

INTRODUCTION

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2 1. The United States Congress has found the banking system is dependent upon
3 fair and accurate credit reporting. Inaccurate credit reports directly impair the
4 efficiency of the banking system, and unfair credit reporting methods
5 undermine the public confidence, which is essential to the continued
6 functioning of the banking system. Congress enacted the Fair Credit
7 Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* (“FCRA”), to insure fair and accurate
8 reporting, promote efficiency in the banking system, and protect consumer
9 privacy. The FCRA seeks to ensure consumer reporting agencies exercise
10 their grave responsibilities with fairness, impartiality, and a respect for the
11 consumer’s right to privacy because consumer reporting agencies have
12 assumed such a vital role in assembling and evaluating consumer credit and
13 other information on consumers. The FCRA also imposes duties on the
14 sources that provide credit information to credit reporting agencies, called
15 “furnishers.”
- 16 2. Plaintiff GLORIA A. MESTAYER (“Plaintiff”), through her attorney, brings
17 this lawsuit to challenge the actions of Defendants CAPITAL ONE BANK
18 (USA), N.A. (“Capital” or “Defendants”), and EXPERIAN INFORMATION
19 SOLUTIONS, INC. (“Experian” or “Defendants”) with regard to Defendants’
20 reporting of erroneous negative and derogatory reports to Plaintiff’s credit
21 report, as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(g); Defendants’ willful
22 and negligent failure to properly investigate the repeated disputes of Plaintiff
23 concerning the inaccurate data Defendants are reporting in Plaintiff’s file, and
24 Defendants’ failure to correct such, which Defendants knew or should have
25 known was erroneous and which caused Plaintiff damages.
- 26 3. Plaintiff makes these allegations on information and belief, with the exception
27 of allegations that pertain to Plaintiff, or to Plaintiff’s counsel, which Plaintiff
28 alleges on personal knowledge.

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1 4. While many violations are described below with specificity, this Complaint
2 alleges violations of the statutes cited in their entirety.

3 5. Unless otherwise stated, Plaintiff alleges that any violations by Defendants
4 were knowing and intentional, and that Defendants did not maintain
5 procedures reasonably adapted to avoid any such violation.

6 6. Unless otherwise indicated, the use of any Defendants' name in this
7 Complaint includes all agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs,
8 successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives,
9 and insurers of that Defendants named.

10 7. Unless otherwise stated, all the conduct engaged in by Defendants occurred in
11 California.

12 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

13 8. Jurisdiction of this Court arises pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331; 15 U.S.C. §
14 1681p; and, 28 U.S.C. § 1367 for supplemental state claims.

15 9. This action arises out of Defendants' violations of (i) the Fair Credit
16 Reporting Act ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq. ("FCRA") and (ii) the
17 California Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §§
18 1785.1. et seq. ("CCCRAA").

19 10. Because Defendants conduct business within the State of California, personal
20 jurisdiction is established.

21 11. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 for the following reasons: (i)
22 Plaintiff resides in the County of San Francisco, State of California which is
23 within this judicial district; (ii) the conduct complained of herein occurred
24 within this judicial district; and, (iii) Defendants conducted business within
25 this judicial district at all times relevant.

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PARTIES

12. Plaintiff is a natural person who resides in the City of San Francisco, County of San Francisco, in the State of California. In addition, Plaintiff is a “consumer” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3); Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.3(c); and, 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c).

13. Defendant Capital is a corporation whose primary corporate address is in the City of McLean, in the State of Virginia.

14. Defendant Experian is a corporation incorporated in the State of Ohio.

15. Defendant Capital is a furnisher of information as contemplated by FCRA sections 1681s-2(a) & (b), which regularly and in the ordinary course of business furnishes information to one or more consumer reporting agencies about consumer transactions or experiences with any consumer.

16. For purposes of clarity, it is important to note that settlements have been reached with two original defendants in this action, Nordstrom, Inc. (“Nordstrom”) and Experian Information Solution, Inc. (“Experian”).

