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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	74	17	0	91
CIVIL PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT CASES	3	1	0	4
SUBPOENA AND CID ENFORCEMENTS	1	1	0	2
SUITS TO ENJOIN FTC ACTION AND OTHER DEFENSIVE LITIGATION	11	0	0	11
AMICUS CURIAE BRIEFS	0	3	0	3
TOTALS	89	25	0	114

* 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

CONSUMERS FOR AUTO RELIABILITY & SAFETY v. FTC, No. 17-1038 (D.C. Cir.)

Parties:	Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety The Center for Auto Safety U.S. Public Interest Research Group California Public Interest Research Group Connecticut Public Interest Research Group Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group
Assigned Attorney:	Leslie Melman (OGC)
Nature of Action:	Petition for review of three final Commission orders.
Status:	Petition for review filed 2/6/17. Petitioners' motion to hold case in abeyance pending resolution of complaint filed in district court filed 3/8/17; Commission's consolidated opposition to abeyance and motion to dismiss filed 3/17/17; petitioners' response filed 4/10/17; Commission's reply filed 4/28/17. Order granting motion to dismiss entered 7/14/17.

CONSUMERS FOR AUTO RELIABILITY & SAFETY v. FTC, No. 17-1125 (D.C. Cir.)

Parties:	Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety The Center for Auto Safety U.S. Public Interest Research Group
Assigned Attorney:	Leslie Melman (OGC)
Nature of Action:	Petition for review of three final Commission orders.
Status:	Petition for review filed 5/2/17. Petitioners' motion to hold case in abeyance filed 6/8/17; Commission's opposition filed 6/16/17; petitioners' reply filed 6/28/17; Commission's reply filed 7/10/17. Consent motion to dismiss case filed 7/24/17; order granting motion entered 7/27/17.

LABMD, INC. v. FTC, No. 14-12144 (11th Cir.)

Parties: LabMD, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Jack Metzler (OGC)
Matthew Hoffman

Nature of Action: Petition for review of final Commission order.

Status: Petition for review filed 9/29/16.
Order granting stay entered 11/10/16.
Petitioner's opening brief filed 12/27/16.
Commission's brief filed 2/9/17.
Petitioner's reply brief filed 3/9/17.
Oral argument heard 6/21/17.

(B) Rulemakings

(None Pending)

INJUNCTION AND CONSUMER REDRESS CASES

(A) Preliminary Injunctions (Mergers/Acquisitions)

FTC v. DRAFTKINGS, INC., No. 1:17-cv-01195 (D.D.C.)

Parties: DraftKings, Inc.
FanDuel Limited
District of Columbia (Plaintiff)
State of California (Plaintiff)

Assigned Attorneys: Thomas Dillickrath (BC)

Alleged Conduct: Action for preliminary injunction for violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and Section 7 of the Clayton Act in connection with DraftKing and FanDuel's proposed merger.

Status: Complaint filed 6/19/17.
TRO entered 6/20/17.
Stipulation of voluntarily dismissal entered 7/13/17.

FTC v. SANFORD HEALTH, No. 17-3783 (8th Cir.); No. 1:17-cv-00133 (D.N. Dak.)

Parties:	Sanford Health Sanford Bismarck Mid Dakota Clinic, P.C. State of North Dakota (Plaintiff)
Assigned Attorneys:	Kevin Hahm (BC/Mergers IV) Michele Arington (OGC)
Alleged Conduct:	Action for preliminary injunction for violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and Section 7 of the Clayton Act in connection with Sanford Health's proposed acquisition of Mid Dakota Clinic.
Status:	Complaint filed 6/22/17. TRO entered 6/22/17. Evidentiary hearing held 10/30/17-11/3/17. Order granting preliminary injunction entered 12/13/17. Notice of appeal filed 12/15/17. Appellants' opening brief due 2/5/18.

(B) Preliminary Injunctions (Other)

(None pending)

(C) Permanent Injunctions/Consumer Redress[*]

FTC v. 4 STAR RESOLUTION, LLC, No. 1:15-cv-112 (W.D.N.Y.)

Parties:	4 Star Resolution, LLC d/b/a Consumer Recovery Group d/b/a Four Star Capital Services d/b/a Four Star Resolution Services, LLC d/b/a FS Mediation Group Profile Management, Inc. International Recovery Service, LLC Check Solutions Services, Inc. Check Fraud Service, LLC Merchant Recovery Service, Inc. Fourstar Revenue Management, LLC

[*] Unless otherwise noted, cases involve suits for permanent injunction and other equitable relief. Post-judgment proceedings in district court are not generally reported.

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Robin E. Eichen
Laura Zuckerwise

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in connection with the collection of debt or purported debt.

Status: Complaint filed 2/9/15.
TRO entered 2/9/15.
Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 6/2/15.
Commission's motion for preliminary injunction with asset freeze filed 8/5/15; memorandum in opposition by Charles Blakely filed 9/15/15; memorandum in opposition by 4 Star Resolution, LLC filed 9/23/15.
Preliminary injunction with asset freeze entered 11/21/15.
Order modifying terms of preliminary injunction with asset freeze and retention of records by financial institutions and other third parties entered 2/17/16.

FTC v. A1 JANITORIAL SUPPLY CORP., No. 1:17-cv-7790 (N.D. Ill.)

Parties: A1 Janitorial Supply Corp. d/b/a A One Janitorial
Century Manufacturing Corp. d/b/a A-1 Janitorial Supply
Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corp. d/b/a CMC
Global Direct Resources, Inc. d/b/a A-1 Janitorial d/b/a Century Manufacturing d/b/a Commercial Maintenance Chemical d/b/a Target Supplies
Eric Sternberg
Matthew Sternberg

Assigned Attorneys: John C. Hallerud (MWR)
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Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule, and the Unordered Merchandise Statute in connection with in connection with the telemarketing of nondurable office and cleaning supplies.

Status: Complaint filed 10/30/17.
TRO entered 11/1/17.

Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 11/21/17.

FTC v. A1 DOCPREP INC., No. 2:17-cv-07044 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties:	A1 Docprep Inc Stream Lined Marketing d/b/a Project Uplift Students d/b/a Project Uplift America Bloom Law Group PC d/b/a Home Shield Network d/b/a Keep Your Home USA Homan Ardalan
Assigned Attorneys:	K. Michelle Grajales (BCP/FP) Lisa Anne Rothfarb John D. Jacobs (WRLA)
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of student loan debt relief and mortgage assistance relief services.
Status:	Complaint filed 9/27/17. Ex parte TRO with asset freeze, appointment of receiver, and other equitable relief entered 9/28/17. Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 10/17/17.

FTC v. AAFE PRODUCTS CORPORATION, No. 3:17-cv-00575 (S.D. Cal.)

Parties:	AAFE Products Corporation JBE International, LLC BSDC, Inc. KADC, Inc. Purestrike, Inc. BNRI Corporation f/k/a Bernheim & Rice, Inc. Brian Bernheim Joshua Bernheim Jared Coates Robert Koch
Assigned Attorneys:	Michelle Schaefer (BCP/ENF) Robert Frisby
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act in connection with Defendants' online marketing of cooking and golf-related products.
Status:	Complaint filed 3/23/17.

Motion to stay case pending Commission review of proposed settlements filed 6/7/17; order granting motion entered 6/15/17.
Order granting joint motion for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to defendant Robert Koch entered 9/6/17.
Order granting joint motion for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to defendants AAFE Products Corp., JBE International, LLC, BSDC, Inc., BNRI Corp., FKA Bernheim & Rice, Inc., Brian Bernheim, Joshua Bernheim, and Jared Coates entered 9/12/17.

FTC v. ABBVIE, INC., No. 2:14-cv-5151 (E.D. Pa.)

Parties: AbbVie, Inc.
Abbott Laboratories
Unimed Pharmaceuticals, LLC
Besins Healthcare, Inc.
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Markus Meier (BC)
Patricia M. McDermott
Kara Monahan
Peter Taylor

Alleged Conduct: Unfair methods of competition in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act arising from baseless patent infringement lawsuits against potential generic competitors.

Status: Complaint filed 9/8/14.
Defendants' motion to dismiss filed 11/12/14; Commission's brief in opposition filed 12/12/14.
Order granting defendants' motion to dismiss Count II of the complaint entered 5/6/15.
Commission's motion for entry of judgment under Rule 54(b) filed 6/5/15; response in opposition by Abbott Laboratories, Abbvie, Inc. and Unimed Pharmaceuticals filed 6/25/15; Commission's reply filed 7/2/15.
Order holding Commission's pending Rule 54(b) motion in abeyance entered 7/8/15.
Commission's motion for reconsideration of dismissal filed 7/20/15; defendant's response filed 7/31/15; reply filed 8/7/15.
Motion for reconsideration denied 8/25/15.
Motion to direct entry of partial final judgment under Rule 54(b) denied 8/26/15.
Defendants' motion for summary judgment on Count 1 of complaint filed 6/5/17; Commission's response in opposition filed 7/11/17; reply filed 7/26/17; order denying motion entered 9/15/17.
Commission's motion for partial summary judgment filed 6/5/17;

defendants AbbVie, Inc., Abbott Laboratories, Unimed Pharmaceuticals, LLC, and Besins Healthcare, Inc.'s response in opposition filed 7/10/17; reply filed 7/27/17; order granting motion entered 9/15/17.

Trial set for 1/29/18.

FTC v. ABC HISPANA, INC., No. 5:17-cv-00252 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties:	ABC Hispana, Inc. ISB Latino, Inc. ABC Latina, LLC Gonzalo Ricardo Bazan Jimenez Milagros Raquel Urmeneta
Assigned Attorneys:	Sophia Calderon (NWR) Laura Solis
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing of English-language learning materials through unsolicited telemarketing calls.
Status:	Complaint filed 2/13/17. Ex parte TRO with asset freeze and other equitable relief entered 2/14/17. Preliminary injunction with asset freeze and other equitable relief entered 4/18/17. Default judgment and final order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment against all defendants entered 8/28/17.

FTC v. ACDI GROUP LLC, No. 3:17-cv-00340 (W.D.N.C.)

Parties:	ACDI Group LLC Solutions to Portfolios LLC Anthony Swatsworth
Assigned Attorneys:	Nikhil Singhvi (BCP/FP) Michael White
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in connection with defendants' debt collection practices.
Status:	Complaint filed 6/22/17. Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 11/16/17; response in opposition filed 12/22/17. Trial set for 5/14/18.

FTC v. ACTAVIS, INC. (formerly WATSON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.), No. 12-416 (S. Ct.); Nos. 12-16488, 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)
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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 heard 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.
Commission's petition for writ of certiorari filed 10/4/12.
Petition granted 12/7/12.
Commission's petition to district court to unseal document filed 12/10/12; motion granted and temporary stay pending appeal entered

12/19/12.

Notice of appeal of order unsealing document by AbbVie Products filed 12/21/12; emergency motion to expedite briefing and stay unsealing order filed 12/26/12; granted 1/10/13.

Commission's Supreme Court merits brief filed 1/22/13.

AbbVie Products' opening brief in 11th Circuit filed 1/31/13; Commission's response filed 2/7/13; AbbVie Products' reply filed 2/19/13.

Respondents' Supreme Court briefs filed 2/21/13.

Commission's Supreme Court reply brief filed 3/18/13.

Oral argument in 11th Circuit held 3/20/13.

11th Circuit opinion affirming district court order lifting seal and dissolving stay filed 3/21/13.

Supreme Court grant of Solicitor General's motion to lift seal on sealed volume of joint appendix entered 3/22/13.

Supreme Court oral argument heard 3/25/13.

Supreme Court decision in favor of the FTC, reversing the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and remanding the case for further proceedings consistent with its opinion entered 6/17/13.

Eleventh Circuit order vacating the district court judgment and remanding the case to the district court entered 9/9/13.

Order making Eleventh Circuit's mandate the judgment of the district court entered 11/15/13.

Motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim filed 1/15/14; Commission's opposition filed 2/14/14; defendant's reply brief filed 3/3/14.

Order denying motion to dismiss entered 4/21/14.

Motion for interlocutory appeal by Paddock Laboratories, Inc. and Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc. filed 4/22/14; Commission's opposition filed 5/6/14; oral argument heard 5/9/14; motion denied 5/9/14.

Motion for summary judgment by Actavis Holdco U.S. filed 10/4/16; Commission's opposition filed 12/1/16; reply filed 12/9/16; order denying motion entered 6/2/17.

Commission's unopposed motion to dismiss with prejudice as to defendants Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc. and Paddock Holdings LLC entered 2/2/17; order granting motion entered 2/7/17.

Defendant Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc's motions for summary judgment filed 9/29/17; notice of joinder by defendants Actavis Holdco U.S., Inc. and Actavis, Inc. filed 9/29/17

Defendants Actavis Holdco U.S., Inc. and Actavis, Inc.'s motion for summary judgment filed 9/29/17.

FTC v. ADEPT MANAGEMENT, INC., No. 1:16-cv-00720 (D. Ore.)

