.

Case transferred to the District of Utah 8/20/12.

#### *UNITED STATES v. GOOGLE, INC.*, No. 2:2012-CV-04177 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: Google, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Adrienne Louise Fowler (AUSA)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in

connection with tracking consumers.

Status: Complaint filed 8/8/12.

Proposed stipulated final order filed 8/9/12.

Motion by Consumer Watchdog for leave to file an amicus brief filed

8/21/12; granted 8/28/12.

Brief of amicus Consumer Watchdog opposing entry of stipulated order,

filed 9/21/12.

Response by United States to brief of amicus curiae filed 9/29/12.

### UNITED STATES v. HARRISON FUNERAL HOME, No. 7:12-CV-03733 (S.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Harrison Funeral Home

John Balsamo

Assigned Attorneys: Natalie N. Kuehler (AUSA)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and

Funeral Rule in connection with providing funeral goods and services.

Status: Complaint filed 5/10/12.

## UNITED STATES v. HIRERIGHT SOLUTIONS, INC., No. 1:12-CV-01313 (D.D.C.)

Parties: HireRight Solutions, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Alan Phelps (DOJ/CPB)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the

Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with the sale of credit and

background reports.

Status: Complaint filed 8/8/12.

Final order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief entered

8/29/12.

#### UNITED STATES v. JASON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., No. 1:12-CV-01476 (D.D.C.)

Parties: Jason Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Alan Phelps (DOJ/CPB)

Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in Alleged Conduct:

connection with the advertising, marketing, and sale of weight loss products.

**Status:** Complaint filed 9/7/12.

### UNITED STATES v. RMCN CREDIT SERVICES, INC., No. 4:11-CV-00650 (E.D. Tex.)

Parties: RMCN Credit Services, Inc.

Doug Parker Julie Parker

Assigned Attorneys: Philip Martin Toomjian (DOJ/CPB)

J. Kevin McClendon (AUSA)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of the Credit Repair Organization

Act in connection with advertising and sale of credit repair services.

Status: Complaint filed 10/12/11.

Defendants' motion to dismiss filed 12/12/11; United States' opposition filed

1/23/12.

Order denying motion to dismiss filed 9/30/12.

### UNITED STATES v. SONKEI COMMUNICATIONS INC., No. 8:11-CV-01777 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Sonkei Communications Inc., d/b/a Sonkie and Sonkie One

Peter J. Turpel Joseph Turpel

Assigned Attorneys: Sondra L. Mills (DOJ/CPB)

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Section 5 and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in making

telemarketing calls to telephone numbers on the Do Not Call Registry

Status: Complaint filed 11/17/11; answer to complaint filed 1/12/12.

Trial scheduled for 2/13/12.

## *UNITED STATES v. SPOKEO, INC.*, No. 2:12-CV-05001 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Spokeo, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Wendy L. Weiss (AUSA)

Alan Phelps (DOJ/CPB)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the

Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with furnishing credit reports.

Status: Complaint filed 6/7/12.

Consent degree and order for civil penalties, permanent injunction, and other

relief entered 6/19/12.

## UNITED STATES v. SUMPOLEC, No.6:09-CV-00378 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Edward Sumpolec, d/b/a Thermalkool, Thermacool, Energy Conservation

**Specialists** 

Assigned Attorneys: Michael J. Davis (BCP/ENF)

Philip M. Toomajian (DOJ/CPB)

Scott H. Park (AUSA)

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Section 5 and the R-Value Rule in connection with the sale of

home insulation products.

Status: Complaint filed 2/26/09.

Default entered 5/29/09; vacated 2/10/10.

United States' motion for summary judgment filed 12/17/10.

Judgment against Edward Sumpolec entered 9/12/11.

United States' motion for permanent injunction and civil penalties filed 10/11/11; defendant's response filed 12/09/11; hearing held

7/27/12.