17. However, this Third Amended Complaint (“TAC”) involves the inaccurate credit reporting of Capital on Plaintiff’s Experian credit report. Therefore, Experian will still be referenced in this TAC to the extent necessary to delineate Capital’s violations of the FCRA and CCCRAA.

18. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant Capital, in the ordinary course of business, regularly, on behalf of themselves or others, engage in “debt collection” as that term is defined by California Civil Code § 1788.2(b), and are therefore “debt collectors” as that term is defined by California Civil Code § 1788.2(c).

19. Experian is a “consumer reporting agency” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(f).

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1 20. This case involves money, property or their equivalent, due or owing or
 2 alleged to be due or owing from a natural person by reason of a consumer
 3 credit transaction. As such, this action arises out of a “consumer debt” and
 4 “consumer credit” as those terms are defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.2(f)
 5 and a “debt” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(5).

6 21. The causes of action herein also pertain to Plaintiff’s “consumer credit report”
 7 as that term is defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.3(d), in that inaccurate
 8 representations of Plaintiff’s credit worthiness, credit standing, and credit
 9 capacity were made via written, oral, or other communication of information
 10 by a consumer credit reporting agency, which is used or is expected to be
 11 used, or collected in whole or in part, for the purposes of serving as a factor in
 12 establishing Plaintiff’s eligibility for, among other things, credit to be used
 13 primarily for personal, family, household and employment purposes.

14 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

15 22. At all times relevant to this matter, Plaintiff was an individual residing within
 16 the State of California.

17 23. Furthermore, Defendants conducted business within the State of California at
 18 all times relevant.

19 24. On or about November 25, 2013, Plaintiff filed for bankruptcy in the United
 20 States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California in San
 21 Francisco. Plaintiff’s case was assigned Case Number 13-32536 (the
 22 “Bankruptcy”).

23 25. The obligation (“Debt”) to Capital was included in the Bankruptcy.

24 26. As a result of a recent major class action settlement, Experian, Equifax, and
 25 TransUnion have agreed to treat all pre-bankruptcy debts as discharged,
 26 unless furnishers provide information showing that a debt was excludable
 27 from discharge.¹

28 ¹ *White v. Experian Info Solutions, Inc.*, Case No. CV 05-01070 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 19, 2008) (lead

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1 27. Capital, a creditor, received notice of the Bankruptcy filing on or about
2 November 28, 2013 through a Court Certificate of Mailing with Service by
3 the Bankruptcy Noticing Center.

4 28. Capital, a creditor, also received notice of the Bankruptcy discharge on or
5 about April 10, 2014 through a Court Certificate of Mailing with Service by
6 the Bankruptcy Noticing Center.

7 29. On or about April 8, 2014, Plaintiff received a bankruptcy discharge.

8 30. Capital did not file any proceedings to declare the Debt “non dischargeable”
9 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523 *et seq.*

10 31. Capital also did not request relief from the “automatic stay” codified at 11
11 U.S.C. §362 *et seq.* while the Plaintiff’s Bankruptcy was pending to pursue
12 the Plaintiff on any *personal* liability for any of the underlying Debts.

13 32. Accordingly, the Debt to Capital was discharged through the Bankruptcy.

14 33. Further, while the automatic stay was in effect during the Bankruptcy, it was
15 illegal and inaccurate for Capital to report any post-Bankruptcy derogatory
16 collection information, which was inconsistent with the Orders entered by the
17 Bankruptcy Court, including the initial Petition for Relief for Bankruptcy
18 protection (the “Petition”).

19 34. Reporting credit information to a consumer reporting agency is a collection
20 activity.

21 35. Capital either reported or caused to be reported inaccurate information after
22 the Bankruptcy was filed.

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1 36. Capital’s reporting of post-Bankruptcy derogatory information was inaccurate
2 because a default on an account included in a bankruptcy can occur no later
3 than the bankruptcy filing date, at which point the accounts included in the
4 Bankruptcy were no longer collectable due to the effect of the automatic stay.