Parties:

Adept Management, Inc.
Anchor Publishing Group, Inc.
Associated Publishers Network, Inc.
Atlas Business Consulting, LLC
Clarity Group, LLC
Consolidated Publishers Exchange, Inc. d/b/a Premier Subscription Services, Processing Express Solutions
Crown Resource Management, LLC
Customer Access Services, Inc.
Express Publishers Service, Inc. d/b/a Associated Billing Service, Associated Periodical Network, Associated Publishers Readership, Billing Services of Circulation, Circulation Billing Marketplace, Circulation Network Services d/b/a Global Billing Service d/b/a Lakeshore Publishers Billing, Magazine Billing Network, Magazine Distribution Marketplace, Magazine Payment Processing, National Magazine Network, Publication Network Services, Publishers Billing Marketplace, Publishers Distribution Network, Publishers Magazine Services, Readers Magazine Services, Readers Payment Network, Subscription Billing Agency, Subscription Billing Network, United Billing Service, United Publishers Agency
HCG, Inc.
Henry Cricket Group, LLC
Hoyal & Associates, Inc.
Liberty Publishers Service, Inc. d/b/a Allied Publishing Services, American Consumer Publishers Association, Associated Publishers Services, Billing Services of America, Bradford Publishing Service, Circulation Billing Services, Global Publishers Center, Lakeshore Publishers Service, Magazine Billing Services, Magazine Distribution Service, Magazine Payment Services, Magazine Subscriber Services, Magazine Subscriptions Center, National Magazine Services, Periodical Billing Services, Platinum Subscription Service, Publication Service Networks, Publishers Access Services, Publishers Billing Services, Publishers Consolidated Subscription Services, Publishers Distribution Center, Publishers Education Services, Publishers Magazine Billing, Publishers Magazine Payment, Publishers Marketplace Services, Publishers Network Exchange, Publishers Payment Services, Publishers Periodical Service, Publishers Processing Service, Publishers Services Exchange, Readers Billing Services, Readers Payment Service, Seascape Publishers Network, Slo Call Center, Subscription Billing Service, Subscription Payment Exchange, Subscription Payment Services, United Publishers Services
Magazine Clearing Exchange
Magazine Link, Inc.
Maximillian, Inc. d/b/a Maxmillian, Inc.

Northwest Data Services, LLC
PPP Magazines, Inc.
Publishers Payment Processing, Inc.
Reality Kats, LLC
Specialties, Inc.
Subscription House Agency, Inc.
United Publishers Exchange, Inc. d/b/a Associated Publishers Network, Circulation Billing Network, Magazine Billing Associates, Premier Subscription Network, Publishers Billing Network, Publishers Magazine Exchange
Wineoceros Wine Club, Inc.
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Lydia Pugsley a/k/a Lydia Babb
Dennis Simpson
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Assigned Attorneys: Krista Bush (NWR)
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Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with a nationwide campaign relying on misrepresentations to solicit newspaper renewals and new subscriptions from consumers.

Status: Complaint filed 4/27/16.
Motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim filed 6/27/16; Commission's opposition filed 7/11/16; order denying motion to dismiss entered 11/3/16.
Motions for stay pending resolution of criminal proceedings filed 1/27/17; Commission's response filed 1/31/17; replies filed 2/17/17; motions denied 2/23/17.
Motion for summary judgment filed 4/14/17; Commission's opposition filed 5/4/17; reply filed 5/26/17; motion deferred 6/13/17.
Default judgment as to defendants Adept Management, Inc., Anchor Publishing Group, Inc., Associated Publishers Network, Inc., Atlas Business Consulting LLC, Clarity Group, Inc., Consolidated Publishers Exchange, Inc., Crown Resource Management LLC, Customer Access Services, Inc., Express Publishers Service, Inc., HCG, Inc., Henry Cricket Group, LLC, Liberty Publishers Service,

Inc., Magazine Clearing Exchange, Inc., Magazine Link, Inc., Maximillian, Inc., North West Data Services LLC,, PPP Magazines, Inc., Publishers Payment Processing, Inc., Publishers Payment Processing, Inc., Specialties, Inc., Subscription House Agency, Inc., United Publishers Exchange, Inc., and Wineoceros Wine Club, Inc. entered 8/7/17.

FTC v. ADOREME, INC., No. 1:17-cv-09083 (S.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Adoreme, Inc. d/b/a Adore Me d/b/a Adoreme.com, Corp.

Assigned Attorneys: Alejandro G. Rosenberg (BCP/ENF)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and Section 4 of Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act in connection with the online marketing of apparel.

Status: Complaint filed 11/20/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment entered 12/05/2017.

FTC v. ALLIANCE DOCUMENT PREPARATION, No. 2:17-cv-07048 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Alliance Document Preparation d/b/a EZ Doc Preps d/b/a Grads Aid d/b/a First Document Aid
Sbs Capital Group, Inc. d/b/a Grads United Discharge
Sbb Holdings, LLC d/b/a EZ Doc Preps d/b/a Allied Doc Prep d/b/a Post Grad Services
First Student Aid, LLC
United Legal Center, LLC d/b/a Post Grad Aid d/b/a Alumni Aid Assistance d/b/a United Legal Discharge
Elite Consulting Service LLC d/b/a First Grad Aid
Grads Doc Prep, LLC d/b/a Academic Aid Center d/b/a Academic Protection d/b/a Academy Doc Prep d/b/a Academic Discharge
Elite Doc Prep, LLC d/b/a Premier Student Aid
Benjamin Naderi aka Benjamin Pournaderi aka Benjamin Brooks
Shawn Gabbaie aka Shawn Goodman
Avinadav Rubeni aka Avi Rubeni
Michael Ratliff
Ramiar Reuveni aka Rami Reuveni
Farzan Azinkhan
Direct Consulting Service, LLC
Capital Doc Prep, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Eleanor Durham (NWR)
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Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of student loan debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/27/17.
TRO entered 9/28/2017.
Preliminary injunction and other equitable relief and appointment of receiver entered 11/2/17; amended preliminary injunction as to Alliance Document Preparation, LLC; SBS Capital Group, Inc.; First Student Aid, LLC; Elite Consulting Service, LLC; Elite Doc Prep, LLC; Benjamin Naderi; Direct Consulting Service, LLC; and Capital Doc Prep, Inc. entered 11/3/17; commission's ex parte application to amend the asset freeze provisions of the preliminary injunction filed 11/20/17; order granting application to amend entered 11/22/17.
Third application for clerk's entry of default against defendant Elite Consulting Service LLC filed 12/11/17; default by clerk entered 12/11/17.

FTC v. AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES, LLC, No. 1:16-cv-00281 (D. Md.)

Parties: American Industrial Enterprises, LLC
Easton Chemical Supply, Inc.
Lighting X-Change Company, LLC
LMS Lighting and Maintenance Solutions, LLC
Werner International Enterprises, Inc.
Benjamin Cox
Vincent Stapleton
John Tharrington
TBC Companies, Inc. (relief defendant)

Assigned Attorneys: Jonathan Kessler (ECR)
Maria Del Monaco
Michael Rose

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule and the Unordered Merchandise Statute in connection with the sale of nondurable office or cleaning supplies through interstate telephone calls.

Status: Complaint filed 2/1/16.
Ex parte TRO with asset freeze entered 2/2/16.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants John Tharrington and Vincent Stapleton entered 2/29/16.
Preliminary injunction as to defendants Lighting X-Change Company,

American Industrial Enterprises, LLC, Easton Chemical Supply, Inc., LMS Lighting & Maintenance Solutions, LLC and Werner International Enterprises entered 2/29/16.
Settlement agreement with defendants Lighting X-Change, Vincent Stapleton and John Tharrington filed 9/23/16.
Stipulated final order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendant Vincent Stapleton and John Tharrington entered 12/22/16.
Stipulated final order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendant Benjamin Cox and relief defendant TBC Companies entered 6/8/17.
Default judgment against defendants American Industrial Enterprises, Easton Chemical Supply, LMS Lighting & Maintenance Solutions, and Werner International Enterprises entered 10/4/17.

FTC v. AMERICAN STUDENT LOAN CONSOLIDATORS, LLC, No. 0:17-cv-61862 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: American Student Loan Consolidators, LLC d/b/a ASLC Processing
Bbnd Marketing, LLC d/b/a United Processing Center, United SL Processing, and United Student Loan Processing
Daniel Upbin
Patrick O'Deady

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Nicholas May

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the FTC'S Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of student loan debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/25/17.
Ex parte motion for TRO, asset freeze, appointment of receiver, and other equitable relief filed 9/25/17; order granting motion and order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue entered 09/26/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 10/26/17.

FTC v. AMG SERVICES, INC., Nos. 16-17197, 14-16468 (9th Cir.); 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

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Iona Rusu
Jason Schall
Jack Metzler (OGC)

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, payday 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.
Partial withdrawals of motions to dismiss filed 10/15/12 and 10/16/12.
Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 12/27/12.
Commission's amended motion for partial summary judgment filed 3/7/13; defendants' responses filed 3/25/13.
Motion for legal determination on tribal sovereign immunity by defendants AMG Services, Inc., Red Cedar Services, Inc., SFS, Inc., and Tribal Financial Services filed 4/8/13; cross-motion for legal determination by defendant Troy Little Axe filed 4/10/13; Commission's response filed 4/19/13.
Commission's amended complaint filed 4/12/13.
Report and recommendation by magistrate that Commission's motion for partial summary judgment and defendant's motion for legal determination on tribal sovereign immunity be granted in part and denied in part entered 7/16/13.
Joint motion for permanent injunction and judgment as to defendants AMG Services, SFS, Inc., MNE Services, Inc., AMG Capital Management, LLC, Level 5 MotorSports, LLC, LeadFlash Consulting, LLC, Black Creek Capital Corp., Broadmoor Capital

Partners, LLC, Scott A. Tucker, Blaine A. Tucker, Don E. Brady, Robert D. Campbell, and Troy L. Little Axe, Jr. filed 7/18/13.

Motion for summary judgment by Commission filed 9/30/13; Muir defendants' opposition filed 11/29/13; remaining defendants' opposition filed 12/4/13; Commission's reply filed 12/20/13.

Motions for summary judgment by defendants filed 9/30/13; Commission's opposition filed 12/4/13; defendants' reply filed 12/20/13.

Order granting joint motion for permanent injunction and judgment as to defendants AMG Services, SFS, Inc., MNE Services, Inc., AMG Capital Management, LLC, Level 5 MotorSports, LLC, LeadFlash Consulting, LLC, Black Creek Capital Corp., Broadmoor Capital Partners, LLC, Scott A. Tucker, Blaine A. Tucker, Don E. Brady, Robert D. Campbell, and Troy L. Little Axe, Jr. entered 10/8/13.

Report and recommendation by magistrate that Commission's motion for summary judgment be granted in part and denied in part, and that defendant's motion for summary judgment be denied, entered 1/28/14; defendant's objections filed 2/14/14; Commission's response filed 3/2/14.

Order adopting magistrate's 7/16/13 report and recommendations entered 3/7/14.

Order adopting magistrate's 1/28/14 report and recommendations entered 5/29/14.

Stipulation and order to dismiss defendants Timothy J. Muir and the Muir Law Firm, LLC entered 9/8/14.

Order denying settling defendants' motion to enforce settlement entered 7/16/14; notice of appeal filed 7/30/14; Ninth Circuit order dismissing appeal for lack of jurisdiction entered 10/30/14.

Stipulated permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendants AMG Services and MNE Services, Inc. entered 1/23/15.

Stipulated permanent injunction and monetary judgment against defendants Troy Little Axe, Jr., Don Brady and Robert Campbell entered 3/17/15.

Motion for preliminary injunction by the Commission filed 5/8/15; responses filed 5/26/15.

Stipulated orders for permanent injunction and equitable monetary relief as to defendants Red Cedar Services, Inc. and SFS, Inc. entered 11/25/15.

Motion for summary judgment by Commission filed 1/20/16; defendants' opposition filed 2/26/16; Commission's reply filed 3/18/16.

Motion for summary judgment by defendants filed 1/20/16; Commission's opposition filed 2/26/16; defendants' reply filed 3/18/16.

Order granting Commission's motion for summary judgment, denying defendants' motion for summary judgment, and awarding permanent injunction and monetary relief of $1.3 billion entered 9/30/16.

Notice of appeal filed 11/29/16.
Appellant's opening brief filed 7/21/17; Commission's answering brief filed 12/11/17; reply due 1/2/18.

FTC v. APPLY KNOWLEDGE, LLC, No. 2:14-cv-0088 (D. Utah)

Parties: Apply Knowledge, LLC, d/b/a Apply Knowledge Institute and Coaching Dept.
Dahm International, LLC
Dominion of Virgo Investments, Inc.
Ecommerce Support, LLC
Essent Media, LLC
Evertex Solutions, LLC
EVI LLC, d/b/a Members Learning Center
Nemrow Consulting, LLC
Novus North, LLC, d/b/a Mymentoring, Yes International, LLC and Your Ecommerce Support International, LLC
Purple Buffalo, LLC, d/b/a NetMarketing
Supplier Source, LLC
365 Dailyfit, LLC, d/b/a Net Training
Vensure International
VI Education, LLC
David Gregory Bevan
Jessia Bjarnson
Phillip Edward Gannuscia
Chad Huntsman
Richard Nemrow
Jeffrey Nicol
Thomas Riskas
Babata Sonnenberg
Ken Sonnenberg

Assigned Attorneys: Connell McNulty (BCP/MP)
Benjamin Davidson
Thomas Biesty
Collot Guerard
Michael D. Bergman (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 and the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud Abuse and Prevention Act in connection with work-from-home business opportunity scheme.

