EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

SAMANTHA LEVEY and ETHAN) Case No.: 1:20-cv-02215
FEIRSTEIN, individually and on)
behalf of all others similarly situated,	Judge John Robert Blakey
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Plaintiffs,) Magistrate Judge Jeffrey I. Cummings
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V.)
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CONCESIONARIA VUELA COMPAÑÍA)
DE AVIACIÓN, S.A.P.I. DE C.V., a)
foreign corporation d/b/a "VOLARIS,")
)
Defendant.)

DECLARATION OF KEITH J. KEOGH

- I, KEITH J. KEOGH, declare and state as follows:
- 1. I am the principal of Keogh Law, Ltd., and one of counsel for plaintiffs Samantha Levey and Ethan Feirstein ("Plaintiffs") and the proposed class herein.
- 2. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees, Costs And Expenses and Plaintiff Incentive Awards. I am over the age of eighteen and am fully competent to make this declaration. This Declaration is based upon my personal knowledge, and if called upon to testify to the matters stated herein, I could and would do so competently.
- 3. As shown below, my firm has regularly engaged in major complex litigation and consumer protection class actions. For example, my firm was class counsel in some of the largest Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") settlements in the country. *See Hageman v. AT&T Mobility LLC, et al.*, No. 1:13-cv-00050-DLC-RWA (D. MT.) (Co-Lead) (\$45 million settlement for 16,000-person class) and *Capital One Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation, et al.*, No. 12-cv-10064 (N.D. Ill. Judge Holderman) (Liaison Counsel and additional Class Counsel)

(\$75 million settlement). Similarly, my firm served as class counsel in some of the largest all-cash privacy class settlements under FACTA, including the \$30.9 million settlement in *Flaum v Doctors Associates*, 16-CV-61198-CMA (S.D. Fla. Mar. 11, 2019), which I understand to be the largest all-cash FACTA settlement in history. The others include *Richardson v. IKEA N. America Servs., LLC*, 2021 CH 5392 (Cir. Ct. Cook Ctny., Ill.) (\$24.25 million); *Martin v. Safeway, Inc.*, 2020 CH 5480 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty., Ill.) (\$20 million); *Legg v. Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings*, No. 14-cv-61543-RLR (S.D. Fla. Feb. 18, 2016) (\$11 million); *Legg v. Spirit Airlines, Inc.*, No. 14-cv-61978-JIC (S.D. Fla. Aug. 2, 2016) (\$7.5 million); and *Muransky v. Godiva Chocolatier, Inc.*, No. 2020 CH 7156 (Cir. Ct. Cook Cnty. May 13, 2021) (\$6.3 million).

4. My firm has the resources necessary to conduct litigation of this nature and has experience prosecuting class actions of similar size, scope, and complexity to the instant case.

This Litigation

- 5. The settlement was negotiated with the benefit of full and extensive discovery and analysis of passenger data. In addition to reviewing tens of thousands of pages of documents produced by Defendant and hundreds of thousands of passenger records, Plaintiffs deposed Defendant's executive vice president of commercial operations, chief of delivery of service, chief of resolution and customer service, as well as three depositions of Defendant's legal manager of fleet and regulatory matters.
- 6. In the fall of 2021, this case was set for mediation with Judge Denlow (ret.) of JAMS. This mediation was cancelled after the parties could not agree to the scope of the mediation.

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- 7. Following the above written and oral discovery, on July 6, 2022, the parties participated in private mediation with Hon. Morton Denlow (Ret.), which did not result in a settlement.
- 8. Then, on November 14, 2022, Plaintiffs moved for class certification, which the Court administratively denied without prejudice on December 30, 2022 to be refiled at a later date due to Defendant correcting certain testimony, which required additional follow up depositions.
- 9. Keen analysis of Defendant's passenger records was essential to the parties' ongoing settlement discussions. This months-long negotiations regarding production of documents necessary to determine the size of the class and the damages class members sustained. This involved review and analysis of passenger refund and voucher data, which could only be accomplished with the assistance of an accounting firm retained at Plaintiffs' expense. In addition to three depositions regarding this data, the parties and their counsel conducted numerous telephone conferences to discern the meaning of the data and, where appropriate, obtain missing information.
- 10. Finally, pursuant to the Court's case management order, Plaintiffs renewed their motion for class certification, which was fully briefed and submitted by September 20, 2023.
- 11. Awaiting decision on Plaintiffs' motion for class certification, the parties again agreed to mediation, which occurred on December 19, 2023, before Hon. William E. Gomolinski (Ret.), resulting in a classwide settlement in the amount of \$3,500,000, that class counsel believes is fair and reasonable.
- 12. At all times, the settlement negotiations were arm's-length, and non-collusive, and the parties have not entered into any side deals or separate agreements in connection with the Settlement Agreement.

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- 13. The Settlement reached in this case was the product of well-informed judgments about the adequacy of the relief provided to the proposed Settlement Class. Class Counsel are intimately familiar with the relative strengths and weaknesses of the claims and defenses in this case, as well as the corresponding legal and factual issues. This knowledge—which was obtained through years-long discovery, as well as Class Counsel's extensive experience, legal research, and pre-suit investigation—was sufficient to make an informed recommendation about the value of the claims at issue, the costs, risks, and delays of protracted litigation, discovery, and appeals, and the adequacy of the class relief secured through the Settlement.
- 14. While I am confident in the strength of the claims alleged in this case and that Plaintiffs would ultimately prevail at trial, Defendant denied all of Plaintiffs' material allegations and raised numerous legal and factual issues that, if successful, could preclude any recovery for the Settlement Class, including its defense that it complied with DOT rules regarding the issuance of refunds for cancelled or significantly changed flights.
- 15. Given the risks and delays posed by further litigation, as well as my considerable experience doing plaintiffs' consumer protection work, I believe the settlement is more than fair, adequate, and reasonable, and is in the best interest of the Settlement Class. Instead of facing the uncertainty inherent in class certification and an ultimate decision on the merits, as well as resolution of appeals related thereto, the Settlement allows Plaintiffs and Settlement Class Members to receive immediate and certain relief.
- 16. Given the strength of this Settlement, I do not expect significant opposition to the Settlement by any Settlement Class Members.
- 17. My firm represented Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class on a contingency-fee basis. In taking on this case, my firm risked extensive expert costs, a potentially expensive trial and

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appeal, and lost opportunity costs due to the time needed to devote to this case instead of other matters.

- 18. I am familiar with the practices of class action attorneys in the Northern District of Illinois, who regularly contract to receive thirty six to forty percent of any potential class settlement as compensation for shouldering the risk of funding a potential-multi-year litigation without any guarantee of recovery.
- 19. The expenses incurred in this case are reflected in Keogh Law, Ltd.'s books and records. These books and records are prepared from check records, credit card statements, receipts, and other source materials and represent an accurate record of the expenses incurred. They do not include overhead costs such as legal research or internal copies. The expenses incurred were reasonable and necessary to prosecute the case, and not part of Keogh Law, Ltd.'s overhead.
- 20. Below is a detailed report of itemized expenses showing the expenses incurred to date in out-of-pocket expenses in prosecuting this case. It is my professional opinion that the expenses set forth below were reasonable and necessary in the successful prosecution of this action.