## (B) <u>Competition</u>

## UNITED STATES v. BIGLARI HOLDINGS, INC., No. 1:12-CV-01586 (D.D.C)

Parties: Biglari Holdings Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Kenneth Libby (BC/ENF)

Alleged Conduct: Violations of the notice and waiting requirements of the Hart-Scott-Rodinio

Act.

Status: Complaint filed 9/25/12.

Plaintifff's motion for entry of stipulated final order filed 9/25/12.

#### SUBPOENA AND CID ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

# FTC v. BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., No. 1:09-MC-00564 (D.D.C.)

Parties: Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Imad D. Abyad (OGC)

Robert B. Mahini Leslie R. Melman David C. Shonka

Alleged Conduct: Petition for an order to enforce a subpoena.

Status: Petition filed 10/23/09.

Order to show cause entered 12/4/09.

Matter transferred to magistrate judge 12/1/10.

Status conference held on 10/24/11. Hearing on merits held 12/09/11.

Order denying Commission's petition as to financial analysis documents and

ordering Boehringer to redact and produce the remaining records

entered 9/27/12.

## FTC v. LABMD, INC., No. 1:12-CV-03005 (N.D. Ga.)

Parties: LabMD, Inc.

Michael J. Daugherty

Assigned Attorneys: Burke Kappler (OGC)

**Bradley Grossman** 

Alleged Conduct: Petition for an order to enforce a CID.

Status: Petition filed 8/29/12.

Order to show cause entered 9/5/12.

Hearing held 9/19/12.

Commission's supplemental memorandum of law filed 9/24/12.

#### SUITS TO ENJOIN FTC ACTION AND OTHER DEFENSIVE LITIGATION

### BASIC RESEARCH v. FTC, No. 2:09-CV-00779 (D. Utah)

Parties: Basic Research

A.G. Waterhouse

Sovage Dermalogic Laboratories Carter-Reed Company, LLC

**Dynakor Pharmacal** 

Dennis Gay

Mitchell K. Friedlander

Assigned Attorneys: Mark Hegedus (OGC)

Drake Cutini (DOJ/CPB) Jeannette Swent (AUSA)

Nature of Action: Declaratory judgment action claiming violations of plaintiffs' free speech

and due process constitutional rights in connection with advertising for

weight loss products.

Status: Complaint filed 8/31/09.

Motion to dismiss complaint filed 10/30/09; plaintiffs' response in opposition filed 12/23/09; Commission's reply filed 1/22/10;

plaintiffs' sur-reply filed 4/1/10.

Plaintiffs' motion to consolidate case with *United States v. Basic Research*, *L.L.C.*, No. 2:09-CV-00972 (D. Utah) filed 11/6/09; Commission's response in opposition filed 11/23/09; plaintiffs' reply filed 12/14/09.

Oral argument on pending motions held 5/6/10.

Memorandum decision denying motion to dismiss complaint and granting motion to consolidate case with *United States v. Basic Research*,

L.L.C., No. 2:09-CV-00972 entered 5/23/11.

Plaintiffs' motion for partial summary judgment filed 8/27/11; Commission's opposition filed on 9/28/11; reply filed 11/01/11.

Commission's motion for partial summary judgment filed 5/24/12; hearing

on motion held 5/31/12.

Order granting Commission's motion for partial summary judgment

entered 6/1/12.

Defendants' motion for summary judgment filed 9/12/12.

### CARTER, FULLERTON & HAYES, LLC v. FTC, No. 1:12-CV-00448 (E.D.Va.)

Parties: Carter, Fullerton, & Hayes LLC

Assigned Attorneys: Stephen Obermeir (AUSA)

David Sieradzki (OGC)

**Dione Stearns** 

Nature of Action: Action alleging violation of the Freedom of Information Act.

Status: Complaint filed 4/24/12; Commission's answer filed 6/4/12.

Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 8/2/12; Carter's

opposition filed 9/27/12.