Status: Complaint filed 2/10/14.
TRO entered 2/11/14.
Stipulated preliminary injunction and asset freeze as to defendant David Bevan entered 3/20/14.

Commission's motion to dismiss Sonnenberg defendants' counterclaim filed 5/27/14; motion granted without prejudice on 1/30/15.
Order granting Motion to Dismiss Sonnenberg defendants' counterclaim entered 4/9/15.
Amended complaint filed 5/14/15.
Notice of death of defendant Chad Huntsman filed 6/9/15.
Permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to David Bevan entered 6/24/15.
Stipulated settlement order as to defendants Apply Knowledge, Evertex Solutions, Suppler Source, and Ken Sonnenberg entered 2/17/16.
Stipulated settlement order as to defendant VI Education LLC entered 7/21/16.
Commission's motion for summary judgment against remaining corporate defendants and remaining individual defendants filed 12/5/16; opposition filed 5/27/17; reply filed 6/30/17; oral argument held 12/12/17.

FTC v. AT&T MOBILITY LLC, No. 15-16585 (9th Cir.); No. 3:14-cv-04785 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: AT&T Mobility, LLC

Assigned Attorneys: Lin Kahn (WRSF)
Laura Fremont
Linda K. Badger
Matthew D. Gold
Evan Rose
Joel Marcus (OGC)
Matthew Hoffman

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive and unfair acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with the marketing of wireless broadband internet access service for smartphones.

Status: Complaint filed 10/28/14.
Motion to dismiss by AT&T Mobility filed 1/5/15.
Order denying motion to dismiss entered 3/31/15.
AT&T Mobility's motion for leave to take interlocutory appeal filed 4/9/15; Commission's response filed 4/23/15; AT&T Mobility's reply filed 4/30/15.
Order granting AT&T Mobility's motion to appeal entered 5/15/15.
Petition to Ninth Circuit for permission to appeal by AT&T Mobility filed 5/26/15; Commission's response filed 6/8/15.
Order granting interlocutory review entered 8/10/15.
Motion to stay pending appeal filed 8/18/15.
Stay denied 9/25/15.
Appellant's opening brief filed 11/18/15; Commission's answering brief

filed 2/3/16; Appellant's reply brief filed 2/22/16.
Oral argument heard 6/17/16.
Opinion reversing the district court and ordering that the Commission's complaint be dismissed entered 8/29/16.
Commission's petition for rehearing en banc filed 10/13/16; AT&T's response filed 11/8/16; petition granted 5/9/17.
Oral argument held 9/19/17.

FTC v. BLUE GLOBAL LLC, No. 2:17-cv-02117-DGC (D. Ariz)

Parties:	Blue Global LLC Christopher Kay
Assigned Attorneys:	Michael E. Tankersley (BCP/FP) K. Michelle Grajales
Alleged Conduct:	Unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in connection with the sale of payday-loan applicants' personal information to third parties.
Status:	Complaint filed 07/03/17. Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment entered 7/24/17.

FTC v. BLUE SAGUARO MARKETING, LLC, No. 2:16-cv-3406 (D. Ariz.)

Parties:	Blue Saguaro, LLC d/b/a Blue Saguaro Grant Program, Gera Grant, Government Grant Service, Grant Center, Grant Resources Marketing Ways, LLC d/b/a Amazon.com Associates Program Max Results Marketing, LLC d/b/a Amazon.com Associates Program, Amazon Affiliate Program, Amazon Associates Central, Gera Grant, Grant Strategy Solutions Oro Canyon Marketing II, LLC Paramount Business Services, LLC d/b/a Paramount Business Resources Stephanie A. Bateluna Stacey C. Vela Carl E. Morris, Jr.
Assigned Attorneys:	Elsie Kappler (BCP/ENF) Hong Park
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the sale and offering for sale of grants and home-based internet business opportunities.
Status:	Complaint filed 10/7/16.

Ex parte TRO entered 10/11/16.
Order extending ex parte TRO entered 10/25/16.
Preliminary injunction as to defendants Blue Saguaro, Marketing Ways, Max Results Marketing, Oro Canyon Marketing, Paramount Business Services, Carl Morris, Jr., and Stephanie Bateluna entered 10/28/16.
Clerk's entry of default as to Blue Saguaro, Marketing Ways, Max Results Marketing, and Oro Canyon entered 11/28/16.
Order granting joint motion to stay case for 75 days entered 7/26/17; order lifting stay entered 10/16/17.
Stipulated orders for permanent injunctions and monetary judgments as to defendants Stephanie A. Bateluna, Paramount Business Services, LLC, Stacey A. Vela entered 8/11/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendant Carl E. Morris, Jr. entered 9/12/17.

FTC v. BLUEHIPPO FUNDING, LLC, Nos. 11-374, 16-1599, 17-1587, 17-669 (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
Michele Arington

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.
Commission's notice of appeal re contempt order filed 1/28/11.
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.
Opinion vacating the district court's judgment and remanding the case to the district court entered 8/12/14.
Appellee Joseph Rensin's petition for rehearing filed 9/25/14.
Order denying Joseph Rensin's petition for rehearing entered 11/17/14.
Oral argument before the district court concerning applicability of presumption of reliance held 6/4/15.
Opinion and order ruling that Commission is entitled to presumption of consumer reliance entered 11/6/15.
Final judgment imposing compensatory contempt sanctions entered 4/19/16.
Notice of appeal by Rensin filed 5/18/16.
Appellant's opening brief filed 8/29/16; Commission's answering brief filed 11/28/16; appellant's reply brief filed 12/9/16.
Suggestion of bankruptcy and automatic stay by Rensin filed 2/15/17; Commission's opposition filed 2/16/17; reply filed 2/27/17.
Order rejecting application of automatic bankruptcy stay entered 3/6/17.
Notice of appeal filed 3/7/17.
Motion to stay contempt proceeding pending appeal filed 3/10/17; Commission's opposition filed 3/23/17; reply filed 3/29/17; temporary stay entered 3/27/17; motion for stay granted 5/2/17.
District court order finding defendant Rensin in contempt, but staying order due to appeals court's temporary stay order entered 3/28/17.
Second Circuit opinion affirming district court judgment imposing compensatory contempt sanctions entered 4/12/17.
Notice of appeal of 3/28/17 order filed 5/16/17; order holding appeal in abeyance entered 5/31/17.
Appellant's opening brief (No. 17-669) filed 4/10/17; Commission's answering brief filed 6/9/17; oral argument set for 2/15/18.

FTC v. BOB ROBINSON, LLC, No. 4:17-cv-2411 (S.D. Tex.)

Parties: Bob Robinson, LLC
Mega Export 2005 Inc.
Mega Export USA Inc.
Netcore Solutions, LLC
Bobby J. Robinson

Michael Sirois

Assigned Attorneys: Roberto Anguizola (BCP/MP)
Gregory J. Evans

Nature of Action: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the Business Opportunity Rule in connection with work-at-home opportunities.

Status: Complaint filed 8/7/17.
Ex parte motion for TRO entered 8/8/17.
Final stipulated order settling case entered 12/7/17.

FTC v. BUNZAI MEDIA GROUP, Nos. 2:17-cv-08374, 2:15-cv-04527 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Bunzai Media Group, Inc., d/b/a Aura Vie, Miracle Face Kit, Attitude Cosmetics
Pinnacle Logistics, Inc.
DSA Holdings, Inc.
Lifestyle Media Brands, Inc.
Agoa Holdings, Inc.
Zen Mobile Media, Inc.
Safehaven Ventures, Inc.
Heritage Alliance Group, Inc.
AMD Financial Network, Inc.
SBM Management, Inc.
Media Urge, Inc.
Adageo, LLC
Calenergy, Inc.
Kai Media, Inc.
Insight Media, Inc.
Alon Nottea
Motti Nottea
Doron Nottea
Igor Latsanovski
Oz Mizrahi
Roi Reuveni
Kristopher Bond
Charlene C. Koonce
Focus Media Solutions, Inc.
Secured Commerce, LLC
Secured Merchants, LLC
USM Products, Inc.
Merchant Leverage Group
DMA Media Holdings, Inc.
Shalita Holdings, Inc.
All Star Beauty Products, Inc.

Alan Argaman
Paul Medina
Chargeback Armor, Inc. (relief defendant)

Assigned Attorneys: Reid Tepfer (SWR)
Luis Gallegos
Raymond McKown
Burke Kappler (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act (ROSCA), and the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (EFTA).

Status: Complaint filed 6/15/15.
TRO entered 6/16/15.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to Oz Mizrahi entered 7/23/15.
Preliminary injunction as to Alon Nottea and Roi Reveni entered 7/23/15.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to Doran Nottea and Motti Nottea entered 7/24/15.
Order that TRO will continue as to defendants Calenergy, Inc. and Igor Latsanovski entered 8/6/15.
Default as to Adageo, LLC, Agoa Holdings, Inc, Bunzai Media Group, Inc, also doing business as Aura Vie doing business as Miracle Face Kit doing business as Attitude Cosmetics., DSA Holdings, Inc., Heritage Alliance Group, also doing business as Aura Vie Distribution, Inc, Insight Media, Inc., Kai Media, Inc., Lifestyle Media Brands, Inc, Media Urge, Inc, Safehaven Ventures, Inc, SBM Management, Inc, and Zen Mobile Media, Inc. entered by the clerk 8/13/15.
Preliminary injunction as to defendants Igor Latsanovski and Calenergy, Inc. entered 9/9/15.
Amended complaint filed 10/9/15.
Protective Order entered 2/8/16.
Motion for summary judgment by defendants Igor Latsanovski and Calenergy, Inc. filed 4/18/16.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to Defendants Oz Mizrahi, Motti Nottea, and Paul Median entered 5/17/16.
Commission's motion for partial summary judgment filed 6/6/16.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendant Roi Reuveni entered 7/19/16.
Default judgment and order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to defendants BunZai Media Group, Inc., Pinnacle Logistics, Inc., DSA Holdings, Inc., Lifestyle Media Brands, Inc., Agoa Holdings, Inc., Safehaven Ventures, Inc., Heritage Alliance Group, Inc., SBM Management, Inc., Media Urge, Inc., Kai Media, Inc., Insight Media, Inc., Secured Commerce, LLC,

Secured Commerce, LLC, Shalita Holdings, Inc., USM Products, Inc., All Star Beauty Products, Inc., AMD Financial Network, Inc., DMA Media Holdings, Inc., Focus Media Solutions, Inc., and Merchant Leverage Group, Inc. entered 8/22/16.

Commission's renewed motion for summary judgment as to defendants Alan Argaman and Secured Merchants, LLC filed 9/19/16.

Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary relief as to defendants Adageo, LLC, Calenergy, Inc., Zen Mobile Media, Inc., Alon Nottea, Doron Nottea, and Igor Latsanovski entered 9/26/16.

Clerk's entry of default as to Khristopher Bond entered 1/27/17.

Motion for default judgment as to Khristopher Bond filed 6/14/17.

Default judgement and order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to defendant Kristopher Bond entered 7/27/17.

Notice of bankruptcy petition (No. 1:17-bk-12058) by defendant Secured Merchants, LLC, and automatic stay entered 8/3/17.

Commission's motion for order to determine that automatic bankruptcy stay has no effect on its enforcement action filed 8/28/17; opposition to Commission's motion filed 9/9/17; Commission's reply in support of its motion filed 9/15/17.

Defendant Secured Merchants, LLC's motion in bankruptcy case for sanctions against the Commission for violating the automatic stay filed 9/2/17; Commission's response filed 9/13/17; defendant's reply filed 9/19/17; bankruptcy court's order denying defendant's motion entered 10/2/17.

Notice of appeal to bankruptcy appellate panel (BAP) filed 10/13/17; Commission's statement of election to have defendant's appeal heard by U.S. district court rather than by BAP filed 11/1/17; notice of transfer of appeal to district court (No. 2:17-cv-8374) entered 11/20/2017.

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

Parties:

Consumer Health Benefits Association
Jeffery Burman
Century Senior Services
Guarantee Trust Life Insurance
Richard Holson III
Louis Leo
National Association for Americans
National Benefits Consultants, LLC
National Benefits Solutions, LLC
John Schwartz
Barbara Taube
Rita B. Werner
Ronald K. Werner
Vantage America Solutions
Windi Tow

Assigned Attorneys: Karen A. Dahlberg (NER)

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.
Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 7/23/2013; opposition by John Schwartz and Wendi Tow filed 8/30/13 and 11/7/13; partial oppositions by Rita Brum Werner, Ronald Kent Werner, Jeffrey Burman, Century Senior Services, Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company, Richard Holson, III, Barbara Taube, Vantage America Solutions, Inc. filed 11/6/13; cross-motions for summary judgment by Rita Werner, GTL, Vantage, Century, Rick Holson, Jeff Burman, and Barbara Taube filed 9/4/13, 9/5/13 and 9/6/13.
Order granting motion by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to modify the stipulated order of preliminary injunction entered 12/5/13.

FTC v. CREDIT BUREAU CENTER, LLC, No. 1:17-cv-00194 (N.D. Ill.)

Parties: Credit Bureau Center, LLC, f/k/a MyScore, LLC d/b/a efreescore.com, credit updates.com, and freecreditnation.com
Michael Brown
Danny Pierce
Andrew Lloyd

Assigned Attorneys: Guy Ward (MWR)

Samuel Levine

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with the marketing of credit monitoring services.