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Date	Description	Amount
4/8/2020	Filing Fee	\$400.00
4/9/2020	Service of Process	\$112.50
9/9/2021	Levey Dep Transcript Invoice	\$301.20
9/9/2021	Abardia Transcript Invoice	\$408.80
9/21/2021	Abardia 30b6 Dep Transcript Invoice	\$620.65
11/22/2021	JAMS Mediation-Initial Non-Refundable Fee	\$275.00
12/8/2021	JAMS Mediation Payment	\$9,500.00
1/12/2022	Huseby Invoice #711202 - Blankenstein Transcript	\$958.34
1/21/2022	Huseby Invoice #711206 - Miramontes Transcript	\$394.84
1/21/2022	Huseby Invoice #711205 - Sanchez Transcript	\$394.84
1/31/2022	Interpreter fee for Sanchez dep	\$495.00
1/31/2022	Interpreter fee for Miramontes dep	\$495.00
2/10/2022	Refund by JAMS for cancelled mediation	-\$9,343.75
2/14/2022	GoldFynch Document Hosting	\$150.03
6/9/2022	JAMS Mediation Fee for new mediation	\$9,500.00
6/9/2022	JAMS admin fee	\$275.00
6/20/2022	Fedex to Mediator Denlow	\$40.27
6/21/2022	Vineeth Nalla Analysis and Data Review	\$2,975.00
12/1/2022	JAMS case managemnet fee & follow up	\$177.89
12/31/2022	Vineeth Nalla Analysis and Data Review	\$2,345.00
2/20/2023	Huseby Susana De La Abardia Late Cancellation	\$250.00
3/1/2023	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoice # 2023010368	\$17.63
4/1/2023	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoive # 2023020852	\$35.00
5/1/2023	Invoice #790041 Transcript of Susana De La Abardia	\$951.92
5/1/2023	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoice # 2023030861	\$35.00
6/1/2023	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoice # 2023040862	\$35.00
6/12/2023	Invoice 217813 Vineeth Nalla Analysis and Data Review	\$3,045.00
7/1/2023	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoive #2023050863	\$35.00
8/1/2023	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoice # 2023060863	\$35.00
8/28/2023	Vineeth Nalla Analysis and Data Review Invoice # 218063	\$3,500.00
9/1/2023	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoice # 2023070874	\$35.00
10/1/2023	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoice # 2023080867	\$35.00
11/1/2023	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoice # 2023090862	\$35.00
12/1/2023	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoice # 2023100857	\$35.00
12/12/2023	Fedex to Mediator Gomolinski	\$25.52
12/12/2023	Mediation Fee	\$6,025.00
12/13/2023	Fedex to Mediator Plaintiff's Mediation Statement	\$43.31
1/1/2024	GoldFynch Document Hosting Invoice # 2023110856	\$35.00
1/15/2024	Additional mediation fee to Judge Gomolinski	\$1,406.25
2/1/2024	GoldFynch Hosting Invoice # 2024000857	\$35.00
		\$36,125.24

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- 21. Plaintiffs played a key role in prosecuting this case and securing the proposed Settlement on behalf of the proposed Settlement Class. Specifically, Plaintiffs retained experienced counsel class action litigators to bring this action, assisting them in the prosecution of the Settlement Class' claims, including being deposed, reviewing pleadings, motions and other papers, providing answers to discovery and producing documents, regularly conferring with their attorneys throughout the litigation and during mediation, and reviewing and approving the Settlement Agreement.
- 22. In addition, Plaintiff Levey sat for a deposition, while Plaintiff Feirstein spent time preparing for his deposition that was ultimately canceled and also assisted Class Counsel in the preparation of a sworn declaration in support of Plaintiffs' motion for class certification.

Class Counsel's Experience

- 23. Keogh Law, Ltd. consists of six attorneys and focuses on consumer protection class actions. I am the principal of the firm and admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Seventh, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits, the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the Northern District of Illinois, the Central District of Illinois, the Southern District of Indiana, the District of Colorado, the Middle District of Florida, the Southern District of Florida. I am a member in good standing of the Illinois and Florida state bars. I am active in several bar associations, including the National Association of Consumer Advocates.
- 24. In 2015, the National Association of Consumer Advocates honored me as the Consumer Attorney of the Year for my work in courts and with the FCC ensuring the safeguards of the TCPA were maintained.

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- 25. My firm was class counsel in some of the largest TCPA settlements in history. See Hageman v. AT&T Mobility LLC, et al., No. 1:13-cv-00050-DLC-RWA (D. MT.) (Co-Lead) (Final Approval Granted February 11, 2015 providing for a \$45 million settlement for a class of 16,000 persons) and Capital One Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation, et al., No. 12-cv-10064 (N.D. Ill. Judge Holderman) (Liaison Counsel and additional Class Counsel) (Final Approval Granted February 12, 2015 for a \$75 million settlement).
- 26. In addition to the record settlements under the TCPA, my firm was class counsel in the largest class action settlements involving an anti-identity theft law that aims to protect the privacy of personal information, called the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act. *Flaum v Doctors Associates*, 16-CV-61198-CMA (S.D. Fla.) (\$30.9 million); *Martin v Safeway*, 2020 CH 5480 (\$20 million common fund); *Legg v. Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings*, No. 14-cv-61543-RLR (S.D. Fla., filed July 6, 2014) (\$11 million); *Legg v. Spirit Airlines, Inc.*, No. 14-cv-61978-JIC (S.D. Fla., filed Aug. 29, 2014) (\$7.5 million); *Muransky v. Godiva Chocolatier, Inc.*, 15-cv-60716-WPD (S.D. Fla., filed Apr. 6, 2015) (\$6.3 million) (on appeal).
- 27. I was also lead or class counsel in the following class settlements: *Breda v. Verizon* 16-cv-11512-DJC (D. Ma. 2022) (TCPA); *Stewart, et al. v. LexisNexis Risk Data Retrieval Services, LLC*, Case No. 3:20-cv-903-JAG (E.D. Va. 2022) (FCRA) (\$21.5 million settlement on behalf of 23,000-person class); *Braver v. Northstar Alarm Services, LLC*, No. 5:17-cv-00383-F (W.D. Okla. Nov. 3, 2020) (TCPA); *Goel v. Stonebridge of Arlington Heights, et al.*, 2018 CH 11015 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill. Jun. 8, 2020) (Ill. Security Deposit Return Act, Ill. Security Deposit Interest Act, Ill. Tenant Utility Payment Disclosure Act); *Cook v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., et al.*, No. 3:16-cv-673-BRD-JRK (M.D. Fla. Jun. 4, 2020) (TCPA); *Cranor v. The Zack Group, Inc., et al.*, No. 4:18-cv-00628-FJG (W.D. Mo. May 18, 2020) (TCPA); *Keim v. ADF MidAtlantic, LLC*, 2018