5 37. Thus, by reporting post-Bankruptcy derogatory information, Capital made
6 Plaintiff’s Debt appear more recently subject to collection than it really was,
7 which is inaccurate and misleading under the FCRA and CCCRAA.

8 38. Capital’s attempt to collect upon the Debt by reporting post-Bankruptcy
9 derogatory information on Plaintiff’s credit report(s), which is a collection
10 activity, was therefore inaccurate and prohibited by the automatic stay and
11 discharge.

12 39. Capital’s reporting of post-Bankruptcy derogatory information was also
13 inaccurate because Capital continued reporting information based on Capital’s
14 pre-bankruptcy contract terms with the Plaintiff, which were no longer
15 enforceable upon the bankruptcy filing, thereby rendering the disputed
16 information “inaccurate.”

17 40. For decades, courts have recognized that when a bankruptcy discharge is
18 granted, the order relates back to the date of filing the petition and relieves the
19 debtor from personal liability as of this date.

20 41. This is because when a debtor voluntarily files for bankruptcy, the petition
21 constitutes an “order for relief” under the particular chapter the debtor wishes
22 to proceed per Bankruptcy Code 11 U.S.C. § 301(a)-(b).

23 42. When a debtor such as Plaintiff files a chapter 7 petition, Section 727(b) of the
24 Bankruptcy Code provides that the discharge, when entered, applies to “all
25 debts that arose *before the date of the order for relief.*” In other words, the
26 discharge relieves the debtor of personal liability for all prepetition debts.

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1 43. Thus, in relation to the FCRA and CCCRAA, the discharge order rendered the
2 information reported by Capital during the pendency of the bankruptcy
3 inaccurate and patently misleading because the discharge order relieved
4 Plaintiff from any personal obligation to pay Capital as of the date of filing the
5 Bankruptcy petition—November 25, 2013.

6 44. Moreover, the derogatory, delinquent information furnished by Capital during
7 the pendency of the Bankruptcy was inaccurate and misleading because end
8 users, including potential creditors, may interpret the reported information to
9 mean that Plaintiff incurred new debt during the Bankruptcy or that Plaintiff
10 reaffirmed the debt notwithstanding the discharge.

11 45. Further, the Consumer Data Industry Association’s (“CDIA”) Metro 2 format
12 is the credit industry’s standardized, objective reporting format used by
13 furnishers to provide information about consumer accounts to consumer
14 reporting agencies.²

15 46. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that Capital voluntarily chose to
16 subscribe to the Metro 2 format in their credit reporting practices to credit
17 reporting agencies.

18 47. The CDIA Metro 2 format instructs credit furnishers, including Capital, to
19 report the following way for consumers like Plaintiff who *filed* for Chapter 7
20 Bankruptcies: (1) report the value indicator “D” or “no data” in the payment
21 history section during a bankruptcy, rather than delinquencies or obligations
22 owing; (2) report the status of the account at the time of the bankruptcy
23 petition (e.g. “Included in Bankruptcy”), rather than the account status as it
24 *would have* existed in the months following the filing of the Bankruptcy
25 Petition if the Bankruptcy Petition had not been filed (e.g. “120+ days
26 delinquent” or “charged off”).

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28 ² See Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Key Dimensions and Processes in the U.S. Credit Reporting System, available at: http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201212_cfpb_credit-reporting-white-paper.pdf

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1 48. Upon information and belief, Capital has adopted the *Metro 2 Format Manual*
2 as its standard instruction book in respect to credit reporting, which instructs
3 furnishers to *not* report active account balances owing after a consumer has
4 *filed* for a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, such as Plaintiff.

5 49. Reasonable entities, including potential creditors, would have thus expected
6 Capital to report in compliance with the Metro 2 format, which instructs the
7 reporting of “no data” for months following the filing of a Chapter 7
8 Bankruptcy.

9 50. Potential creditors familiar with Capital’s standard credit reporting methods
10 would be misled by seeing Capital reporting account balances in respect to the
11 Debt to believe that Plaintiff incurred new debt during the Bankruptcy or that
12 Plaintiff reaffirmed the debt notwithstanding the discharge because Capital’s
13 reporting deviated from Metro 2 reporting instructions in this respect.