Status: Complaint filed 1/10/17.
Ex parte TRO entered 1/11/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Danny Pierce and Andrew Lloyd entered 2/8/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Michael Brown and Credit Bureau Center entered 2/21/17.
Order finding defendant Michael Brown in civil contempt entered 6/28/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendants Danny Pierce and Andrew Lloyd entered 10/26/17.
Trial set for 7/16/18.

FTC v. CROFT, No. 9:17-cv-80425 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: Daniel L. Croft d/b/a PC Guru Tech Support, Elite Tech Support

Assigned Attorneys: Claire Wack (SER)
Christine Todaro

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and Section 7(A) of the CAN-SPAM Act in connection with the marketing, advertising, promotion, and sale of technical support services.

Status: Complaint filed 4/3/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 4/10/17.
Default judgment entered 7/20/17.

FTC v. D & S MARKETING SOLUTIONS, INC., No. 8:16-cv-01435 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: D & S Marketing Solutions, Inc. d/b/a US Corporate Compliance Office d/b/a Office of Compliance and Safety Standards d/b/a Occupational Safety and Compliance Administration
Sean K. Juhl

Assigned Attorneys: Barbara Bolton (SER)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with the operation of a telemarketing scheme that deceived owners of newly-opened businesses into spending money on government regulation posters that could be obtained for free.

Status: Complaint filed 6/6/16.
Ex parte TRO with asset freeze, appointment of a receiver, and other equitable relief entered 6/8/16.
Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 6/20/16.
Amended stipulated preliminary injunction entered 9/9/16.
Joint motion to stay proceedings pending Commission approval of settlement filed 5/23/17.
Order dismissing case without prejudice entered 5/25/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment entered 7/10/17.

FTC v. DAMIAN KUTZNER, No. 17-56455, No. 17-56476 (9th Cir.); No. 8:16-cv-00999 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Damian Kutzner
Vito Torchia, Jr.
Jonathan Tarkowski
R. Geoffrey Broderick
Charles T. Marshall
Brookstone Law P.C. d/b/a Brookstone Law Group (California)
Brookstone Law P.C. d/b/a Brookstone Law Group (Nevada)
Advantis Law P.C.
Advantis Law Group P.C.
Jeremy Foti

Assigned Attorneys: Benjamin Theisman (BCP/ENF)
Gregory Madden
Thomas Syta (WRLA)
Michael Bergman (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Mortgage Relief Services Rule in connection with the marketing of mortgage assistance relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 5/31/16.
Ex parte TRO with asset freeze, appointment of receiver, limited expedited discovery, and other equitable relief entered 6/1/16.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to Vito Torchia Jr. entered 6/24/16.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to Damian Kutzner, Charles Marshall, Jonathan Tarkowksi, Advanits Law P.C. and Advantis Law Group P.C. entered 6/24/16.
Preliminary injunction as to Geoffrey Broderick, Brookstone Law P.C. (California and Nevada) entered 6/27/16.
Amended complaint filed 7/6/16.

Preliminary injunction as to Jeremy Foti entered 8/25/16.
Clerk's entry of default as to Brookstone Law (California), Brookstone Law PC (Nevada), Advantis Law, Advantis Law Group entered 9/8/16.
TRO with appointment of temporary receiver entered 10/19/16.
Preliminary injunction with appointment of receiver as to Jeremy Foti entered 11/15/16.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to Jonathan Tarkowski entered 1/6/17.
Order dismissing Damian Kutzner entered 2/1/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to Vito Torchia entered 2/15/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to R. Geoffrey Broderick entered 4/14/17.
Order granting Commssion's motion for default judgment against defendants Brookstone Law P.C. (California), Brookstone Law P.C. (Nevada), Advantis Law P.C., and Advantis Law Group P.C. entered 8/28/17.
Order granting Commission's motion for summary judgment as to defendants Jeremy Foti and Charles T. Marshall entered 9/5/17.
Final judgment and order for permanent injunction as to defendants Brookstone Law P.C. (California), Brookstone Law P.C. (Nevada), Advantis Law P.C., and Advantis Law Group P.C.entered entered 9/8/17.
Final judgment and order for permanent injunction as to defendants Jeremy Foti and Charles T. Marshall entered 9/21/17.
Defendant Jeremy Foti's notice of appeal filed 9/25/17; amended notice of appeal filed 12/19/17.
Defendant Charles T. Marshall's notice of appeal filed 9/28/17.
Appellants' opening briefs due 4/9/18; Commission's answering brief due 5/9/18.

FTC v. DAYTON FAMILY PRODUCTIONS, INC., Nos. 13-17448, 16-15859 (9th Cir.); No. 2:97-cv-00750 (D. Nev.)

Parties: Glen E. Burke d/b/a American Health Associates, LLC

Assigned Attorneys: Reenah L. Kim (BCP/ENF)
Sarah Waldrop
Joel Marcus-Kurn (OGC)
Imad Abyad

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of a 1998 order for permanent injunction in connection with telemarketing, by misrepresenting to consumers that they have won a valuable prize and requiring payment in order to retrieve the alleged prize.

Status: Complaint filed 6/20/97.
Permanent injunction entered 10/1/98.
Motion for contempt and stipulated preliminary injunction filed 1/28/13.
Order granting preliminary injunction entered 3/5/13.
Hearing held 9/5/13.
Order finding civil contempt liability entered 9/27/13.
Notice of appeal filed 11/26/13.
Commission's motion in district court for an indicative ruling and to clarify judgment filed 2/10/14.
Commission's motion in court of appeals to suspend briefing schedule and stay proceeding filed 2/11/14; order by court of appeals staying case entered 2/14/14.
Commission's motion in court of appeals for remand filed 3/4/14; order remanding case entered 3/14/14.
Order by district court reaffirming its 9/27/13 order of contempt entered 7/28/14.
Appellant's opening brief filed 10/23/14; Commission's answering brief filed 12/24/14; appellant's reply brief filed 12/31/14.
Judgment reversed by memorandum disposition entered 6/11/15.
Amended clerk's judgment against the defendant entered 8/18/15.
Order finding defendant in contempt of order and to pay contempt sanctions entered 3/16/16.
Notice of appeal filed 5/11/16.
Appellant's opening brief filed 9/16/16; Commission's answering brief filed 12/1/16; appellant's reply brief filed 12/14/16.
Oral argument held 10/13/17.
Opinion affirming the district court decision entered 10/20/17.

FTC v. DIRECTV, INC., No. 3:15-cv-01129 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: DirecTV, Inc.
DirecTV, LLC

Assigned Attorneys: Eric D. Edmondson (WRSF)
Boris Yankilovich
Erika R. Wodinsky
Jacob A. Snow
Raymond E. McKown (WRLA)
Stacy R. Procter
Kenneth Abbe
Faye Chen Barnouw

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violations of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and Section 4 of the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act in

connection with the marketing of multi-channel video programming subscription service.

Status: Complaint filed 3/11/15.
Motion for partial summary judgment by DirecTV filed 10/13/15; Commission's response filed 11/24/15; DirecTV's reply filed 1/25/16.
Oral argument on defendants' partial motion for summary judgment held 3/4/16.
Commission's motion for partial summary judgment filed 9/22/16; order granting in part and denying in part partial motion for summary judgment entered 11/26/16.
Defendants' motion to dismiss, and alternatively, for partial summary judgment filed 12/01/16; Commission's response filed 12/26/16; motion denied 12/27/16.
Trial conducted 8/14/17-8/29/17.
Defendants DIRECTV and DIRECTV, LLC's motion for judgment pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 52(c) filed 9/11/17.

FTC v. DISCOUNTMETALBROKERS, INC., No. 2:16-cv-2112 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: DiscountMetalBrokers, Inc. f/k/a Discount Gold Brokers, Inc., Discount Discount Metal Brokers, Inc. d/b/a Discount Gold Brokers, North American Discount Gold.com
Donald Lee Dayer d/b/a Lee Dayer
Katherina Dayer
Michael Berman

Assigned Attorneys: Megan A. Bartley (BCP/ENF)
Elizabeth J. Averill
Maricela Segura (WRLA)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Merchandise Rule in connection with the advertisement and sale of gold and silver.

Status: Complaint filed 3/29/16.
Amended complaint filed 10/27/16.
Clerk's entry of default as to defendants Discountmetalbrokers and Michael Berman entered 1/17/17.
Motion for summary judgment as to defendants Donald Lee Dayer and Katherina Dayer filed 5/25/17; order granting motion entered 10/4/17.
Motion for default judgment against defendants Michael Berman and DiscountMetalBrokers, Inc. filed 5/26/17; order granting motion entered 10/13/17.

Final judgment and order for injunctive and other relief entered 10/23/17.

FTC v. D-LINK SYSTEMS, INC., No. 3:17-cv-00039 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: D-Link Systems, Inc.
D-Link Corporation

Assigned Attorneys: Laura Berger (BCP/DPIP)
Kevin Moriarty
Shameka Walker

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with the design, marketing, and sale of routers and internet protocol cameras.

Status: Complaint filed 1/5/17.
Motion to dismiss filed 1/31/17; Commission's opposition filed 2/14/17; reply filed 2/14/17; order granting in part and denying in part entered 9/19/17.
D-Link Corporation's motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction filed 4/3/17; Commission's opposition filed 4/17/17; reply filed 4/24.
Stipulated order dismissing D-Link Corporation without prejudice entered 5/15/17.

FTC v. DOTAUTHORITY.COM, INC., No. 0:16-cv-62186 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: DOTAuthority.com, Inc. d/b/a On-line Registration
DOTFilings.com, Inc.
Excelsior Enterprises International, Inc. d/b/a DOTFilings.com, UCR Registration, UCR Filings, James P. Lamb & Associates
JPL Enterprises International, Inc. d/b/a DOTAuthority.com, DOTFilings.com, On-line Registration, Registration Services Online, James P. Lamb & Associates
James P. Lamb
Uliana Bogash a/k/a Juliana Bogash, Yuliana Bogash, Yana Bogash, Uliana Vogash

Assigned Attorneys: Collot Guerard (BCP/MP)
Connell McNulty
Melissa Dickey
Emily Wu
Karen Hobbs

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and Section 4 of the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act in connection with the use of deceptive marketing methods and sales tactics to trick

consumers into paying Defendants for so-called registration services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/13/16.
Ex parte TRO entered 9/19/16.
Preliminary injunction hearing held 9/19/16.
Preliminary injunction entered 9/29/16.

FTC V. ELEC. PAYMENT SOLUTIONS OF AM. INC., No. 2:17-cv-02535 (D. Ariz)

Parties: Electronic Payment Solutions of America Inc.
Electronic Payment Services Inc.
Kma Merchant Services LLC
Dynasty Merchants LLC
Jay Wigdore
Michael Abelmesseh aka Michael Stewart
Nikolas Mihilli
Electronic Payment Systems LLC
Electronic Payment Transfer LLC
John Dorsey
Thomas Mccann
Michael Peterson

Assigned Attorneys: Bikram Bandy (BCP/MP)
Karen Hobbs
Michelle Chua

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with telemarketing scheme that told consumers they could earn thousands of dollars by lending money to small businesses.

Status: Complaint filed 7/28/17.
Defendants Electronic Payment Systems, LLC and Electronic Payment Transfer, LLC's answer with crossclaims against Michael Abelmesseh, Dynasty Merchants LLC, Electronic Payment Solutions of America Incorporated, KMA Merchant Services LLC, Nikolas Mihilli, Jay Wigdore filed 9/29/17.
Joint motion to stay the Commission's claims against defendants KMA Merchants LLC and Michael Abdelmesseh filed 11/30/17; response in opposition of joint motion to stay by defendants Electronic Payment Systems LLC, Electronic Payment Transfer LLC filed 12/4/17; joinder in opposition motion by defendants John Dorsey, Thomas McCann, and Michael Peterson filed 12/7/17.

FTC v. EMERICA MEDIA CORPORATION, No. 16-35719 (9th Cir.); Nos. 9:15-cv-57; 9:13-cv-00003 (D. Mont.)

Parties: Emerica Media Corporation
Global Voice Mail, Ltd.
Network Assurance, Inc.
Techmax Solutions, Inc.
Voice Mail Professionals, Inc.
Steven V. Sann
Terry D. Lane, a/k/a Terry D. Sann
Nathan M. Sann
Robert M. Braach
Bibliologic, Ltd. (relief defendant)
American eVoice, Ltd.
FoneRight, Inc.
HearYou2, Inc.
SecuraDat, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Richard McKewen (NWR)
Michael Mora (BC/ENF)
Brad Grossman (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 in connection with recurring charges on consumers' monthly telephone bills for telecommunications services that consumers neither requested nor authorized.