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U.S. Dist. LEXIS 204548 (S.D. Fla. Mar. 20, 2020) (TCPA); Guarisma v. Alpargatas USA, Inc. d/b/a Havaianas, Case No. 1:18-cv-24351-JEM (S.D. Fla. Feb. 27, 2020) (FACTA) (preliminary approval); Hennessy, et al. v. Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc., et al., 4:17-cv-00872-BCW (W.D. Mo. Aug. 8, 2019) (Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, Missouri Security Deposit Statute); Detter v. KeyBank, N.A., No. 1616-cv-10036 (Jackson Cty., Mo. July 12, 2019) (FCRA); Leung v XPO Logistics, Inc., 15 CV 03877 (N.D. III. 2018) (TCPA); Martinez v Medicredit, 4:16CV01138 ERW (E.D. Mo. 2018) (TCPA); Martin v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 16-cv-09483 (N.D. III. 2018) (FCRA); Town & Country Jewelers, LLC v. Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Inc., et al, 15-CV-02419-PGS-LHG (D. NJ. 2018) (TCPA); Legg v. AEO, 14-cv-02440-VEC (TCPA) (on appeal after final approval from professional objector); Markos v Wells Fargo, 15-cv-01156-LMM (N.D. Ga.) (TCPA); Ossola v. Amex, 1:13-cv-04836 (N.D. Ill. 2016) (TCPA); Luster v. Wells Fargo, 15-1058-TWT (N.D. Ga.) (TCPA); Prather v Wells Fargo, 15-CV-04231-SCJ (ND. Ga) (TCPA); Joseph et al. v. TrueBlue, Inc. et al., Case No. 3:14-cv-05963 (D. Wa.) (TCPA case, \$5 million for 1,948 class members); Stahl v. RMK Mgmt. Corp., 2015 CH 13459 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill. Sept. 14, 2017) (landlord/tenant under Chicago RLTO); Tripp v. Berman & Rabin, P.A., 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3971 (D. Kan. Jan. 9, 2017); Willett, et al. v. Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., et al., Case No. 13-cv-01241-JCH-RHS; In re Convergent Outsourcing, Inc. Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation, Master Docket No. 3:13-cv-1866-AWT (D. Conn) (Interim Co-Lead); De Los Santos v Millword Brown, Inc., 9:13-cv-80670-DPG (S.D. Fl) (TCPA); Allen v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. 13-cv-08285 (N.D. III. Judge Pallmeyer) (TCPA); Cooper v NelNet, 6:14-cv-314-Orl-37DAB (M.D. Fl.) (TCPA); Thomas v Bacgroundchecks.com, 3:13-CV-029-REP (E.D. Va.) (additional class counsel); Carrero v. LVNV Funding, LLC, 11-CV-62439-KMW (S.D. Fl. 2016) (Unlicensed debt collector under Fl. law); Lopera v RMS, 12-c-9649 (N.D. Ill. Judge Wood),

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Kubacki v Peapod, 13-cv-729 (N.D. Ill. Judge Mason); Wojcik v. Buffalo Bills, Inc., 8:12 CV 2414-SDM-TBM (M.D. Fla.) (TCPA); Curnal v LVNV Funding, LLC., 10 CV 1667 (Wyandotte County, KS 2014) (Unlicensed debt collector under KS law); Cummings v Sallie Mae, 12 C-9984 (N.D. Ill. Judge Gottschall) (TCPA) (co-lead); Brian J. Wanca, J.D., P.C. v. L.A. Fitness International, LLC, Case No. 11-CV-4131 (Lake County, Il. Judge Berrones) (TCPA); Osada v. Experian Info. Solutions, Inc., 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 42330 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 28, 2012) (FCRA class); Saf-T-Gard International, Inc. v. Vanguard Energy Services, L.L.C., et al, 12-cv-3671 (N.D. III. 2013 Judge Gottschall) (TCPA); Saf-T-Gard v. TSI, 10-c-7671, (N.D. III. Judge Rowland) (TCPA); Cain v Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. 10-cv-02697 (N.D. Ill. Judge Keys) (TCPA); Iverson v Rick Levin & Associates, 08 CH 42955 Circuit Court Cook County (Judge Cohen) (TCPA); Saf-T-Gard v Seiko, 09 C 776 (N.D. Ill. Judge Bucklo) (TCPA); Jones v. Furniture Bargains, LLC, 09 C 1070 (N.D. Ill) (FLSA collective action); Saf-T-Gard v. Metrolift, 07 CH 1266 Circuit Court Cook County (Judge Rochford) (Co-Lead) (TCPA); Bilek v Countrywide, 08 C 498 (N.D. III. Judge Gottschall); Pacer v Rochenback, 07 C 5173 (N.D. III. Judge Cole); Overlord Enterprises v. Wheaton Winfield Dental Associates, 04 CH 01613, Circuit Court Cook County (Judge McGann) (TCPA); Whiting v. SunGard, 03 CH 21135, Circuit Court Cook County (Judge McGann) (TCPA); Whiting v. Golndustry, 03 CH 21136, Circuit Court Cook County (Judge McGann) (TCPA).

28. I was the attorney primarily responsible for the following class settlements: *Wollert* v. *Client Services*, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 6485 (N.D. III. 2000); *Rentas* v. *Vacation Break USA*, 98 CH 2782, Circuit Court of Cook County (Judge Billik); *McDonald* v. *Washington Mutual Bank*, supra; *Wright* v. *Bank One Credit Corp.*, 99 C 7124 (N.D. III. Judge Guzman); *Arriaga* v. *Columbia Mortgage*, 01 C 2509 (N.D. III. Judge Lindberg); *Frazier* v. *Provident Mortgage*, 00 C

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- 5464 (N.D. Ill. Judge Coar); Largosa v. Universal Lenders, 99 C 5049 (N.D. Ill. Judge Leinenweber); Arriaga v. GNMortgage, (N.D. Ill. Judge Holderman); Williams v. Mercantile Mortgage, 00 C 6441 (N.D. Ill. Judge Pallmeyer); Reid v. First American Title, 00 C 4000 (N.D. Ill. Magistrate Judge Ashman); Fabricant v. Old Kent, 99 C 6846 (N.D. Ill. Magistrate Judge Bobrick); Mendelovits v. Sears, 99 C 4730 (N.D. Ill. Magistrate Judge Brown); Leon v. Washington Mutual, 01 C 1645 (N.D. Ill. Judge Alesia).
- 29. The individual class members' recovery in some of these settlements was substantial. For example, in one of the cases against a major bank, the class members' recovery was 100% of their actual damages resulting in a payout of \$1,000 to \$9,000 per class member. In another case against a major lender regarding mortgage servicing responses, each class member who submitted a claim form received \$1,431. *McDonald v. Washington Mutual Bank*.
- 30. In addition, to the above settlements, I was appointed class counsel in: Keim v. ADF MidAtlantic, LLC, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 204548 (S.D. Fla., Dec. 3, 2018) (TCPA); Braver v. Northstar Alarm Services, LLC, No. 5:17-cv-00383-F (W.D. Ok 2018) (TCPA); In Re Convergent Outsourcing, Inc. Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation, Master Docket No. 3:13-cv-1866-AWT (D. Conn) (Interim Co-Lead); Stahl v. RMK Mgmt. Corp., 2015-CH-13459 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.) (landlord/tenant under Chicago RLTO); Tripp v. Berman & Rabin, P.A., 310 F.R.D. 499 (D. Kan. 2015); Galvan v. NCO Fin. Sys., 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 128592 (N.D. Ill. 2012); Osada v. Experian Info. Solutions, Inc., 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 42330 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 28, 2012) (FCRA class); Pesce v First Credit Services, 11-cv-01379 (N.D. Ill. December 19, 2011) (TCPA Class); Smith v Greystone Alliance, 09 CV 5585 (N.D. Ill. 2010); Cicilline v. Jewel Food Stores, Inc., 542 F.Supp.2d 831 (N.D. Ill. 2008) (Co-Lead Counsel for FACTA class); Harris v. Best Buy Co., 07 C 2559,2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22166 (N.D. Ill. March 20, 2008) (FACTA class);