14 51. However, Plaintiff did not incur new debt with Capital during the Bankruptcy
15 proceeding or reaffirm the Debt in the Bankruptcy.

16 52. Accordingly, by reporting post-Bankruptcy derogatory information, Capital
17 did not comply with the Metro 2 format.

18 53. Even if Capital reported accurately elsewhere in the same account tradeline to
19 Experian that the Debt was included in the Bankruptcy, such reporting would
20 be patently inconsistent, confuse potential creditors, and thus, be inherently
21 inaccurate and materially misleading.

22 54. Furnishers utilizing the Metro 2 reporting standard correctly is crucial because
23 the Metro 2 system creates a uniform standard for the meaning given to each
24 field provided, which fosters consistency in how furnishers formulate data to
25 report to the credit bureaus, which ultimately leads to objective credit
26 evaluations.

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1 55. Moreover, the FCRA imposes no requirement or mandate that a furnisher
2 provide any information to a consumer reporting agency. Indeed, the CDIA
3 has repeatedly noted that the act of furnishing information to a consumer
4 reporting agency is completely voluntary.³

5 56. Accordingly, once Plaintiff filed the Bankruptcy, Capital was required to
6 report accurately to the consumer reporting agencies or not report Plaintiff's
7 account at all.

8 57. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that Capital did not comply with
9 the Metro 2 reporting standards in respect to Plaintiff's account and reported
10 inaccurately by failing to comport their reporting practices with the
11 implication of Plaintiff's filing of the Bankruptcy and ultimate discharge.

12 58. Accordingly, Capital's non-compliance with the Metro 2 reporting standards
13 constitutes an inaccurate or misleading statement under the FCRA and
14 CCCRAA, because a furnisher that fails to comply with the uniform and
15 objective Metro 2 reporting standards compromises the credit reporting
16 system.

17 59. Because credit reporting is a voluntary act, Capital's deviation from the Metro
18 2 format instructions—the industry standard and its chosen method of
19 reporting—constitutes an inaccurate or misleading statement, because those
20 making credit decisions, who would expect that furnishers like Capital would
21 adhere to the Metro 2 format, would view active account balances reporting
22 after a bankruptcy was filed more negatively than "no data."

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26 ³ See, e.g., Credit Reports: Consumers' Ability to Dispute and Change Inaccurate Information:
27 Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Fin. Serv., 110 Congr. 50 (2007) (written statement of Stuart
28 Pratt, President and CEO, Consumer Data Industry Association) ("not a single one of the more
than 18,000 data furnishers has to provide a single record of data to our members").

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1 60. In other words, Capital’s failure to adhere to the Metro 2 format would prompt
2 those making credit decisions to draw a more negative inference from
3 Capital’s reporting of account balances than if Capital accurately reported “no
4 data.”

5 61. Plaintiff subsequently learned that Capital’s reported post-Bankruptcy
6 derogatory credit information regarding the obligations on Plaintiff’s credit
7 reports, thereby causing erroneous and negative credit information in
8 Plaintiff’s credit files and damaging Plaintiff’s creditworthiness.

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10 **THE CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. MISREPORTED CREDIT INFORMATION**
11 **RE: ACCOUNT No.: 517805861516***

12 62. In an Experian Credit Report dated June 19, 2015, Capital reported the
13 following inaccurate, derogatory information for the above-referenced account
14 number:

- 15 • In the “History” section: Account Balances of \$756 from January 2014
16 to April 2014.

17 63. Capital should not have reported derogatory information on Plaintiff’s account
18 after November 25, 2013 because Plaintiff filed for bankruptcy on November
19 25, 2013.

20 64. Again, the derogatory, delinquent information furnished by Capital during the
21 pendency of the Bankruptcy was inaccurate and misleading because it
22 suggests that the account was still collectable during the bankruptcy, even
23 though the bankruptcy discharge related back to the date Plaintiff filed for
24 bankruptcy.