Status: Complaint filed 1/8/13.
Stipulated preliminary injunctions as to all defendants entered 5/8/13.
Order staying the case until at least 7/8/13, pending developments in a parallel criminal investigation entered 5/9/13.
Order staying the case pending the resolution of a parallel criminal prosecution entered 9/24/13.
Stipulated permanent injunction order and monetary relief as to defendant Nathan M. Sann entered 11/25/14.
Notice of appeal by Steven Vincent Sann from bankruptcy court order converting case from chapter 11 to chapter 7 proceeding filed 5/13/15.
Appellants' brief filed 7/13/15; Commission's response brief filed 9/2/15; appellants' reply brief filed 10/13/15.
Steven Sann sentenced to 24 months in prison 7/17/2015.
Order granting the Commission's motion to modify the asset freeze and motion to lift the stay entered 8/20/15.
Stipulated permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to relief defendant Bibliologic entered 3/31/16.
Order approving and enforcing stipulated permanent injunction and

monetary judgment as to relief defendant Bibliologic entered 8/9/16.
Notice of appeal by Steven Sann filed 9/6/16.
Motion for summary judgment as to defendants Steven Sann, Terry Lane, American eVoice, Emerica, FoneRight, Global Voice Mail, HearYou2, Network Assurance, SecuratDat, Techmax Solutions, and Voice Mail Professionals filed 11/18/16; motion granted 3/14/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendant Robert Braach entered 1/30/17.
Appellant's opening brief filed 3/16/17.
Order granting in part Commission's unopposed motion to stay appellate proceedings pending settlement entered 4/27/17.
Stipulated orders for permanent injunctions and monetary judgments as to defendants Steven Sann, Terry Lane, and the corporate defendants entered 6/28/17.
Order dismissing defendant Steven Sann's appeal to the Ninth Circuit entered 7/17/17.
Order closing the district court case entered 8/17/17.

FTC v. EWING, No. 2:14-cv-0683 (D. Nev.)

Parties: Crystal Ewing
Classic Productions, LLC
Health Nutrition Products, LLC d/b/a W8-B-Gone, Quick & Easy
Howard Raff, a/k/a Howard Bruce
David Raff
Omni Processing Center
MBE Management, LLC
Shirley Murphy
Ronald Boyde
Global Access Management Systems, Inc.
Ricki Black

Assigned Attorneys: Alejandro Rosenberg (BCP/ENF)
Elsie B. Kappler
Korin Ewing Felix

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Sections 5(a) and 12 of the FTC act in connection with the advertising, marketing and sale of purported weight loss pills.

Status: Complaint filed 5/1/14.
Default judgment as to defendants Ricki Black and Global Access Management Systems, Inc. entered 6/23/14; defendants' motion to

set aside entry of default judgment filed 6/26/14; Commission's stipulation of no opposition to Ricki Blacki only filed 7/8/14; stipulated summary judgment as to Ricki Black entered 7/22/15.
Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 7/1/15.
Default judgment as to Omni Processing Center and MBE Management, LLC entered 7/18/14.
Responses to Commission's motion for summary judgement filed 7/23/15; Commission's reply filed 8/10/15.
Stipulated consent judgments as to Crystal Ewing, Classic Productions LLC, and Ricki Black filed 11/2/15.
Stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction as to Crystal Ewing and Classic Productions entered 3/16/16.
Stipulated final judgment and order for permanent injunction as to Ricki Black entered 3/17/16.
Order granting Commission's motion for summary judgment entered 3/30/16.
Final judgment with permanent injunction and equitable monetary relief entered 10/17/17.

FTC v. FEDERAL CHECK PROCESSING, INC., Nos. 16-3805, 16-3811 (2nd Cir.); No. 1:14-cv-0122 (W.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Federal Check Processing, Inc.
Federal Recoveries, LLC
Federal Processing Services, Inc.
Federal Processing, Inc.
United Check Processing , Inc.
Central Check Processing, Inc.
Central Processing Services, Inc.
Nationwide Check Processing, Inc.
American Check Processing, Inc.
State Check Processing, Inc.
Check Processing, Inc.
US Check Processing, Inc.
Flowing Streams, F.S., Inc.
Mark Briandi
William Moses
Empowered Racing, LLC, Relief Defendant

Assigned Attorneys: Katherine M. Worthman (BCP/FP)
Colin A. Hector
Michele Arington (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in connection with debt collection operation.

Status: Complaint filed 2/24/14.
Ex parte TRO entered 3/24/14.
Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 3/25/14.
Motion for summary judgment by Commission filed 8/27/15; opposition by William Moses filed 11/4/15; opposition by Mark Briandi filed 12/3/15; Commission's reply filed 1/12/16.
Order granting Commission's motion for summary judgment entered 8/12/16.
Judgment and permanent injunction entered 10/13/16.
Notices of appeal filed 11/8/16.
Briandi's opening brief filed 5/24/17; Commission's brief filed 8/23/17.

FTC v. G2 CONSULTING LLC, No. 2:17-cv-02791 (D. Ariz.)

Parties: G2 Consulting LLC
Chad Gettel aka Chad Warner

Assigned Attorneys: Hong Park (BCP/ENF)

Nature of Action: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the arranging of fraudulent merchant bank accounts to process consumer credit card transactions.

Status: Complaint filed 8/18/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment entered 8/31/2017.

FTC v. GERBER PRODUCTS, CO., No. 2:14-cv-06771 (D. N.J.)

Parties: Gerber Products Co., d/b/a Nestle Nutrition, d/b/a Nestle Infant Nutrition, d/b/a Nestle Nutrition North America

Assigned Attorneys: Victor V. DeFrancis (BCP/AP)
Michelle K. Rusk
Ella Krainsky
Andrew David Wone

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Sections 5(a) and 12 of the FTC Act in connection with the marketing of an infant formula purporting to prevent allergies.

Status: Complaint filed 10/29/14.
Case stayed until 2/25/16.
Order extending stay of case entered 3/1/16.
Fact discovery closes 1/12/18.

FTC v. GLOBAL ACCESS TECHNICAL SUPPORT, No. 4:16-cv-1556 (E.D. Mo.)

Parties:	Global Access Technical Support, LLC d/b/a Global S Connect, Yubdata Tech, Technolive Global SMind, LLC d/b/a Global S Connect Source Pundit LLC d/b/a OneSource Tech Support Helios Digital Media LLC VGlobal Ites Private Limited Digicare Desk LLC Rajiv Chhatwal Rupinder Kaur Neeraj Dubey Harinder Singh
Assigned Attorneys:	Elizabeth Scott (MWR) Samantha Gordon
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with a telemarketing scheme that deceives consumers into purchasing unnecessary technical support or computer security services.
Status:	Complaint filed 10/3/16. Ex parte TRO entered 10/4/16. Order extending ex parte TRO with asset freeze, appointment of a receiver and other equitable relief as to defendants Global SMind, Neeraj Dubey, and VGlobal Ites Private Limited entered 10/14/16. Preliminary injunction as to defendants Neeraj Dubey, Global SMind, and VGlobal Ites Private Limited entered 10/28/16. Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Rupinder Kaur, Rajiv Chhatwal, Global Access Technical Support, Source Pundit, and Helios Digital Media entered 11/15/16. Amended complaint filed 12/20/16. Stipulated permanent injunction as to defendants Rupinder Kaur and Harinder Singh entered 6/2/17. Stipulated permanent injunction as to defendants Rajiv Chhatwal, Global Access Technical Support, Source Pundit, Helios Digital Media, and Digicare Desk entered 6/6/17. Clerk's entry of default as to defendant Global SMind entered 6/7/17. Motion for clerk's entry of default as to defendants Neeraj Dubey and VGlobal Ites Private Limited filed 6/30/17. Default judgment and permanent injunction as to defendants Global SMind, LLC, Neeraj Dubey, and VGlobal ITES Private Limited entered 7/27/17.

FTC v. GLOBAL PROCESSING SOLUTIONS, LLC, No. 1:17-cv-4192 (N.D. Ga.)

Parties: Global Processing Solutions, LLC
Intrinsic Solutions, LLC
North Center Collections, Inc.
Diverse Financial Enterprises, Inc.
American Credit Adjuster, LLC
Advanced Mediation Group, LLC
Apex National Services, LLC
Capital Security Investments, LLC
Mitchell & Maxwell, LLC
Mirage Distribution, LLC
Lamar Snow
Glentis Wallace aka Glen Wallace
Jahaan McDuffie

Assigned Attorneys: Colin Hector (BCP/FP)
Patrick Roy

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in connection with the collection of consumer debt.

Status: Complaint filed 10/23/17.
Ex Parte TRO entered 10/23/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Global Processing Solutions, LLC, Intrinsic Solutions, LLC, North Center Collections, Inc., Capital Security Investments, LLC, Diverse Financial Enterprises, Inc., LLC, Lamar Snow, Jahaan McDuffie, and Glentis Wallace entered 11/15/17.
Unopposed preliminary injunction as to defendants American Credit Adjusters, LLC, Advanced Mediation Group, LLC, Apex National Services, LLC, Mitchell & MaxweU, LLC, and Mirage Distribution, LLC entered 11/17/17.

FTC v. HARDCO HOLDING GROUP LLC, No. 6:17-cv-01257-RBD-TBS (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Hardco Holding Group LLC
S & H Financial Group, Inc.
Daryl M. Hall
Dequan M. Sicard

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

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in connection with misleading and abusive debt collection practices.

Status:
- Complaint filed 07/10/17.
- TRO entered 07/17/17.
- Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Hardco Holding Group LLC. S&H Financial Group Inc., and Daryl Hall entered 7/25/17.
- Preliminary injunction against defendant Dequan Sicard entered 07/25/17.
- Commission motion for the clerk to enter default against Dequan Sicard filed 10/05/17; order granting motion for entered 10/05/17; clerk's entry of default entered 10/06/17.
- Joint motion to stay the case for 120 days to consider settlement as to defendants Hardco Holding Group LLC, S&H Financial Group Inc., and Daryl Hall filed 10/16/17; order granting in part motion and dismissing with prejudice entered 11/16/17.
- Motion to enter final order for permanent injunction and settlement of claims as to defendants Hardco Holding Group LLC, S&H Financial Group Inc, and Daryl Hall filed 11/29/17; order granting motion entered 12/05/17.
- Motion for default judgment against defendant Dequan Sicard filed 11/22/17; order denying without prejudice motion entered 12/07/17; second motion default judgment filed 12/07/17; magistrate judge's report and recommendation that motion be granted entered 12/08/17.
- Motion for relief from judgment and order for permanent injunction by defendant Dequan M. Sicard filed 12/26/17.

FTC v. HEALTH RESEARCH LABORATORIES LLC, No. 2:17-cv-467 (D. Me.)

Parties: Health Research Laboratories LLC
Kramer Duhon

Assigned Attorneys: Elizabeth K. Nach (BCP/AP)
James A. Prunty

Nature of Action: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Sections 5(a) and 12 of the FTC Act, the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule, and the Electronic Fund Transfer Act and its implementing regulation in connection with the marketing and sale of products that purported to cause weight loss; and treat arthritis, joint and back pain, and memory loss.

Status:
- Complaint filed 11/30/17.
- Joint motion for entry of stipulated final judgment and order permanent injunction and other equitable relief filed 11/30/17.

FTC v. HIGHER GOALS MARKETING LLC, No. 6:17-cv-2048 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties:	Higher Goals Marketing LLC Sunshine Freedom Services LLC Brandun L Anderson Lea A. Brownell Melissa M. Deese Gerald D. Starr, Jr. Travis L. Teel Wayne T. Norris
Assigned Attorneys:	Tejasvi Srimushnam (BCP/MP) Joshua A. Doan Rhonda Perkins
Nature of Action:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the sale of interest-rate-reduction services to consumers struggling with credit card debt.
Status:	Complaint filed 11/29/17. Stipulated preliminary injunctions against all defendants and order appointing receiver entered 12/28/17.

FTC v. HORNBEAM SPECIAL SITUATIONS, LLC, No. 1:17-cv-3094 (N.D. Ga.)

Parties:	Hornbeam Special Situations, LLC Cardinal Points Holdings, LLC Cardinal Points Management, LLC d/b/a Clear Compass Digital Group Gyroscope Management Holdings, LLC EDebitPay, LLC Platinum Online Group, LLC d/b/a Premier Membership Clubs Clickxchange Media, LLC iStream Financial Services, Inc. Jerry L. Robinson Earl G. Robinson James McCarter Keith Merrill Mark Ward Dale Paul Cleveland William R. Wilson Kris Axberg Richard Joachim Chet Andrews Patricia Brandmeier Robinson [executor of estate of Jerry L. Robinson]

Assigned Attorneys: R. Michael Waller (BCP/ENF)
Korin Felix
Elizabeth J. Averill
Omolara Joseney
Reenah L. Kim
Hong Park

Nature of Action: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, Section 4 of Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act, and the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing of various products or services, including memberships in online discount clubs, to consumers seeking payday, cash advance, or other subprime loans.

Status: Complaint filed 8/15/17.
Consent motion to stay case for 90 days as to defendant Keith Merrill filed 10/6/17; order granting stay entered 10/11/17.
Consent motion to stay case and suspend filing obligations upon the death of defendant Jerry L. Robinson filed 11/15/17; order granting consent motion entered 11/21/17.

FTC v. INNOVATIVE DESIGNS, INC., No. 2:16-cv-1669 (W.D. Pa.)

Parties: Innovative Designs, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Alejandro Rosenberg (BCP/ENF)
Omolara Bewaji Joseney

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with the advertising of Insultex House Wrap.

Status: Complaint filed 11/3/16.

FTC v. INTERNET TEACHING & TRAINING SPECIALISTS, LLC, No. 2:17-cv-3047 (D. Nev.)

Parties: Internet Teaching And Training Specialists, LLC d/b/a ITT Specialists
Victoria A. Hansen
David R. Coffin, Jr.
Devan W. Leonard aka Devin Leonard

Assigned Attorneys: Darren H. Lubetzky (NER)
Savvas S. Diacosavvas
Karen Dahlberg O'Connell
Christopher Y. Miller

Nature of Action: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the sale and use of a business-coaching program.