## *CAUSE OF ACTION v. FTC*, No. 1:12-CV-00850 (D.D.C.)

Parties: Cause of Action

Assigned Attorneys: Mitchell Zeff (AUSA)

Michael Bergman (OGC)

Dione Stearns

Nature of Action: Action alleging violation of the Freedom of Information Act.

Status: Complaint filed 5/25/12.

Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 9/28/12.

## CAUSEY v. PORTFOLIO ACQUISITIONS, LLC, No. 2:10-CV-02781 (E.D. Cal.)

Parties: Jeanine Causey, a/k/a Jeanine Boyd (Plaintiff)

Robert Causey (Plaintiff)

Portfolio Acquisitions, LLC (Defendant)

NCC (Defendant)

OSI Collect Services, Inc (Defendant) NCO Funding, Inc (Defendant) Citigroup, Inc. (Defendant)

JP Morgan Chase & Co. (Defendant) Federal Trade Commission (Defendant)

State of California Department of Consumer Affairs (Defendant)

NCO Group (Defendant)

Assigned Attorneys: Bobbie Montoya (AUSA)

John Singer (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action for damages and declaratory relief for violations of the Fair Debt

Collect Practices Act.

Status: Complaint filed 8/27/10.

Commission's motion to dismiss filed 3/20/12; statement of non-opposition

to Commission's motion by Jeanine and Robert Causey filed 4/11/12.

Order dismissing the case with prejudice entered 9/27/12.

## **DINGLER v. EQUIFAX, No. 3:12-CV-00455 (N.D. Tex.)**

Parties: Joseph Dingler (Plaintiff)

Equifax (Defendant)
Experian (Defendant)
Transunion (Defendant)

Federal Trade Commission (Defendant)

Assigned Attorneys: Burke Kappler (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action for declaratory and injunctive relief under the Fair Credit Reporting

Act.

Status: Complaint filed 2/13/12.

Amended complaint filed 4/27/12.

## *HI-TECH PHARMACEUTICALS v. FTC*, No. 1:12-CV-02043 (N.D. Ga.)

Parties: Hi-Tech Pharmaceuticals (Plaintiff)

Assigned Attorneys: Drake Cutini (DOJ/CPB)

Robert Duvall (AUSA) David Sieraszki (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action for declaratory relief to enjoin agency's contempt action against Hi-

Tech Pharaceuticals.

Status: Complaint filed 6/13/12.

Commission's motion to dismiss filed 9/24/12.

# MODERN IMAGING SOLUTIONS, INC. v. UNITED STATES, No.1:11-CV-0071; 1:11-CV-00344 (Fed. Cl.)

Party: Modern Imaging Solutions, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Michele Arington (OGC)

Daniel B. Volk (DOJ/CLB)

Nature of Action: Action for breach of contract in connection with agency's non-payment for

unauthorized purchases by FTC employee.

Status: Complaint filed 5/31/11.

Order granting plaintiff's motion to voluntarily dismiss complaint without

prejudice entered 8/9/11. Complaint refiled 10/26/11.

United States' motion to dismiss filed 12/27/11; plaintiff's opposition filed

2/23/12; United States' reply filed 3/12/12; order denying motion to

dismiss entered 8/16/12.

# NAT'L AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASS'N v. FTC, No. 12-5191 (D.C. Cir.); 1:11-CV-01711 (D. D.C.)

Parties: National Automobile Dealers Association

Assigned Attorney's: David Sieradzki (OGC)

Drake Cutini (DOJ/CPB)

Nature of Action: Action for injunction and declaratory relief with respect to the FTC's rules

implementing credit score disclosure requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act.

Status: Complaint filed 9/22/11.

Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment filed 12/16/11.

Commission's motion to dismiss filed 12/21/11; opposition filed 2/17/12;

reply filed 3/23/12.

Order denying plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and dismissing case

entered 5/22/12.