25 65. Capital and Experian’s inaccurate and negative reporting damaged Plaintiff’s
26 creditworthiness.

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1 66. Experian even reported the Bankruptcy in its “Public Records” section of
2 Plaintiff’s credit report, and reflected that the Bankruptcy was filed on
3 November 2013. Therefore, Experian had notice of the Bankruptcy.

4 67. Moreover, Experian had notice of the Bankruptcy due to multiple other
5 accounts reporting in Plaintiff’s Experian credit report notating the
6 Bankruptcy.

7 68. However, even with notice of the Bankruptcy, Experian allowed Capital to
8 report the above inaccurate and derogatory information, for a debt that was
9 included and discharged in the Bankruptcy, after Plaintiff filed the
10 Bankruptcy.

11 69. Therefore, Experian’s inaccurate and negative reporting of the Debt in light of
12 their knowledge of the Bankruptcy was willful.

13 70. Accordingly, Experian failed to follow reasonable procedures to assure
14 maximum possible accuracy of the information concerning Plaintiff and
15 violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b).

16 71. Capital received notice of the Bankruptcy filing on or about November 28,
17 2013 through a Court Certificate of Mailing with Service by the Bankruptcy
18 Noticing Center.

19 72. Capital also received notice of the Bankruptcy discharge on or about April 10,
20 2014 through a Court Certificate of Mailing with Service by the Bankruptcy
21 Noticing Center.

22 73. Despite receiving notice of the Bankruptcy, Capital furnished derogatory post-
23 Bankruptcy information that it knew or should have known to be inaccurate or
24 incomplete in such a way that would be misleading and thereby adversely
25 affect credit decisions.

26 74. Rather than using the publicly available Bankruptcy information that Capital
27 knew or should have known existed, Capital chose to continue reporting
28 inaccurately on Plaintiff’s credit report.

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1 75. Capital’s credit reporting information is relevant to Plaintiff’s credit score,
2 and Capital’s inaccurate reporting is misleading and therefore adversely
3 affects Plaintiff’s creditworthiness.

4 76. Therefore, Capital’s inaccurate and negative reporting of the Debt in light of
5 their knowledge of the Bankruptcy was willful.

6 77. Through this conduct, Capital has violated Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.25(a) by
7 furnishing information to Experian, a consumer reporting agency, that Capital
8 knew or should known was inaccurate.

9 78. On or about July 8, 2015, Plaintiff disputed Capital’s reported information
10 regarding the Debt pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681I(a)(2) by notifying Experian,
11 in writing, of the incorrect and inaccurate credit information furnished by
12 Capital.

13 79. Specifically, Plaintiff sent a letter, via certified mail, to Experian (the
14 “Experian Dispute Letter”), requesting the above inaccurate information be
15 removed.

16 80. The Experian Dispute Letter further requested that Experian:

- 17 • Immediately delete the account and the disputed derogatory information
18 from [Plaintiff’s] credit report.
- 19 • The discharged debt should be reported with an account balance of \$0
20 with a status of “current.”
- 21 • Further, there should be no post-bankruptcy activity reported on this
22 account. The date of last activity on this account should pre-date
23 [Plaintiff’s] bankruptcy filing date, November 25, 2013, since a default
24 on this account occurred no later than the Bankruptcy filing date.
- 25 • Any post-bankruptcy derogatory information should be immediately
26 deleted from [Plaintiff’s] report.