Status: Complaint filed 12/12/17.
Motion for entry of proposed stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment filed 12/12/17.

FTC v. JEREMY JOHNSON, Nos. 11-17265, 11-17267, 12-15778, 12-16213, 13-15768, 13-15778, 13-15822 (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.	Bolt Marketing, Inc.
Bottom Dollar, Inc.	Bumble Marketing, 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.	JRB Media, Inc.
Jet Processing, Inc.	Andy Johnson
Loyd Johnston	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.	Rebate Deals, Inc.
Revive Marketing, 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)
Robert Anguizola
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 (Appeal No. 11-17265) filed 9/22/11; dismissed 6/27/12.
Notice of interlocutory appeal by defendants Duane Fielding, Anthon Holdings Corp., and Network Agenda, LLC (Appeal No. 11-17265) filed 9/23/11; dismissed on appellant's motion 11/17/11.
Notice of appeal of order granting first omnibus motion for sale (Appeal No. 12-15778) filed 4/6/12; appellant's opening brief due but not filed 7/16/12; dismissed by 9th Cir. 11/5/12.
Notice of appeal of order granting receiver's motion for fees (Appeal No. 12-16213) filed 5/21/12; appellant's opening brief due but not filed 9/7/12.
Appeal dismissed for failure to prosecute 12/20/12.
Notices of appeal of order clarifying preliminary injunction (Nos. 13-15768 and 13-15778) filed 4/18/13 and 4/19/13; appeals consolidated and appellants' opening brief filed 5/17/13; Commission's responsive brief filed 6/28/13; reply brief filed 7/15/13.
Notice of appeal (No. 13-15822) filed 4/24/13; appellants' opening brief filed 6/26/13; Commission's answering brief filed 8/7/13.
Motion for summary judgment against all liability and relief defendants filed 11/26/13.
Motion for partial summary judgment by relief defendants filed 11/29/13.
Voluntary dismissal of appeal 13-15822 entered 1/21/14.
Oral argument in appeals 13-15768 and 13-15778 held 2/3/14.
Stipulated final order for permanent injunction against defendants Big Bucks Pro, Inc., Blue Net Progress, Inc., Bolt Marketing, Inc., Business Loan Success, Inc., CS Processing, Inc., GGL Rewards, Inc., Highlighting Marketing, Inc., Mist Marketing, Inc., Net Discounts, Inc., Optimum Assistance, Inc., Razor Processing, Inc., Simcor Marketing, Inc., and Scott Muir entered 4/7/14.
Decision by the Ninth Circuit affirming the district court's ruling that certain assets nominally owned by nonparties are subject to the preliminary injunction and asset freeze entered 4/8/14.

Order granting in part and denying in part Commission's motion for summary judgment entered 3/31/15.
Brief by the Commission regarding revised consumer injury amount filed 6/22/15; answering brief filed 7/22/15.
Order denying defendant Johnson's ex parte motion to set aside preliminary order entered 7/8/15.
Motion for relief from preliminary injunction filed by defendant Jeremy Johnson 8/4/15; response filed 8/21/15; response by receiver filed 9/4/15; reply to response filed 9/29/15.
Stipulated final order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment to defendant Lloyd Johnston entered 2/23/16.
Order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to Ryan Riddle entered 7/22/16.
Stipulated final order for disgorgement as to Kerry Johnson, Barbara Johnson, KB Family Limited Partnership, and KV Electric Inc. entered 8/25/16.
Stipulated final order for disgorgement as to Sharla Johnson, Zippy LLC, Zippy Flight Service LLC, and Orange Cat Investments LLC entered 8/25/16.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to Jeremy Johnson, Blue Streak Processing, Inc., Business First, Inc., Cloud Nine Marketing Inc., Cold Bay Media, Inc., CPA Upsell, Inc., Diamond J Media, Inc., Ebusiness First, Inc., Ebusiness Success, Inc., Ecom Success, Inc., Elite Debit, Inc., Funding Success, Inc., Hooper Processing, Inc., IWorks, Inc., Internet Economy, Inc., Net Commerce, Inc., Premier Performance, Inc., Pro Internet Services, Inc., Revive Marketing, Inc., Success Marketing, Inc., Summit Processing, Inc., Tranfirst, Inc., Tran Voyage, Inc., and Unlimited Processing entered 8/26/16.
Trial as to defendants Terrison Spinks and Jet Processing held 10/25/16-10/29/16.
Amended findings of fact and conclusions of law by court filed 8/18/17.
Judgment and permanent injunction against defendants Terrison Spinks and Jet Processing entered 8/24/17.

FTC v. J. WILLIAM ENTERPRISES, LLC, No. 6:16-cv-2123 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties:	J. William Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Pro Timeshare Resales Pro Timeshare Resales of Flagler Beach, LLC Jess Kinmont John Wenz, Jr.
Assigned Attorneys:	Gideon Sinasohn (SER) Harold Kirtz
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and

the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing of timeshare resale or rental services.

Status: Complaint filed 12/12/16.
Ex parte TRO with injunction, asset freeze, appointment of receiver, and other equitable relief entered 12/13/16.
Stipulated preliminary injunction with asset freeze, appointment of receiver, and other equitable relief entered 12/27/16.
Clerk's entry of default as to defendant Pro Timeshare Resales of Flagler Beach LLC entered 3/9/17.
Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 8/2/17; order granting in part and denying in part motion entered 11/7/17.
Trial set for 5/15/18.

FTC v. LANIER LAW, LLC, Nos. 16-16525, 16-16524, 15-11263 (11th Cir.); No. 3:14-cv-786 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Lanier Law, LLC d/b/a Redstone Law Group d/b/a The Law Offices of Michael W. Lanier
Fortress Law Group, LLC
Redstone Law Group
Surety Law Group, LLC
Fortress Law Group, PC
Liberty & Trust Law Group of Florida, LLC
Michael W. Lanier
Rogelio Robles a/k/a Roger Robles
Edward William Rennick, III

Assigned Attorneys: Harold E. Kirtz (SER)
Gideon Sinasohn
Anna Burns

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of mortgage assistance relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 7/8/14.
Ex parte TRO entered 7/11/14.
Preliminary injunction with asset freeze entered as to all defendants 8/1/14.
Motion to dismiss complaint entered 8/26/14; opposition to motion filed 9/4/14.
Amended complaint filed 12/22/14.
Motion to dismiss amended complaint filed 1/13/15; Commission's opposition filed 1/30/15.

Order granting preliminary injunction, as to defendants Fortress Law Group, Redstone Law Group, Rogelio Robles, and Edward William Rennick, III entered 2/6/15.
Notices of appeal of Rogelio Robles and Edward Rennick filed 3/20/15 and 3/23/15.
Order dismissing appeal as to defendant Rogelio Robles entered 6/2/15.
Order denying motion to dismiss entered 7/28/15.
Counterclaim by Liberty & Trust Law Group of Florida, LLC, Lanier Law, LLC, and Michael W. Lanier filed 8/19/15.; Commission's opposition filed 10/29/15.
Motion to vacate TRO filed by defendant Michael W. Lanier 8/25/15; Commission's opposition filed 9/10/15.
Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 12/29/15; defendant Lanier's opposition filed 1/20/16; Lanier's supplemental opposition filed 3/10/16; Commission's reply filed 3/29/16.
Motion for partial summary judgment by defendant Lanier and three related corporate defendants filed 12/30/15; Commission's opposition filed 1/27/16; reply by defendant Lanier and three related corporate defendants filed 2/2/16.
Final order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to Lanier Law, LLC, Fortress Law Group, LLC, Liberty & Trust Law Group, Fortress Law Group, PC, Michael Lanier, and Rogelio Robles entered 8/12/16.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to Surety Law Group LLP, Redstone Law Group, LLC, and Edward William Rennick III entered 8/12/16.
Notice of appeal by Lanier Defendants filed 10/10/16.
Amended notice of appeal by Michael W. Lanier filed 11/29/16.
Appellant's opening brief filed 1/18/17; Commission's answering brief filed 6/13/17; Appellant's reply brief filed 6/26/17.
11th Circuit order directing parties to address whether it has appellate jurisdiction in light of Lanier's untimely notice of appeal on his own behalf filed 1/18/17; Commission's response urging court to dismiss case for lack of jurisdiction filed 2/1/17; 11th Circuit order deferring jurisdictional question to merits stage of appeal and restarting briefing schedule entered 4/27/17.
Order deferring jurisdictional question to the merits stage and restarting briefing schedule entered 4/27/17.
Commission's brief filed 6/13/17; appellant's reply brief filed 6/26/17.
Opinion affirming summary judgment against Michael W. Lanier entered 11/2/17.

FTC v. LIFE MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC., No. 6:16-cv-00982 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Life Management Services of Orange County, Inc.

Loyal Financial and Credit Services LLC d/b/a FOC Credit and Reward Services
IVD Recovery LLC
KWP Services LLC
KWP Services of Florida LLC
LPSOFFLA LLC
LPSOFFLORIDA LLC
PW&F Consultants of Florida LLC
UAD Secure Services LLC
UAD Secure Service of Florida LLC
URB Management LLC
YCC Solutions LLC
YFP Solutions LLC
Kevin Guice
Chase Jackowski
Linda McNealy
Clarence Wahl a/k/a Harry Wahl
Karen Wahl
Robert Guice
Timothy Woods
State of Florida (Plaintiff)

Assigned Attorneys: Tejasvi Srimushnam (BCP/MP)
Joshua Doan

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act in connection with the sale of debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 6/7/16.
Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 6/30/16.
Motion for summary judgment as to defendant Robert Guice filed 5/1/17; opposition filed 5/30/17; Commission's reply filed 6/14/17.
Notice of stipulated proposed settlements of claims against all defendants except Kevin Guice filed 9/1/17.

FTC v. LIFEWATCH, No. 16-2310 (7th Cir.); No. 1:15-cv-05781 (N.D. Ill.)

Parties: Lifewatch Inc. d/b/a Lifewatch USA and Medical Alarm Systems
Evan Sirlin
Safe Home Security, Inc.
Medguard Alert, Inc.
Michael May
David Roman

Assigned Attorneys: David O'Toole (MWR)

Marissa Reich
Roberto Menjivar

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive and unfair acts and practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, the Telemarketing Act, and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with robocalls that pitched seniors "free" medical alert systems.

Status: Complaint filed 6/30/15.
Motion for preliminary injunction filed 7/6/15.
Preliminary injunction hearing held 12/14/15.
Preliminary injunction entered 3/31/16.
Notice of appeal filed 5/31/16.
Amended complaint filed 7/14/16.
Order suspending appeal pending court-ordered mediation entered 7/26/16.
Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 12/27/17.
Defendants David Roman, Safe Home Security, Inc. and Medguard Alert, Inc.'s motion for summary judgment filed 12/27/17.
Defendant Mitchel May's motion for summary judgment filed 12/27/17.

FTC v. LOMBARDO, DANIELS & MOSS, LLC, No. 3:17-cv-00503 (W.D.N.C.)

Parties: Lombardo, Daniels & Moss, LLC
Dion Barron d/b/a Barron, Gibson & Phillips d/b/a Murray, Glover & Sellers d/b/a
Cohen, Daniels & Moss d/b/a Lombardo, Daniels & Moss
Charles R. Montgomery, III d/b/a Lombardo, Daniels & Moss d/b/a Montgomery, Hunter & Associates d/b/a Lombardo Group

Assigned Attorneys: Gregory Ashe (BCP/FP)
Daniel Dwyer

Nature of Action: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in connection with deceptive and abusive debt collection practices.

Status: Complaint filed 8/21/17.
TRO entered 8/25/17.
Stipulated order for preliminary injunction as to Lombardo, Daniels & Moss, LLC and Charles R. Montgomery, III entered 9/1/17.
Preliminary injunction as to Dion Barron entered 9/1/17.

FTC v. M & T FINANCIAL GROUP, No. 2:17-cv-6855 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: M & T Financial Group d/b/a StuDebt, Student Debt Relief Group, SDRG, Student Loan Relief Counselors, SLRC, and Capital Advocates Group
American Counseling Center Corp. d/b/a StuDebt, Student Debt Relief Group, SDRG, Student Loan Relief Counselors, SLRC, and Capital Advocates Group Salar Tahour

Assigned Attorneys: Joannie Wei (MWR)
Samuel Levine
Audrey Austin
Barbara Chun (WRLA)

Nature of Action: Deceptive and abusive telemarketing acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of student loan debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 9/18/17.
Ex parte TRO entered 9/19/17.
Stipulated order for preliminary injunction, asset freeze, and appointment of receiver entered 10/10/17.

FTC v. MAIL TREE, No. 0:15-cv-61034 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: Awards Research Consultant, LLC
John Leon
MCP Marketing Activities, LLC d/b/a Magellan Mail and Magellan Marketing
Mail Tree Inc.
Mailpro Americas Corp.
Masterpiece Marketing, LLC d/b/a Affiliated Opportunities Group d/b/a Corporate Accounting Authority d/b/a Dispatch Notifications Services d/b/a Information Reporting Group d/b/a Priority Information Exchange
Michael McKay Co.
Matthew Pisoni
Serena Pisoni
Marcus Pradel
Victor Ramirez
Romeria Global, LLC d/b/a Lowenstein Varick and Nagel
Spin Mail, Inc.
Supreme Media, LLC
Trans National Concepts, Inc.
Vernier Holdings, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Guy Ward (MWR)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with sweepstakes scam.