Notice of appeal filed 6/15/12.

Appellant's brief due 10/24/12; Commission's brief due 11/23/12.

### NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS v. FTC, No. 11-1679

(4th Cir.), No. 5:11-CV-0049 (E.D.N.C.)

Party: North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners

Assigned Attorneys: Melissa Westman-Cherry (BC)

Imad D. Abyad (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action for declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to pending

Commission adjudicative proceeding.

Status: Complaint filed 2/1/11.

Motion for TRO filed 2/2/11.

Response in opposition to motion filed 2/7/11.

Order denying TRO entered 2/9/11.

Motion to dismiss filed 2/28/11; opposition filed 3/24/11; reply filed

4/7/11.

Order granting motion to dismiss entered 5/3/11.

Notice of appeal filed 6/27/11.

Appellant's brief filed 10/6/11; Commission's brief filed 11/28/11;

Appellant's reply brief filed 12/15/11.

Oral argument scheduled for 12/5/12.

### **POM WONDERFUL, LLC v. FTC,** No. 1:10-CV-01539 (D.D.C.)

Parties: POM Wonderful, LLC

Assigned Attorneys: David L. Sieradzki (OGC)

Drake S. Cutini (DOJ/CPB)

Nature of Action: Declaratory judgment action claiming violation of the FTC Act, the

Administrative Procedure Act, and plaintiff's First and Fifth Amendment rights in connection with Commission's application of substantiation

standard to POM.

Status: Complaint filed 9/13/10.

Commission's motion to dismiss filed 11/16/10; POM Wonderful's

opposition filed 1/13/11; Commission's reply filed 1/24/11.

Order granting motion to dismiss entered 9/30/12.

# *TRUDEAU v. FTC*, No. 1:12-CV-00574 (N.D. III.)

Parties: Kevin Trudeau

Assigned Attorneys: David Sieradzki (OGC)

Abigail L. Peluso (AUSA)

Nature of Action: Petition to enjoin the FTC from improperly withholding certain agency

records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Status: Complaint filed 1/26/12; amended 1/30/12.

Answer to amended complaint filed 3/6/12.

Commission's motion to dismiss complaint filed 6/20/12. Order dismissing complaint with prejudice entered 6/21/12.

#### **AMICUS CURIAE BRIEFS or PARTIAL INTERVENTIONS**

# AURARIA STUDENT HOUSING v. CAMPUS VILLAGE APARTMENTS LLC, No.11-1569 (10th Cir.)

Assigned Attorneys: John F. Daly (OGC)

Michael Bergman

Robert B. Nicholson (DOJ/AD)

Nickolai Levin

Nature of Action: Private action involving whether dismissal of an antitrust claim under the

state action doctrine is immediately appealable under the collateral order

doctrine.

Status: Brief of the United States and FTC as amici curiae in support of appellee

filed 4/13/12.

Oral argument held 9/20/12.

### IN RE EFFEXOR XR ANTITRUST LITIGATION, No. 3:11-CV-05479 (D. N.J.)

Assigned Attorney: Jamie R. Towey (BC)

Timothy J. Slattery Melanie J. Brown John F. Daly (OGC)

Nature of Action: Private action involving an agreement by a branded company not to launch

an authorized generic in competition with a generic company.

Status: Brief of Commission as amicus curiae addressing the significance of the

Third Circuit's decision in *In Re K-Dur Litgitation* filed 8/13/12.

# *IN RE K-DUR ANTITRUST LITIGATION*, Nos. 12-245, 12-265 (S.Ct.) Nos. 10-2077, 10-2078, 10-2079 (3d Cir.)

Assigned Attorney: John F. Daly (OGC)

Mark S. Hegedus

Malcolm L. Stewart (DOJ/OSG)

Nature of Action: Private action involving antitrust claims that a drug manufacturer restricted

generic drug companies from marketing generic versions of its prescription medication when the manufacturer made settlement agreements with two of

the generic companies.