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Matthews v. United Retail, Inc., 248 F.R.D. 210 (N.D. III. 2008) (FACTA class); Redmon v. Uncle Julio's, Inc., 249 F.R.D. 290 (N.D. III. 2008) (FACTA class); Harris v. Circuit City Stores, Inc., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12596,2008 WL 400862 (N.D. III. 2008) (FACTA class); Pacer v. Rockenbach Chevrolet Sales, Inc., 07 C 5173 (N.D. III. 2008) (FACTA class).

31. My firm has also litigated dozens of putative class actions for violations of BIPA. Quarles v. Pret A Manger (USA) Ltd., No. 20 CV 7179, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 79053, at *1 (N.D. Ill. Apr. 26, 2021); Sherman v. Brandt Indus. USA, 500 F. Supp. 3d 728, 730 (C.D. Ill. 2020); Svoboda v. Amazon.com, Inc., et al., 1:21-cv-05336 (N.D. III.); Hanlon ex rel. G.T. v. Samsung Elecs. Am., Inc., 1:21-cv-04976 (N.D. III.); Svoboda v. Frames for America, Inc., 1:21-cv-05509 (N.D. III.); Steinberg v. Charles Indus., L.L.C., 2021 CH 01793 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, III.); Ortega v. The Expediting Co., Inc., 2021 CH 00969 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Fells v. Carl Buddig & Co., 2021 CH 00508 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Mathews v. Brightstar US, LLC, 2021 CH 00167 (Cir. Ct Lake Cnty, Ill.); Roberts v. Graphic Packaging Int'l, LLC, 3:21-cv-00750 (S.D. Ill.); Willem v. Karpinske Enters., L.L.C., 2021 CH 00031 (Cir. Ct Jo Daviess Cnty, Ill.); Shafer v. Rodebrad Mgmt. Co., Inc., 2021 CH 00008 (Cir. Ct Montgomery Cnty, Ill.); Roberts v. TDS Servs., Inc., 2021 CH 00005 (Cir. Ct Washington Cnty, Ill.); Jenkins v. Regal Cinemas, Inc., 1:20-cv-03782 (N.D. Ill.); Turner v. Crothall Healthcare, Inc., 1:20-cv-03026 (N.D. Ill.); McFerren, et al. v. World Class Distribution, Inc., 1:20-cv-02912 (N.D. Ill.); Stein v. Clarifai, Inc., 1:20-cv-01937 (N.D. III.); Barton v. Swan Surfaces, LLC, 3:20-cv-00499-SPM (S.D. III.); Wells v. Medieval Times U.S.A., Inc., 2020 CH 06658 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Young v. Van Ru Credit Corp., 2020 CH 04303 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Marquez v. Bobak Sausage Co., 2020 CH 04259 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Isychko v. Jidd Motors, Inc., 2020 CH 04244 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Heidelberg v. Forman Mills Inc., 2020 CH 04079 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Hirmer v. Elite Med. Transp., LLC,

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2020 CH 04069 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Magner v. SMS-NA, LLC, 2020 CH 00520 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Gumm v. Vonachen Servs., Inc., 2020 CH 00139 (Cir. Ct Peoria Cnty., Ill.); Bayeg v. The Admiral at the Lake, 2019 CH 08828 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Bayeg v. Eden Mgmt., LLC, 2019 CH 08821 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Tran v. Simple Labs., LLC, 2019 CH 07937 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.).

32. Some reported cases of mine involving consumer protection include: Cranor v. 5 Star Nutrition, LLC, 998 F.3d 686 (5th Cir. 2021); Breda v. Cellco P'ship, 934 F.3d 1 (1st Cir. 2019); Evans v. Portfolio Recovery Assocs., 889 F.3d 337 (7th Cir. 2018); Susinno v. Work Out World Inc., 862 F.3d 346, 351 (3rd Cir. 2017) (finding a "nuisance and invasion of privacy resulting from a single prerecorded telephone call"); Franklin v. Parking Revenue Recovery Servs., 832 F.3d 741 (7th Cir. 2016); Galvan v. NCO Portfolio Mgmt. Inc., 794 F.3d 716, 721 (7th Cir. 2015); Leeb v. Nationwide Credit Corp., 806 F.3d 895 (7th Cir. 2015); Smith v Greystone, 772 F.3d 448 (7th Cir. 2014); Clark v Absolute Collection Agency, 741 F.3d 487 (4th 2014); Lox v. CDA, Ltd., 689 F.3d 818 (7th Cir. 2012); Townsel v. DISH Network L.L.C., 668 F.3d 967 (7th Cir. Ill. 2012); Catalan v. GMAC Mortgage Corp., No. 09-2182 (7th Cir. 2011); Gburek v Litton Loan, 614 F.3d 380 (7th Cir. 2010); Sawyer v. Ensurance Insurance Services consolidated with Killingsworth v. HSBC Bank Nev., NA., 507 F3d 614, 617 (7th Cir. 2007), Echevarria et al. v. Chicago Title and Trust Co., 256 F3d 623 (7th Cir. 2001); Demitro v. GMAC, 388 III. App. 3d 15, 16 (1st Dist. 2009); Hill v. St. Paul Bank, 329 III. App. 3d 7051, 1768 N.E.2d 322 (1st Dist. 2002); In re Mercedes-Benz Tele Aid Contract Litig., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35595 (D.N.J. 2009); Catalan v. RBC Mortg. Co., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26963 (N.D. Ill. 2009); Elkins v. Equifax, Inc., 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18522 (N.D. III. 2009); Harris v. DirecTV Group, Inc., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8240 (N.D. III. 2008); In re TJX Cos., Inc., Fair & Accurate Credit Transactions Act