Status: Complaint filed 5/18/15.
Ex parte TRO entered 5/19/15.
Preliminary injunction against all defendants except Marcus Pradel and Trans National Concepts entered 6/12/15.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Marcus Pradel and Trans National Concepts entered 6/12/15.
Order staying case entered 6/12/15.

FTC v. MARCUS, No. 0:17-cv-60907 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: Jeremy Lee Marcus
Craig Davis Smith
Yisbet Segrea
Financial Freedom National, Inc. f/k/a Institute for Financial Freedom, Inc., Marine Career Institute Sea Frontiers, Inc. d/b/a 321 Loans, Instahelp America, Inc., Helping America Group, Inc., United Financial Support, Breeze Financial Solutions, 321Financial Education, Credit Health Plan, Credit Specialists of America, American Advocacy Alliance, Associated Administrative Services
321Loans, Inc. f/k/a 321 Loans, Inc., 321Financial, Inc.
Instahelp America, Inc. f/k/a Helping America Team, Inc. d/b/a Helping America Group
Helping America Group LLC f/k/a Helping America Group, Inc.
Breeze Financial Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Credit Health Plan, Credit Maximizing Program
US Legal Club LLC
Active Debt Solutions LLC f/k/a Active Debt Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Guardian Legal Center
Guardian LG LLC d/b/a Guardian Legal Group
American Credit Security LLC f/k/a American Credit Shield LLC
Paralegal Support Group LLC f/k/a Paralegal Staff Support LLC
Associated Administrative Services LLC d/b/a Jobfax
JLMJP Pompano LLC (relief defendant)
1609 Belmont Place LLC (relief defendant)
16 S H Street Lake Worth LLC (relief defendant)
17866 Lake Azure Way Boca LLC (relief defendant)
114 Southwest 2nd Street DBF LLC (relief defendant)
110 Glouchester St. LLC (relief defendant)
72 SE 6th Ave. LLC (relief defendant)
Fast Pace 69 LLC (relief defendant)
Strategic Acquisitions Two LLC (relief defendant)
Halfpay International LLC d/b/a 16 H.S. Street 12Plex LLC, 311 SE 3rd

St. LLC, 412 Bayfront Dr. LLC, 110 Glouchester St. LLC, 72 SE 6th Ave. LLC, 114 SW 2nd St. JM LLC, 8209 Desmond Dr. LLC, HLFP LLC (relief defendant)
Halfpay NV LLC d/b/a Halfpay International LLC (relief defendant)
Nantucket Cove of Illinois LLC (relief defendant)
Viking Management Services LLC
Cockburn & Associate LLC
Omni Management Partners LLC
HP Media, Inc.
White Light Media LLC
Discount Marketing USA S.A.
Jack Marcus (relief defendant)
Teresa Duda (relief defendant)
James Marcus (relief defendant)
State of Florida (Plaintiff)

Assigned Attorneys: Valerie Verduce (SER)
Angeleque Linville

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and The Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with defendants' phony debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 5/8/17.
Ex parte TRO with asset freeze, appointment of receiver, and other equitable relief entered 5/9/17.
Preliminary injunction entered 5/17/17.
Clerk's default as to defendants Financial Freedom National, Inc.; 321 Loans, Inc.; Instahelp America, Inc.; Helping America Group, LLC; Breeze Financial Solutions, Inc.; US Legal Club, LLC; Active Debt Solutions, LLC; Guardian LG, LLC; American Credit Security, LLC; Paralegal Support Group LLC; and Associated Administrative Services, LLC; and relief defendants 1609 Belmont Place LLC; 16 S H Street Lake Worth LLC; 17866 Lake Azure Way Boca LLC; 114 Southwest 2nd Street DBF, LLC; 110 Glouchester St., LLC; 72 SE 6th Ave., LLC; Fast Pace 69 LLC; and Strategic Acquisitions Two, LLC entered 7/17/17.
Order directing Clerk to enter defaults and specifying default judgment procedure as to defendants Financial Freedom National, Inc.; 321 Loans, Inc.; Instahelp America, Inc.; Helping America Group, LLC; Breeze Financial Solutions, Inc.; US Legal Club, LLC; Active Debt Solutions, LLC; Guardian LG, LLC; American Credit Security, LLC; Paralegal Support Group LLC; and Associated Administrative Services, LLC; and relief defendants 1609 Belmont Place LLC; 16 S H Street Lake Worth LLC; 17866 Lake Azure Way Boca LLC; 114 Southwest 2nd Street DBF, LLC; 110

Glouchester St., LLC; 72 SE 6th Ave., LLC; Fast Pace 69 LLC; and Strategic Acquisitions Two, LLC entered 7/31/17.

Amended Complaint adding defendants Viking Management Services LLC; Cockburn and Associate LLC; Omni Management Partners LLC; HP Media, Inc.; White Light Media LLC; and Discount Marketing USA S.A.; and relief defendants Jack Marcus; Teresa Duda; and James Marcus filed 9/29/17.

Clerk's default as to defendants Viking Management Services LLC; Cockburn and Associate LLC; Omni Management Partners LLC; HP Media, Inc.; White Light Media LLC; and relief defendant Teresa Duda entered 11/8/17.

Default final judgment as to defendants Viking Management Services LLC; Cockburn and Associate LLC; Omni Management Partners LLC; HP Media, Inc.; White Light Media LLC; and relief defendant Teresa Duda entered 11/15/17.

Clerk's default as to defendant Discount Marketing USA S.A. entered 11/16/17.

Order of final judgment on the pleadings by consent as to relief defendants JLMJP Pompano, LLC; Halfpay International, LLC; Halfpay NV LLC; and Nantucket Cove of Illinois, LLC entered 11/30/17.

FTC v. MDK MEDIA, INC., No. 2:14-cv-5099 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties:

MDK Media Inc. d/b/a SE Ventures d/b/a GMK Communications d/b/a EMG
Makonnen Demessow Kebede
Tendenci Media LLC
Sarah Brekke
Mindkontrol Industries LLC
Christopher Thomas Denovellis
Anacapa Media LLC
Wayne Calvin Byrd
Bear Communications LLC
James Matthew Dawson
Network One Commerce Inc.
Casey Lee Adkisson
Erdi Development LLC
Erdolo Levy Eromo
Ocean Tactics LLC
Fraser R. Thompson
Phwoar LLC
Darcy Michael Wedd
Concise Consulting, Inc.
MMJX Consulting, Inc.
Michael Peter Pajaczkowski

Assigned Attorneys: Faye C. Barnouw (WRLA)
Maricela Segura
Barbara Y K Chun
Kenneth H. Abbe

Alleged Conduct: Unfair and deceptive practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in connection with placing unauthorized third-party charges on consumers' mobile phone bills, or "cramming."

Status: Complaint filed 7/3/14.
TRO entered 7/3/14.
First amended complaint filed 10/6/14.
Motion to dismiss and motion to strike portions of complaint filed 11/7/14; opposition filed 11/17/14; reply filed 11/24/14; motion denied 12/4/14.
Final orders for permanent injunction and monetary judgment against defendants MDK Media Inc., Makonnen Demessow Kebede, Tendenci Media LLC, Sarah Brekke, Mindkontrol Industries LLC, Christopher Thomas Denovellis, Anacapa Media LLC, Wayne Calvin Byrd II, Bear Communications LLC, James Matthew Dawson, Network One Commerce Inc., and Casey Lee Adkisson entered 5/6/15.
Order granting U.S. Attorney's application to intervene and staying case for 90 days entered 7/23/15.
Order staying case entered 10/20/15.

FTC v. MYTEL INTERNATIONAL, INC., No. 2:87-cv-07259 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Mytel International, Inc.
Gilbert N. Michaels
Gerald Feldman

Assigned Attorneys: Reenah L. Kim (BCP/ENF)
Elsie B. Kappler
John D. Jacobs (WRLA)
Mark S. Hegedus (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Violation of 1988 permanent injunction order regarding deceptive acts and Practices in connection with the sale of photocopier toner.

Status: Complaint filed 10/29/87.
Final judgment entered 11/16/88.
Commission's motion for contempt filed 4/17/14.
Defendants motion to stay filed 6/16/14.
Order granting stay entered 11/6/14.
Order lifting stay entered 4/15/15.

Order granting stay entered 8/5/16.

FTC v. NATIONAL UROLOGICAL GROUP, INC., No. 10-125 (S. Ct); Nos. 17-15695, 14-13131, 14-13972, 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
Leslie Melman (OGC)
Amanda Basta (BCP/ENF)

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, Hi-Tech Pharmaceuticals, Stephen Smith, and Jared Wright should not be held in contempt entered 5/11/12; response filed 11/13/12.
Motion for contempt judgment filed 10/22/12; defendants' response filed 2/14/12; Commission's reply brief filed 1/10/13.
Order finding defendants liable for contempt and ordering further proceedings on remedy entered 8/8/13.
Trial on contempt remedies held on 1/21/14 - 1/24/14.
Order holding defendants liable for contempt and directing compensatory sanctions to redress consumers entered 5/14/14.

Defendants' notices of appeal filed 7/11/14 and 7/14/14.

Order by district court imposing coercive contempt sanction and directing that defendants Jared Wheat and Stephen Smith be incarcerated until they comply with product recall entered 9/2/14.

Petition for mandamus by defendants Wheat and Smith seeking to overturn coercive contempt order filed 9/4/14; denied 9/4/14.

Notice of appeal from coercive contempt order and emergency motion for a stay by defendants Wheat and Smith filed 9/4/14; Commission's opposition filed 9/5/14; motion for stay denied 9/5/14; motion to voluntarily dismiss appeal filed 9/8/14; appeal no. 14-13972 dismissed 10/15/14.

Motion to purge contempt defendants of contempt filed 9/26/14; Commission's opposition filed 9/26/14.

Second motion to purge contempt defendants or release contempt defendants pending determination of less restrictive mean to purge contempt filed 10/16/14; Commission's response filed 1/13/15; granted 1/20/15.

Motion to stay execution of judgment pending appeal entered 10/30/14; denied 1/23/15.

Appellants' briefs (No. 14-13131) filed 10/30/14.

Order that the US Marshal's Service release Jared Wheat and Stephen Smith from incarceration entered 11/10/14.

Commission's answering brief (No. 14-13131) filed 1/9/15; appellants' reply briefs filed 2/17/15.

Oral argument in Eleventh Circuit held 4/17/15.

Opinion vacating district court's judgment of contempt and remanding case to district court for further proceedings entered 5/5/15.

Commission's motion for clarification filed 6/4/15; Hi-Tech Pharmaceuticals response filed 6/18/15.

Commission's motion for entry of contempt judgement relating to Hi-Tech Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Jared Wheat, and Stephen Smith's violation of section VI and motion for compensatory sanctions filed 8/20/15; opposition filed 10/9/15; Commission's reply filed 10/26/15; order denying motion with leave to refile entered 11/4/15.

Contempt hearing held 3/27/17 - 4/7/17.

Final judgment against defendants Hi-Tech Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Jared Wheat, and Stephen Smith, and Terrill Mark Wright entered 10/31/17.

Defendants Hi-Tech Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Stephen Smith and Jared Wheat's notice of appeal filed 12/21/17.

FTC v. NEOVI, INC., Nos. 15-56730, 12-56658, 12-56735, 09-55093 (9th Cir.); No. 3:06-cv-01952 (S.D. Cal.)

Parties: Neovi, Inc., d/b/a Neovi Data Corporation and Qchex.com
G7 Productivity Systems, Inc., d/b/a Qchex.com
James M. Danforth
Thomas Villwock
iProlog Corporation
FreeQuick Wire Corporation

Assigned Attorneys: Korin Ewing Felix (BCP/ENF)
John D. Jacobs (WRLA)
Leslie Melman (OGC)
Jack Metzler

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 defendants 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.
Commission's memorandum on jurisdiction filed 10/24/13.
Order dismissing appeal for lack of appellate jurisdiction entered 1/22/13.
Contempt hearing in district court held 8/12/13.
Order finding that defendants failed to purge their noncompliance with court's 1/7/09 final order, and granting them 30 days to comply entered 1/10/14.

Commission's motion to modify final order filed 2/10/14; defendant's opposition filed 3/6/14; Commission's reply filed 3/13/14.
Order denying Commission's motion to modify entered 8/25/14.
Commission's renewed motion to modify final order filed 12/1/14.
Final order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to defendant James Danforth entered 9/1/15.
Order granting in part and denying in part Commission's motion to modify final order entered 9/9/15.
Order finding that defendant have failed to purge their non-compliance and imposing sanctions entered 9/9/15.
Notice of appeal by Thomas Villwock filed 11/6/15.
Appellant's opening brief filed 11/1/16; Commission's answering brief filed 1/19/17; appellant's reply brief filed 3/2/17.
Order that case be submitted on the briefs entered 9/25/17.

FTC v. NEXTGEN NUTRITIONALS, LLC, No. 8:17-cv-2807 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties:	Nextgen Nutritionals, LLC Strictly Health Corporation, LLC Cyber Business Technology, LLC Anna Mclean Robert Mclean
Assigned Attorneys:	Janet M. Evans (BCP/AP)
Nature of Action:	Deceptive acts or in violation of Sections 5(a) and 12 of the FTC Act in connection with the advertising, labeling, promotion, sale, or distribution of five dietary supplements.
Status:	Complaint filed 11/20/17. Joint motion for entry of stipulated final order for permanent injunction and other equitable relief filed 11/21/17.