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- 1 • If [Experian] do[es] not immediately delete this from [Plaintiff’s] credit
- 2 report, please include a 100-word statement in [Plaintiff’s] credit report
- 3 of all the disputed information contained in this letter regarding this
- 4 account.
- 5 81. Upon information and belief, Experian timely notified Capital of Plaintiff’s
- 6 dispute, but Capital continued reporting inaccurate, derogatory information.
- 7 82. Capital was required to conduct a reasonable reinvestigation into this specific
- 8 account on Plaintiff’s consumer report pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-
- 9 2(b)(1)(A).
- 10 83. On or about July 21, 2015, Plaintiff received notification from Experian that
- 11 Capital and Experian received notice of Plaintiff’s dispute pursuant to 15
- 12 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(6) and were providing the results of the reinvestigation.
- 13 84. However, rather than remove all the above derogatory information from
- 14 Plaintiff’s report, Capital and Experian simply left derogatory information on
- 15 Plaintiff’s report. Specifically, Capital and Experian continued to report the
- 16 following inaccurate and derogatory information on Plaintiff’s credit:
- 17 • In the “History” section: Account Balances of \$756 from January 2014
- 18 to April 2014.
- 19 85. Experian did not provide notice to Plaintiff that his dispute was “frivolous or
- 20 irrelevant,” pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(a)(3).
- 21 86. As discussed above, included in the Experian Dispute Letter was Plaintiff’s
- 22 statement of dispute, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(b).
- 23 87. However, despite Experian never notifying Plaintiff that her dispute was
- 24 “frivolous or irrelevant,” they failed to notate that Plaintiff disputed the above
- 25 reporting in their subsequent reporting, as required by 15 U.S.C. § 1681i(c).
- 26 88. Capital failed to provide notice of dispute to Experian as required by 15
- 27 U.S.C. §1681s-2(a)(3).
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1 89. Accordingly, Capital failed to conduct a reasonable investigation with respect
2 to the disputed information as required by 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(A) by:

- 3 a. Failing to remove all of the disputed and incorrect information, and
- 4 b. Failing to notate, as required, Plaintiff’s dispute.

5 90. Upon information and belief, Capital’s investigation was unreasonable. More
6 specifically, Capital, should have discovered from its records, including
7 official notices sent from the Bankruptcy Noticing Center and the Experian
8 Dispute Letter, that the information Capital was reporting was inaccurate and
9 patently misleading because it suggested that Plaintiff’s account with Capital
10 was collectable during the Bankruptcy and because Plaintiff’s bankruptcy
11 discharge relates back to the date Plaintiff filed for bankruptcy.

12 91. Moreover, as discussed, it is part of Capital’s standard credit reporting
13 policies and procedures, in adherence to the Metro 2 format, to *not* report
14 active account balances owing after a consumer has *filed* for a Chapter 7
15 bankruptcy, such as Plaintiff.

16 92. Therefore, a reasonable investigation would have led to Capital realizing their
17 error of reporting active account balances owing after the Bankruptcy filing
18 date, despite Metro 2 instructions dictating otherwise, and accordingly
19 remedying the error by applying their standard Metro 2 policy of not reporting
20 active account balances owing after a Chapter 7 bankruptcy was filed.

21 93. Accordingly, Capital failed to conduct a reasonable investigation with respect
22 to the disputed information as required by 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(A).

23 94. Accordingly, Capital failed to review all relevant information provided by
24 Plaintiff in the dispute to Experian, as required by and in violation of 15
25 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b)(1)(B).

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1 95. Due to Capital and Experian’s failure to investigate, they each further failed to
2 correct and update Plaintiff’s information as required by 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-
3 2(b)(1)(E), thereby causing continued reporting of inaccurate information in
4 violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681-s(2)(b)(1)(C).

5 96. Accordingly, Experian failed to follow reasonable procedures to assure
6 maximum possible accuracy of the information concerning Plaintiff and
7 violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b).

8 97. Plaintiff’s continued efforts to correct Capital and Experian’s erroneous and
9 negative reporting of the Debt by communicating Plaintiff’s dispute with
10 Capital and Experian were fruitless.

11 98. Capital and Experian’s continued inaccurate and negative reporting of the
12 Debt in light of its knowledge of the actual error was willful.

13 99. Capital’s failure to correct the previously disclosed inaccuracies on Plaintiff’s
14 credit report was intentional and in reckless disregard of its duty to refrain
15 from reporting inaccurate information. Accordingly, Capital willfully and
16 negligently failed to comply with its duty to reasonably investigate Plaintiff’s
17 dispute.