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(FACTA) Litig., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 38258 (D. Kan. 2008); Martin v. Wal- Mart Stores, Inc., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 89715 (N.D. III. 2007); Elkins v. Ocwen Fed. Sav. Bank Experian Info. Solutions, Inc., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 84556 (N.D. III. 2007); Harris v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 76012 (N.D. Ill. 2007); Stegvilas v. Evergreen Motors, Inc., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35303 (N.D. III. 2007); Cook v. River Oaks Hyundai, Inc., 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 21646 (N. D. III. 2006); Gonzalez v. W. Suburban Imps., Inc., 411 F. Supp. 2d 970 (N.D. III. 2006); Eromon v. GrandAuto Sales, Inc., 333 F. Supp. 2d 702 (N.D. Ill. 2004); Williams v. Precision Recovery, Inc., 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 6190 (N.D. III. 2004); Doe v. Templeton, 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 24471 (N.D. III. 2003); Ayala v. Sonnenschein Fin. Servs., 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20148 (N.D. III. 2003); Gallegos v. Rizza Chevrolet, Inc., 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18060 (N.D. III. 2003); Szwebel v. Pap's Auto Sales, Inc., 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 13044 (N.D. III. 2003); Johnstone v. Bank of America, 173 F. Supp.2d 809 (N.D. Ill. 2001); Leon v. Washington Mutual Bank, 164 F. Supp.2d 1034 (N.D. III. 2001); *Ploog v. HomeSide Lending*, 2001 WL 987889 (N.D. III. 2001); Christakos v. Intercounty Title, 196 F.R.D. 496 (N.D. III. 2000); Batten v. Bank One, 2000 WL 1364408 (N.D. III. 2000); McDonald v. Washington Mutual Bank, 2000 WL 875416 (N.D. III. 2000); and Williamson v. Advanta Mtge Corp., 1999 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16374 (N.D. Ill. 1999). The Christakos case significantly broadened title and mortgage companies' liability under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act ("RESPA") and McDonald is the first reported decision to certify a class regarding mortgage servicing issues under the Cranston-Gonzales Amendment of RESPA.

33. I have argued before the First, Fifth, Seventh, Eleventh Circuits, the First District of Illinois and the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation in various cases including *Townsel v. DISH Network L.L.C.*, 668 F.3d 967 (7th Cir. 2012); *Catalan v GMACM* (7th Cir. 2010); *Gburek v. Litton Loan Servicing* (7th Cir. 2009); *Sawyer v Esurance* (7th Cir. 2007), *Echevarria, et al. v.*

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Chicago Title and Trust Co. (7th Cir. 2001); Morris v Bob Watson, (lst. Dist. 2009); Iverson v. Gold Coast Motors Inc., (lst. Dist. 2009); Demitro v. GMAC (1st Dist. 2008), Hill v. St. Paul Bank (1st Dist. 2002), and In Re: Sears, Roebuck & Company Debt Redemption Agreements Litigation (MDL Docket No. 1389). Echevarria was part of a group of several cases that resulted in a nine-million-dollar settlement with Chicago Title.

- 34. My published works include co-authoring and co-editing the 1997 supplement to Lane's Goldstein Trial Practice Guide and Lane's Medical Litigation Guide.
- 35. I have lectured extensively on consumer litigation, including extensively on class actions and the TCPA. For example, I:
 - a. Presented at the National Consumer Law Center 2018 annual conference on the TCPA;
 - b. Presented at the 2018 Fair Debt Collection Training Conference for two sessions on the TCPA;
 - Presented at the National Consumer Law Center 2017 annual conference on the TCPA;
 - d. Presented at the National Consumer Law Center 2016 annual conference on the TCPA;
 - e. Presented at the 2016 Fair Debt Collection Training Conference for a session on TCPA Developments;
 - f. Presented for the National Association of Consumer Advocates November
 2015 webinar titled Developments and Anticipated Impact of Recent FCC
 TCPA Rules;
 - g. Presented at the National Consumer Law Center 2015 annual conference in

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- San Antonio, Tx. on the TCPA;
- h. Presented at the 2015 Fair Debt Collection Training Conference for three sessions on the TCPA;
- Presented at the National Consumer Law Center 2014 annual conference in Tampa Fl. for two sessions on the TCPA;
- j. Panelist for the December 2013 Strafford CLE Webinar titled TCPA Class Actions: Pursuing or Defending Claims Over Phone, Text and Fax Solicitations;
- k. Panelist for the December 2014 Chicago Bar Association Class Action
 Seminar titled "Class Action Settlements in the Seventh Circuit: Navigating
 Turbulent Waters";
- 1. Presented at the 2014 Fair Debt Collection Training Conference for three sessions on the TCPA;
- m. Panelist for the December 2013 Strafford CLE Webinar titled Class Actions
 for Telephone and Fax Solicitation and Advertising Post-Mims. Leveraging
 TCPI lectured at the 2014 Fair Debt Collection Training Conference for
 three sessions on the TCPA;
- n. Panelist for the December 2013 Strafford CLE Webinar titled Class Actions
 for Telephone and Fax Solicitation and Advertising Post-Mims. Leveraging
 TCPA Developments in Federal Jurisdiction, Class Suitability, and New
 Technology;
- o. Presented for the National Association of Consumer Advocates November
 2013 webinar titled Current Telephone Consumer Protection Act Issues

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- Regarding Cell Phones;
- p. Presenter for the November 2013 Chicago Bar Association Class Action
 Committee presentation titled Future of TCPA Class Actions;
- q. Speaker at the Social Security Administration's Chicago office in August 2013 on a presentation on identity theft, which included consumers' rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act;
- r. Panelist for the May 14, 2013, Chicago Bar Association Class Action Seminar titled "The Shifting Landscape of Class Litigation" as well as for the March 20, 2013 Strafford CLE webinar titled "Class Actions for Telephone and Fax Solicitation and Advertising Post-Mims. Leveraging TCPA Developments in Federal Jurisdiction, Class Suitability, and New Technology";
- s. Lectured at the June 6, 2013, Consumer Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association on the topic "Employment Background Reports under the Fair Credit Reporting Act: Improper Consent Forms To Failure To Provide Background Report Prior To Adverse Action";
- t. Lectured at the 2013 Fair Debt Collection Training Conference for three sessions on the TCPA;
- u. Presented at the 2012 National Consumer Law Center annual conference for a session on the TCPA;
- v. Presented at the 2012 Fair Debt Collection Training Conference for a session on the TCPA;
- w. Panelist for Solutions for Employee Classification & Wage/Hour Issues at

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- the 2011 Annual Employment Law Conference hosted by Law Bulletin Seminars;
- x. Lectured at the 2011 National Consumer Law Center conference for a session titled Telephone Consumer Protection Act: Claims, Scope, Remedies as well as lectured at the same 2011 National Consumer Law Center conference for a double session titled ABC's of Class Actions;
- y. Taught *Defenses to Foreclosures* for Lorman Education Services, which was approved for CLE credit, in 2008 and 2010;
- z. Guest lecturer on privacy issues at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign School of Law in March 2010; and
- aa. Guest speaker for the Legal Services Office of The Graduate School and Kellogg MBA Program at Northwestern University for its seminar titled: "Financial Survival Guide: Legal Strategies for Graduate Students During A Period of Economic Uncertainty."
- 36. I was selected as an Illinois Super Lawyer from 2014 through 2022 and an Illinois Super Lawyer Rising Star each year from 2008 through 2013, and my cases have been featured in local newspapers such as the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, The Naperville Sun, Daily Herald and RedEye.
- 37. Timothy J. Sostrin is a partner in the firm joining in 2011. He is a member in good standing of the Illinois bar, the U.S. District Court District of Colorado, U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois, U.S. District Court Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, U.S. District Court Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan, U.S. District Court Eastern District of Missouri, U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas and U.S. District Court Eastern and

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Western Districts of Wisconsin.