Status: Brief of Commission as amicus curiae in support of plaintiffs/

appellants filed 5/18/11. Oral argument held 12/12/11.

Opinion reversing the district court entered 7/16/12. Petitions for writ of certiari filed 8/24/12 and 8/29/12.

Responses to petitions due 11/5/12.

### KING v. GENERAL INFORMATION SERVICES, No. 2:10-CV06850 (E.D. Pa.)

Assigned Attorney: John F. Daly (OGC)

Nature of Action: Private action under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Status: Brief of the United States, joined by the FTC and Consumer Financial

Protection Bureau, as intervenor supporting the constitutionality

of the FCRA, filed 5/3/12.

## MARX v. GENERAL REVENUE CORP., No.11-1175 (S.Ct.)

Assigned Attorney: David Sieradzki (OGC)

Nature of Action: Private action under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

Status: Brief of the United States, joined by the FTC and Consumer Financial

Protection Bureau, in support of the petitioner filed 8/3/12.

Oral argument scheduled for 11/7/12.

## *MINN-CHEM INC., ET. AL., v. AGRIUM., ET. AL., No.* 10-1712 (7th Cir.)

Assigned Attorney: John F. Daly (OGC)

Catherine G. O'Sullivan (DOJ/AD)

Robert B. Nicholson James J. Fredricks Nickolai H. Levin Kristen C. Limarzi

Nature of Action: Alleged foreign conspiracy to fix the price of potash in violation of Section 1

of the Sherman Act.

Status: Brief of Commission and United States as amici curiae in support of

neither part on rehearing en banc filed 1/23/12.

Appellants' supplemental brief in response to government's brief

filed 1/26/12.

Oral argument held 2/8/12.

Opinion affirming district court entered 6/27/12.

Extension of time within which to filed a petition for certiari to 11/24/12

granted 9/13/12.

## **MOORE v. VERIZON**, No. 4:09-CV-01823 (N.D. Cal.)

Assigned Attorneys: David Sieradzki (OGC)

Robin Moore (BCP/Enf)

Nature of Action: Private class action alleging "cramming" of unauthorized charges onto

consumer telephone bills.

Status: Brief of the Commission as amicus curaie in opposition to a proposed

settlement filed 8/1712.

### MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS v. SEBELIUS, No.1:12-CV-00524 (D.D.C.)

Assigned Attorneys: Markus H. Meier (BC)

Bradley S. Albert

Nature of Action: Private action under the Hatch-Waxman Act, addressing the question

whether a branded drug seller can control180-day generic exclusivity rights.

Status: Brief of Commission as amicus curiae, in support of neither party, filed

4/12/12.

Motion for dismissal of case with prejudice by plaintiff Mylan

Pharmaceuticals filed 7/19/12.

## RITZ CAMERA & IMAGE, LLC v. SCANDISK CORP., No. 12-1183 (Fed. Cir.)

Assigned Attorneys: John F. Daly (OGC)

Michele Arington

Catherine F. O'Sullivan (DOJ/AD)

Kristin Limarzi

Nature of Action: Private action under Section 2 of the Sherman Act alleging illegal

monopolization of the market for flash drives using patents procured though

fraud.

Status: Joint brief of the United States and the Commission as amici curiae in

support of appellee Ritz Camera filed 5/22/12.

Oral argument scheduled for 10/5/12.

ST. JOSEPH ABBEY, ET. AL. v. PAUL CASTILE, ET. AL., No. 11-20756 (5th Cir.); 2:10-

CV-2717 (E.D. La.)

Assigned Attorney: John F. Daly (OGC)

Nature of Action: Private action concerning Louisiana's licensing restrictions on retail

casket sales and their effect on the Funeral Rule.

Status: Brief of Commission as amicus curiae in support of neither party filed

12/16/11.

Oral argument held 6/7/12.