18 100. Capital and Experian’s inaccurate and negative reporting damaged Plaintiff’s
19 creditworthiness.

20 101. By inaccurately reporting account information relating to the Debt after notice
21 and confirmation of its errors, Capital and Experian failed to take the
22 appropriate measures as determined in 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681-s(2)(b)(1)(D) and
23 (E).

24 102. Through this conduct, Capital has violated Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.25(a) by
25 furnishing information to Experian, a consumer reporting agency, that Capital
26 knew or should known was inaccurate.

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CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I

VIOLATION OF THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 ET SEQ.

[AGAINST DEFENDANT CAPITAL]

103. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

104. The foregoing acts and omissions constitute numerous and multiple willful, reckless, or negligent violations of the FCRA, including, but not limited to, each and every one of the above-cited provisions of the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681.

105. As a result of each and every negligent noncompliance of the FCRA, Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages as the Court may allow pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(1); and reasonable attorney’s fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(2), from Capital.

106. As a result of each and every willful violation of the FCRA, Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages as the Court may allow pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(1); statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(1); punitive damages as the Court may allow, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(2); and reasonable attorney’s fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(3) from Capital.

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COUNT II

**VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTING AGENCIES
ACT**

CAL. CIV. CODE § 1785.1 ET SEQ.

[AGAINST DEFENDANT CAPITAL]

107. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

108. The foregoing acts and omissions constitute numerous and multiple violations of the California Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act.

109. In the regular course of its business operations, Capital routinely furnish information to credit reporting agencies pertaining to transactions between Capital and Capital’s consumers, so as to provide information to a consumer’s credit worthiness, credit standing and credit capacity.

110. Because Capital is a partnership, corporation, association, or other entity, and is therefore a “person” as that term is defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.3(j), Capital is and always were obligated to not furnish information on a specific transaction or experience to any consumer credit reporting agency if they knew or should have known that the information is incomplete or inaccurate, as required by Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.25(a). Since Capital received notice of the Bankruptcy from the Bankruptcy Court and received the Experian Dispute Letter informing Capital that Plaintiff’s accounts were reporting inaccurately, Capital should have adjusted Plaintiff’s accounts accordingly, but yet failed to do so.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Capital:

- An award of actual damages, in an amount to be determined at trial or damages of a maximum of \$1,000 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(1)(A), against Capital for each incident of willful noncompliance of the FCRA;
- An award of punitive damages, as the Court may allow pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(2), against Capital for each incident of willful noncompliance to the FCRA;
- An award for costs and reasonable attorney's fess, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(3), against Capital for each incident of negligent noncompliance of the FCRA;
- An award of actual damages in an amount to be determined at trial pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(1) against Capital for each incident of negligent noncompliance of the FCRA;
- An award of costs and litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(3) and 15 U.S.C. § 1681o(a)(2) against Capital for each incident of noncompliance of the FCRA;
- An award of actual damages, in an amount to be determined at trial, pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.31(a)(2)(A), against Capital;
- Award of attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.31(a)(1); and, Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.31(d) against Capital;
- An award of punitive damages of \$100-\$5,000 per willful violation of Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.25(a), pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.31(a)(2)(B) against Capital;
- For equitable and injunctive relief pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1785.31(b) against Capital;
- Any and all other relief the Court deems just and proper.

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Dated: July 20, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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TRIAL BY JURY

111. Pursuant to the seventh amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, Plaintiff is entitled to, and demands, a trial by jury.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Mestayer v. Experian Information Solutions, Inc. et al.
Case No: No: 15-cv-03645-EMC

I, the undersigned, certify and declare that I am over the age of 18 years, employed in the County of San Diego, State of California, and not a party to the above-entitled cause.

On July 20, 2016 I served a true copy of:

- **Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint**

By ECF: On this date, I electronically filed the following document(s) with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent electronic notification of such filing to all other parties appearing on the docket sheet.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct (and that I am employed in or by the office of a member of the bar of this Court at whose direction the service was made).

Executed on July 20, 2016 San Diego, CA.

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