- 38. Timothy has zealously represented consumers in Illinois and in federal litigation nationwide against creditors, debt collectors, retailers, and other businesses engaging in unlawful practices. Tim has extensive experience with consumer claims brought under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, The Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, and Illinois law.
- 39. Tim was appointed lead or co-class counsel in the following TCPA cases: Lee v. Global Tel*Link Corporation, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 163410 (C.D. Cal. 2018); Braver v. Northstar Alarm Service, LLC, 329 F.R.D. 320 (W.D. Okla. 2018); Susinno v. Work Out World, Inc., 333 F.R.D. 354 (D. N.J. 2019); Johnson v. Yahoo!, Inc., 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 256 (N.D. Ill. 2016); Leung v. XPO Logistics, 326 F.R.D. 185 (N.D. Ill. 2018); Willett, et al. v. Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., et al., Case No. 13-cv-01241-JCH-RHS (D. New Mexico); Martinez v. Medicredit, Inc., 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81818 (E.D. Mo. 2018); Saf T-Gard International, Inc. v. Vanguard Energy Services, LLC, (2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 174222 (N.D. Ill. December 6, 2012); Saf-T-Gard v Transworld Systems, Inc., 10-c-7671, (N.D. Ill., final approval granted September 17, 2013).
- 40. Tim was also appointed lead or co-class counsel in the following consumer protection class actions: *Hill v. Asset Acceptance, LLC*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 91190 (S.D. Cal. 2014); *Osada v. Experian Info. Solutions*, Inc., 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 42330 (N.D. Ill. Mar. 28, 2012); *Galvan v. NCO Financial Systems, Inc.*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 128592 (N.D. Ill. 2012).
- 41. Tim is a member of the National Association of Consumer Advocates and ISBA. He received his Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*, from Tulane University Law School in 2006.
- 42. In 2014, Michael Hilicki joined the firm. He has spent nearly all of his more-than 20-year legal career helping individuals subjected to unfair and deceptive business practices, and

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violations of their state and federal rights. He is experienced in a variety of areas including, but not limited to, the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Truth-in-Lending Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Illinois Consumer Fraud & Deceptive Business Practices Act, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, the Illinois Security Deposit Interest Act, Illinois Security Deposit Return Act, Chicago Residential Landlord Tenant Ordinance (RLTO), and the Illinois Wage & Hour Law. He is experienced in all aspects of litigation, including arbitrations, trials, and appeals. He was selected as an Illinois Super Lawyer for 2021 and 2022.

43. Examples of the numerous certified class actions in which Michael has represented consumers or workers include: Guarisma v. Alpargatas USA, Inc. d/b/a Havaianas, 2020 CH 7426 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Goel v. Stonebridge of Arlington Heights, et al., 2018 CH 11015 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Muransky v. Godiva Chocolatier, Inc., No. 15-cv-60716-WPD (S.D. Fla.); Guarisma v. Microsoft Corp., No. 15-cv-24326-CMA (S.D. Fla.); Stahl v. RMK Mgmt. Corp., 2015 CH 13459 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Altman v. White House Black Market, Inc., 15-cv-2451-SCJ (N.D. Ga.); Legg v. Spirit Airlines, Inc., No. 14-cv-61978-CIV-JIC (S.D. Fla.); Legg v. Laboratory Corporation of America, Holdings, Inc., No. 14-cv-61543-RLR (S.D. Fla.); Joseph v. TrueBlue, Inc., 14-cv-5963-BHS (W.D. Wash.); In Re Convergent Outsourcing, Inc. Telephone Consumer Protection Act Litigation, Master Docket No. 3:13-cv-1866-AWT (D. Conn); Tripp v. Berman & Rabin, P.A., 310 F.R.D. 499 (D. Kan. 2015); Lanteri v. Credit Protection Ass'n, L.P., 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 166345 (S.D. Ind. Sept. 26, 2018); Eibert v. Jaburg & Wilk, P.C., 13-cv-301 (D. Minn.); Kraskey v. Shapiro & Zielke, LLP, 11-cv-3307 (D. Minn.); Short v. Anastasi & Associates, P.A., 11-cv-1612 SRN/JSM (D. Minn.); Kimball v. Frederick J. Hanna & Associates, P.C., 10-cv-130 MJD/JJG (D. Minn.); Murphy v. Capital One Bank, 08 C 801 (N.D. Ill.); Nettles

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- v. Allstate Ins. Co., 02 CH 14426 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Sanders v. OSI Educ. Servs., Inc., 01 C 2081 (N.D. Ill.); Kort v. Diversified Collection Servs., Inc., 01 C 0689 (N.D. Ill.); Hamid v. Blatt Hasenmiller, et al., 00 C 4511 (N.D. Ill.); Durkin v. Equifax Check Servs., Inc., 00 C 4832 (N.D. Ill.); Torres v. Diversified Collection Services, et al., 99-cv-00535 (RL-APR) (N.D. Ind.); Morris v. Trauner Cohen & Thomas, 98 C 3428 (N.D. Ill.), Mitchell v. Schumann, 97 C 240 (N.D. Ill.); Pandolfi, et al. v. Viking Office Prods., Inc., 97 CH 8875 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Trull v. Microsoft Corp., 97 CH 3140 (Cir. Ct Cook Cnty, Ill.); Deatherage v. Steven T. Rosso, P.A., 97 C 0024 (N.D. Ill.); Young v. Meyer & Njus, P.A., 96 C 4809 (N.D. Ill.); Newman v. Boehm, Pearlstein & Bright, Ltd., 96 C 3233 (N.D. Ill.); Holman v. Red River Collections, Inc., 96 C 2302 (N.D. Ill.); Farrell v. Frederick J. Hanna, 96 C 2268 (N.D. Ill.); Blum v. Fisher and Fisher, 96 C 2194 (N.D. Ill.); Riter v. Moss & Bloomberg, Ltd., 96 C 2001 (N.D. Ill.); Clayton v. Cr Sciences Inc., 96 C 1401 (N.D. Ill.); Thomas v. MAC/TCS Inc., Ltd., 96 C 1519 (N.D. Ill.); Young v. Bowman, et al., 96 C 1767 (N.D. Ill.); Depcik v. Mid-Continent Agencies, Inc., 96 C 8627 (N.D. Ill.); and Dumetz v. Alkade, Inc., 96 C 4002 (N.D. Ill.).
- 44. Michael also has successfully argued a number of appeals, including *Muransky v. Godiva Chocolatier, Inc.*, 922 F.3d 1175 (11th Cir. 2019) (*vacated for rehearing en banc*); *Evans v. Portfolio Recovery Assocs., LLC*, 889 F.3d 337 (7th Cir. 2018); *Franklin v. Parking Rev. Recovery Servs.*, 832 F.3d 741 (7th Cir. 2016); *Smith v. Greystone Alliance, LLC*, 772 F.3d 448 (7th Cir. 2014); *Shula v. Lawent*, 359 F.3d 489 (7th Cir. 2004); and *Weizeorick v. ABN AMRO Mortg. Group, Inc.*, 337 F.3d 827 (7th Cir. 2003).
- 45. Michael has lectured on consumer law issues at Upper Iowa University, the Chicago Bar Association, and the National Consumer Law Center. He is a member of the Trial Bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and he has represented

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consumers in state and federal courts around the country on a pro hac vice basis.

- 46. Michael's published work includes "AND THE SURVEY SAYS..." When Is Evidence of Actual Consumer Confusion Required to Win a Case Under Section 1692g of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in the Seventh Circuit?, 13 Loy. Consumer L. Rev. 224 (2001).
- 47. In March 2018, Theodore H. Kuyper joined the firm. Ted is currently a member in good standing of the Illinois State Bar, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and has been admitted to practice *pro hac vice* in several additional United States District Courts.
- 48. Ted has diverse experience prosecuting and defending class action and other large-scale litigation in trial and appellate courts under a variety of substantive laws, including without limitation the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Illinois Consumer Fraud & Deceptive Business Practices Act, and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, as well as Illinois and other state statutory and common law.
- 49. Since joining the firm, Ted has represented consumers as counsel of record or otherwise in the following putative class actions: *Gebka v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, No. 1:19-cv-06662 (N.D. III.) (TCPA); *Cranor v. The Zack Group, Inc., et al.*, No. 4:18-cv-00628-FJG (W.D. Mo. May 18, 2020) (TCPA); *Svoboda v. Amazon.com, Inc., et al.*, 1:21-cv-05336 (N.D. III.) (BIPA); *Hanlon ex rel. G.T. v. Samsung Elecs. Am., Inc.*, 1:21-cv-04976 (N.D. III.) (BIPA); *Svoboda v. Frames for America, Inc.*, 1:21-cv-05509 (N.D. III.) (BIPA); *Jenkins v. Regal Cinemas, Inc.*, 1:20-cv-03782 (N.D. III.) (BIPA); *McFerren, et al. v. World Class Distribution, Inc.*, 1:20-cv-02912 (N.D. III.) (BIPA); *Stein v. Clarifai, Inc.*, 1:20-cv-01937 (N.D. III.) (BIPA); *Gumm v. Vonachen Servs., Inc.*, 2020 CH 00139 (Cir. Ct Peoria Cnty, III.) (BIPA); *Detter v. KeyBank, N.A.*, No. 1616-

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cvl0036 (Jackson Cty., Mo. July 12, 2019) (FCRA); Cranor v. Skyline Metrics, LLC, No. 4:18-cv-00621-DGK (W.D. Mo.) (TCPA); Cranor v. Classified Advertising Ventures, LLC, et al., No. 4:18-cv-00651-HFS (W.D. Mo.) (TCPA); Morgan v. Adventist Health System/Sunbelt, Inc., No. 6:18-cv-01342-PGB-DCI (M.D. Fla.) (TCPA); Burke v. Credit One Bank, N.A., et al., No. 8:18-cv-00728-EAK-TGW (M.D. Fla.) (TCPA); Morgan v. Orlando Health, Inc., et al., No. 6:17-cv-01972-CEM-GJK (M.D. Fla.) (TCPA); Motiwala v. Mark D. Guidubaldi & Associates, LLC, No. 1:17-cv-02445 (N.D. Ill.) (TCPA); and Buja v. Novation Capital, LLC, No. 9:15-cv-81002-KAM (S.D. Fla.) (TCPA).

- 50. Immediately prior to joining Keogh Law, Ted worked at a boutique Chicago law firm where he represented clients in a range of complex commercial and other litigation, including contract, tort, professional liability, premises and products liability, bad faith and class actions. Previously, he was an associate at a nationally-renowned class action law firm, where he focused on complex commercial, consumer, class action and other large-scale, high-stakes litigation.
- 51. Ted earned his Juris Doctorate from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis in 2007. During law school, he worked as a Summer Extern for Magistrate Judge Morton Denlow (Ret.) of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, served as primary editor and executive board member of the Global Studies Law Review, and authored a student note that was published in 2007. Ted also earned a number of scholarships and other academic accolades, including the Honors Scholar Award (top 10% for academic year) and repeated appearances on the Dean's List.
- 52. Gregg Barbakoff joined the firm in October 2019. Gregg is a civil litigator who focuses his practice on consumer law, with extensive experience litigating individual and class claims arising under the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act, Telephone Consumer

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Protection Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Truth-in-Lending Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act, Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, and various consumer protection statutes.

- 53. Gregg graduated magna cum laude from the Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif. While in law school, Gregg received the Class of 1976 Honors Scholarship, competed as a senior member of the Chicago-Kent Moot Court Team, and served as an editor for The Seventh Circuit Review, in which he was also published. Gregg earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder.
- 54. Gregg was selected as an Illinois Super Lawyer in 2022 and an Illinois Super Lawyer Rising Star from 2015 through 2021. In addition, Gregg was named an Associate Fellow by the Litigation Counsel of America. He is licensed to practice in the State of Illinois, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.
- 55. Prior to joining Keogh Law, Gregg worked at a mid-size litigation firm that specialized in consumer litigation, and a leading plaintiffs' firm that focused on commercial disputes and consumer class actions.
- 56. The following are representative class actions in which Gregg has served as counsel of record or otherwise: *Roberts v. TIAA, FSB*, Case No. 2019 CH 04089 (Cook Cnty, Ill.); *Corrigan v. Seterus* (Case No. 17-cv-02348); *Gentleman v. Mass. Higher Ed. Corp., et al* (Case No. 16-cv-3096, N.D. Ill.); *Cibula v. Seterus*, No. 2015CA010910 (Palm Beach Cnty, Fla.); *Ciolini v. Seterus* (Case No. 15-cv-09427, N.D. Ill.); *Mednick v. Precor Inc.* (Case No. 14-cv-03624, N.D. Ill.); *Illinois Nut & Candy Home of Fantasia Confections, LLC v. Grubhub, Inc.*, No. 14-cv-00949 (N.D. Ill.); *Dr. William P. Gress et al. v. Premier Healthcare Exchange West, Inc.*, No. 14-cv-501

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- (N.D. III.); Stephan Zouras LLP v. American Registry LLC, No. 14-cv-943 (N.D. III.); Mullins v. Direct Digital, No. 13-cv-01829 (N.D. III.); In Re Prescription Pads TCPA Litigation, No. 13-cv-06897 (N.D. III); Townsend v. Sterling, No. 13-cv-3903 (N.D. III); Windows Plus, Incorporated v. Door Control Services, Inc., No. 13-cv-07072 (N.D. III); In re Energizer Sunscreen Litigation, No. 13-cv-00131 (N.D. III.); Padilla v. DISH Network LLC, No. 12-cv-07350 (N.D. III.); Lloyd v. Employment Crossing, No. BC491068 (Los Angeles Cnty, Cal.); In re Southwest Airlines Voucher Litigation, No. 11-cv-8176 (N.D. III.).
- 57. William M. Sweetnam joined the firm in 2020. Mr. Sweetnam concentrates his practice on class action and complex litigation and appeals, having prosecuted hundreds of consumer, shareholder and antitrust class actions in federal and state courts across the country. In addition to representing both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of cases involving both economic and non-economic injuries, Mr. Sweetnam has acted as lead counsel, and co-lead counsel and has been a member of the executive and steering committees in consumer, antitrust, and other class action, complex and multidistrict litigation matters.
- 58. Mr. Sweetnam was one of class counsel in *Stewart, et al. v. LexisNexis Risk Data Retrieval Services, LLC*, Case No. 3:20-cv-903-JAG (E.D. Va. 2022), which resulted in a \$21.5 million settlement on behalf of 23,000 consumers about whom LexisNexis reported inaccurate civil judgment and lien information.
- 59. Notably, Mr. Sweetnam was appointed sole lead counsel in *Kelly v. Old National Bank*, 82C01-1012-CT-627 (Cir. Ct Vanderburgh Cty., Ind.), in which he obtained a settlement valued at more than 90% of the class' damages incurred as a result of the unlawful overdraft fee scheme alleged therein, far exceeding the results obtained by much larger firms against some the countries' largest banks, resulting in individual consumers receiving several thousand dollars in

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refunded overdraft fees.

60. Additionally, Mr. Sweetnam has numerous published, class action decisions including Jett v. Warrantech Corp., ---F.Supp.3d---, 2020 WL 525045 (S.D. III. 2020); Old Nat. Bank v. Kelly, 31 N.E.3d 522 (Ind. App. 2014); Nava v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 995 N.E.2d 303 (1st Dist. 2013); Cappuccitti v. DirecTV, Inc., 623 F.3d 1118 (11th Cir. 2010); Pella Corp. v. Saltzman, 606 F.3d 391 (7th Cir. 2010); In re Digitek Prod. Liab. Litig., 264 F.R.D. 249 (S.D. W. Va. 2010); Aleman v. Park West Galleries, Inc., 655 F. Supp. 2d 1378 (J.P.M.L. 2009); In re Park West Galleries, Inc. Mktg. & Sales Practices Litig., 645 F. Supp. 2d 1358 (J.P.M.L. 2009); In re Digitek Prod. Liab. Litig., 648 F. Supp. 2d 795 (S.D. W. Va. 2009); Vernon v. Owest Communs. Int'l, Inc., 643 F. Supp. 2d 1256 (W.D. Wash. 2009); Stachurski v. DirecTV, Inc., 642 F. Supp. 2d 758 (N.D. Ohio 2009); In re Comcast Corp. Set-Top Cable TV Box Antitrust Litig., 626 F. Supp. 2d 1353 (J.P.M.L. 2009); In re Refrigerant Compressors Antitrust Litig., 626 F. Supp. 2d 1320 (J.P.M.L. 2009); Saltzman v. Pella Corp., 257 F.R.D. 471 (N.D. III. 2009); Coneff v. AT&T Corp., 620 F. Supp. 2d 1248 (W.D. Wash. 2009); Hoving v. Lawyers Title Ins. Co., 256 F.R.D. 555 (E.D. Mich. 2009); In re Nissan N. Am., Inc. Odometer Litig., 664 F. Supp. 2d 873 (M.D. Tenn. 2009); Hoving v. Lawyers Title Ins. Co., 256 F.R.D. 555 (E.D. Mich. 2009); In re Digitek Prods. Liab. Litig., 571 F. Supp. 2d 1376 (J.P.M.L. 2008); In re BP Prods. N. Am., Inc., 560 F. Supp. 2d 1377 (J.P.M.L. 2008); Hoving v. Transnation Title Ins. Co., 545 F. Supp. 2d 662 (E.D. Mich. 2008); In re Nissan N. Am., Inc. Odometer Litig., 542 F. Supp. 2d 1367 (J.P.M.L. 2008); Berry v. Budget Rent a Car Sys., 497 F. Supp. 2d 1361 (S.D. Fla. 2007); Cook v. Home Depot U.S.A., Inc., 62 U.C.C. Rep. Serv. 2d (Callaghan) 197 (S.D. Ohio 2007); Womack v. Nissan N. Am., Inc., 550 F. Supp. 2d 630 (E.D. Tex. 2007); Knudsen v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co., 435 F.3d 755 (7th Cir. 2006); Knudsen v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co., 411 F.3d 805 (7th Cir. 2005); Knudsen v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co.,

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405 F. Supp. 2d 916 (N.D. Ill. 2005); Enzenbacher v. Browning-Ferris Indus. of Ill., 774 N.E.2d 858 (Ill. App. 2002); In re Nat'l Life Ins. Co., 247 F. Supp. 2d 486 (D. Vt. 2002); Kaskel v. N. Trust Co., 45 U.C.C. Rep. Serv. 2d (Callaghan) 827 (N.D. Ill. 2001); Wardrop v. Amway Asia Pac. Ltd., Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) P91,346 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 20, 2001); and Grove v. Principal Mut. Life Ins. Co., 14 F. Supp. 2d 1101 (S.D. Iowa 1998).

- 61. Before joining Keogh Law, Ltd., Mr. Sweetnam began his career as a lawyer representing plaintiffs in catastrophic injury cases in 1994. In 1995, he began defending corporate, insurance industry, and insurance policyholder clients and ran a successful class action litigation boutique, Sweetnam LLC, established in 2008.
- 62. Prior to that, Mr. Sweetnam was a partner at a Chicago class action litigation boutique, where he perfected his skills representing victims of consumer fraud and deceptive and anti-competitive practices. Mr. Sweetnam has extensive litigation experience in a variety of nationwide class actions in state and federal courts alleging violations of consumer fraud and deceptive trade practices statutes, breach of warranty and violations of federal securities laws, shareholder derivative suits and appeals.
- 63. Mr. Sweetnam began his career as a class action and complex litigation practitioner with what is now known as Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check, LLP, one of the largest class action law firms in the United States, where he was part of a team of lawyers involved in prosecuting class actions challenging abusive marketing practices in several areas involving life insurance and annuities. These cases led to class settlements valued at hundreds of millions of dollars, and sometimes even billions of dollars, with such major life insurance companies as Prudential, Met Life, John Hancock, New York Life, State Farm, American Express/IDS, Transamerica, and many others, as well as to numerous changes in industry sales practices.

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- 64. Mr. Sweetnam continued his career at one of Chicago's oldest and most respected class action litigation firms, Krislov & Associates, Ltd., where he represented consumers and investors engaged in an array of nationwide class actions in state and federal courts involving everything from consumer fraud to breach of warranty and securities and shareholder derivative lawsuits and appeals.
- 65. Additionally, Ms. Sweetnam is also a member of a number of associations, including The Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter, The Chicago Bar Association, and The Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago.
- 66. Mr. Sweetnam received his bachelor's degree at The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1990. And later received his juris doctorate at the University of Michigan and the De Paul University College of Law where he received the American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law and was a member of the Journal of Art and Entertainment Law. He has written and lectured on class actions and class action litigation reform.
- 67. Mr. Sweetnam has lectured on and lectured on such topics as the following: (a) Law of Remedies: Damages, Equity and Restitution, at Chicago-Kent College of Law (2019); (b) Law of Remedies: Class Actions and Complex Litigation, at Chicago-Kent College of Law (2018); (c) The Class Action Fairness Act of 2005: Selecting a Forum and Keeping It, at the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Chicago, Illinois (2008); (d) Federalization of Consumer Class Action Litigation: The Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois (2006).

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