FTC v. OMICS GROUP, INC., No. 2:16-cv-2022 (D. Nev.)

Parties:	OMICS Group, Inc. d/b/a OMICS Publishing Group iMedPub, LLC Conference Series, LLC Srinubabu Gedela
Assigned Attorneys:	Iona Rusu (BCP/FP) Gregory Ashe
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in connection with the publishing of online publications styled as academic journals.

Status: Complaint filed 8/25/16.
Commission's motion for preliminary injunction filed 9/8/16.
Defendants' motion to dismiss or, in alternative, summary judgment, filed 1/6/17; Commission's opposition filed 1/19/17; reply filed 2/2/17.

FTC v. PACT, INC., No. 2:17-cv-01429 (W.D. Wash.)

Parties: Pact, Inc
Yifan Zhang
Geoffrey Oberhofer

Assigned Attorneys: Jason D. Schall (BCP/FP)
Katharine Roller

Nature of Action: Unfair and deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and Section 4 of the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, or offering of mobile software applications to consumers.

Status: Complaint filed 9/21/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment entered 10/5/17.

FTC v. MONTANO, No. 6:17-cv-2203 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Ronnie Montano
Hyong SU Kim aka Jimmy Kim
Martin Schranz
Montano Enterprises LLC
JK Marketing LLC
GSD Master AG

Assigned Attorneys: Christopher E. Brown (BCP/MP)
Claire Wack
James Evans

Nature of Action: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the CAN-SPAM Act in connection with the marketing of software to consumers looking to make money from home.

Status: Complaint filed 12/28/17.

FTC v. PARTNERS IN HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION, INC., No. 16-16797 (11th Cir.); No. 1:14-cv-23109 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties:	Partners In Health Care Association, Inc. Gary L. Kieper United Solutions Group, Inc. d/b/a Debt Relief Experts, Inc. Walter S. Vargas Constanza Gomez Vargas
Assigned Attorneys:	Gary L. Ivens (BCP/MP) Christopher E. Brown Michael Bergman (OGC)
Alleged Conduct:	Violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule regarding the deceptive marketing of medical discount cards.
Status:	Complaint filed 8/25/14. TRO entered 8/25/14. Preliminary injunction against Partners in Health Care Association and Gary L. Kieper entered 9/8/14. Corrected preliminary injunction against Partners in Health Care Association and Gary L. Kieper entered 9/11/14. Stipulated preliminary injunction against defendants United Solutions Group, Inc., Walter S. Vargas, and Constanza Gomez Vargas entered 9/11/14. Motion for contempt as to Grumer & Macaluso, P.A. and Gary Kieper entered 10/23/14; motion denied 2/5/15. Order staying the case entered 5/4/15. Stipulated permanent injunction against United Solutions Group, Inc. entered 7/1/15. Motion for entry of default as to Partners In Health Care Association, Inc. filed 8/14/15; non-entry of default as to Partners In Health Care Association, Inc. due to responsive pleading entered 8/17/15. Motion for summary judgment by Commission filed 10/30/15; defendant Gary L. Kieper's opposition entered 2/8/15; Commission's reply entered 2/16/16; order granting motion entered 5/31/16. Motion for default judgment against Partners in Health Care Association filed 10/30/15. Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendants United Solutions Group, Walter Vargas, and Constance Gomez Vargas entered 11/9/15. Final order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendants Partners In Health Care Association, Inc., and Gary L. Kieper entered 6/27/16. Notice of appeal by Gary Kieper filed 8/29/16; dismissal for failure to prosecute entered 7/19/17.

FTC v. PRIMARY GROUP , INC., No. 15-1820 (Fed. Cir); Nos. 15-13947, 16-13532 (11th Cir.); No. 1:15-cv-01645 (N.D. Ga.)

Parties:	Gail Daniels June Fleming The Primary Group Inc., f/k/a A Primary Systems Group Inc., d/b/a Primary Solutions and PSA Investigations
Assigned Attorneys:	Michelle Grajales (BCP/FP) Colin Hector Robin Rock (SER) Theodore Paul Metzler (OGC)
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive and unfair debt collection practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
Status:	Complaint filed 5/11/15. TRO entered 5/11/15. Preliminary injunction entered 6/8/15. Notice of appeal to Federal Circuit by Gail Daniels and June Fleming filed 7/8/15. Order of the 11th Circuit denying petition for writ of mandamus entered 7/27/15. Commission's motion to dismiss counterclaim filed 8/6/15. Default entered as to The Primary Group, Inc. 8/7/15. Appeal transferred to the 11th Circuit 9/2/15; appeal dismissed for lack of prosecution on 10/9/15. Individual defendants' motion to dismiss complaint filed 9/30/15; Commission's opposition filed 10/12/15; reply filed 10/14/15; supplemental response by Commission filed 10/28/15. Order granting Commission's motion to dismiss counterclaim and denying individual defendants' motion to dismiss complaint entered 11/3/15. Motion for summary judgment by Commission filed 11/24/15. Commission's motion to dismiss June Fleming voluntarily filed 3/11/16; order granting motion to dismiss terminating June Fleming entered 3/11/16. Order granting Commission's motion for summary judgment as to defendants The Primary Group and Gail Daniels, and permanent injunction and equitable relief entered 5/19/16. Notice of appeal by Daniels filed 6/14/16. Appeal dismissed for want of prosecution on 10/7/16; motion to reinstate appeal denied 11/1/16; second motion to reinstate appeal filed 12/5/16; motion to reinstate appeal granted 1/13/17; Appellant's opening brief filed 1/12/17; Commission's answering brief filed 3/15/17.

Opinion affirming district court decision entered 9/29/17.

FTC v. PUBLISHERS BUSINESS SERVICES, Nos. 17-15600; 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 d/b/a Publishers Business Services Persis Dantuma Brenda Dantuma Schang Dries Dantuma Dirk Dantuma Jeffrey Dantuma Edward Fred Dantuma
Assigned Attorneys:	Faye Chen Barnouw (WRLA) Maricela Segura Raymond E. McKown Jacob A. Snow (WRSF) Karen Goff Whitney Merrill Leslie Melman (OGC) Joel Marcus
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts and practices in violation of section 5(a) and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of magazine subscriptions.
Status:	Complaint filed 5/14/08. Amended complaint filed 2/5/09. Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 7/31/09; opposition filed 11/23/09; reply filed 12/7/09. Order granting the Commission's motion for summary judgment entered 4/7/10. Order for permanent injunction as to all defendants entered 4/7/10. Commission's opening brief on the issue of damages filed 4/20/10. Final judgment as to all defendants entered 7/25/11. Commission's opening brief filed 2/13/12; defendants' answering brief filed 4/13/12; reply brief filed 5/11/12. Memorandum disposition remanding case to district court entered 9/19/13. Petition for writ of certiorari filed 2/27/14. Petition for writ of certiorari denied 6/9/14. Commission's motion for monetary judgment filed 5/31/16; defendants' brief on damages filed 7/19/16; Commission's reply filed 8/9/16. Order granting Commission's motion for judgment entered 3/2/17.

Notice of appeal filed 3/31/17.
Appellants' opening brief filed 8/30/17; Commission's answering brief filed 10/30/17; reply brief filed 12/20/17.

FTC v. QUALCOMM, INC., No. 5:17-cv-00220 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: Qualcomm, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: J. Alexander Ansaldo (BC/ACP)
Dana Abrahamsen
Joseph Baker
Wesley Carson
Kente Cox
Rajesh James
Philip Kehl
Lin Kahn (WRSF)

Alleged Conduct: Unfair methods of competition in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with defendant's maintenance of a monopoly in baseband processors and semiconductor devices.

Status: Complaint filed 1/17/17.
Motion to dismiss filed 4/3/17; Commission's opposition filed 5/12/17; reply filed 5/16/17; order denying motion entered 6/26/17.

FTC v. QUINCY BIOSCIENCE HOLDING COMPANY, INC., No. 17-3791 (2nd Cir.); No. 1:17-cv-00124 (S.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Quincy Bioscience Holding Company, Inc.
Quincy Bioscience, LLC
Prevagen, Inc. d/b/a Sugar River Supplements
Quincy Bioscience Manufacturing, LLC
Mark Underwood
Michael Beaman
State of New York (Plaintiff)

Assigned Attorneys: Robin Eichen (NER)
Michelle Rusk (BCP/AP)
Annette Soberatas
Bradley D. Grossman (OGC)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5(a) and 12 of the FTC Act, the New York Executive Law, and the New York General Business Law, in connection with the marketing of defendants' purported memory improvement supplement, Prevagen.

Status: Complaint filed 1/9/17.
Motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim filed 4/6/17; Commission's opposition filed 4/25/17; reply filed 5/5/17; order granting motion entered 9/29/17.
Commission's notice of appeal filed 11/21/17.
Appellants' opening briefs due 2/28/18.

FTC v. REPAIR ALL PC LLC, No. 1:17-cv-00869 (N.D. Ohio)

Parties: Repair All PC LLC
Pro PC Repair LLC
I FIX PC LLC
Webtech World LLC
Online Assist LLC
Datadeck LLC
I Fix PC d/b/a Techers247, I FIX PC 247
Jessica Marie Serrano
Dishant Khanna
Mohit Malik
Romil Bhatia
Lalit Chadha
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Amy Hocevar
Adrienne Watson

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Consumer Sales Practices Act in connection with the advertising, marketing, and sale of computer security and tech support services.

Status: Complaint filed 4/24/17.
Ex parte TRO entered 4/24/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Jessica Marie Serrano, Dishant Khanna, Repair All PC LLC, Pro PC Repair LLC, I FIX PC LLC, Mohit Malik, WebTech World LLC, and Online Assist LLC entered 6/20/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Romil Bhatia and Datadeck LLC entered 6/21/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendants Lalit Chadha, Roopkala Chadha, and I Fix PC entered 6/22/17.
Stipulated permanent injunction as to defendants Repair All PC, LLC; Pro PC Repair LLC; I Fix PC LLC; Jessica Maria Serrano; and Dishant Khana entered 11/15/17.
Default judgment as to I Fix PC LLC entered 12/18/17.

FTC v. RESERVATION COUNTER, No. 2:17-cv-1304 (D. Utah)

Parties: Reservation Counter
Travelpass Group
Partner Fusion

Assigned Attorneys: Rosemary Rosso (BCP/AP)

Nature of Action: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in connection with the advertising and resale of hotel room reservations.

Status: Complaint filed 12/21/17.
Stipulated judgment and permanent injunction entered 12/26/17.

FTC v. REVMOUNTAIN, LLC, No. 2:17-cv-02000 (D. Nev.)

Parties: RevMountain, LLC; RoadRunner B2C, LLC, d/b/a RevGo; Wave Rock, LLC; Juniper Solutions, LLC; Jasper Woods, LLC; Wheeler Peak Marketing, LLC; ROIRunner, LLC; Cherry Blitz, LLC; Flat Iron Avenue, LLC; Absolutely Working, LLC; Three Lakes, LLC; Bridge Ford, LLC; How and Why, LLC; Spruce River, LLC; TrimXT, LLC; Elation White, LLC; IvoryPro, LLC; Doing What's Possible, LLC; RevGuard, LLC; RevLive!, LLC; Blue Rocket Brands, LLC; Convertis, LLC; Convertis Marketing, LLC; Turtle Mountains, LLC; Boulder Black Diamond, LLC; Mint House, LLC; Thunder Avenue, LLC; University & Folsom, LLC; Boulder Creek Internet Solutions, Inc.; Walnut Street Marketing, Inc.; Snow Sale, LLC; Brand Force, LLC; Wild Farms, LLC; Salamonie River, LLC; Indigo Systems, LLC; Night Watch Group, LLC; Newport Crossing, LLC; Greenville Creek, LLC; Brookville Lane, LLC; Anasazi Management Partners, LLC; Honey Lake, LLC; Condor Canyon, LLC; Brass Triangle, LLC; Solid Ice, LLC; Sandstone Beach, LLC; Desert Gecko, LLC; Blizzardwhite, LLC; Action Pro White, LLC; First Class Whitening, LLC; Spark Whitening, LLC; Titanwhite, LLC; Dental Pro At Home, LLC; Smile Pro Direct, LLC; Circle of Youth Skincare, LLC; DermaGlam, LLC; Sedona Beauty Secrets, LLC; Bellaathome, LLC; SkinnyIQ, LLC; Body Tropical, LLC (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Entity Defendants")
Blair McNea
Danielle Foss
Jennifer Johnson

Assigned Attorneys: Michelle Schaefer (BCP/ENF)
Sarah Waldrop

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and Section 4 of the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act in connection with the online marketing of personal care products.

Status: Complaint filed 7/24/17.
TRO entered 7/25/17.
Preliminary injunction as to Entity Defendants, Blair McNea, and Jennifer Johnson entered 9/1/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant Danielle Foss entered 9/7/17.

FTC v. ROCA LABS, INC., No. 8:15-cv-02231 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Roca Labs, Inc.
Roca Labs Nutraceutical USA, Inc.
Don Juravin
George C. Whiting

Assigned Attorneys: Carl H. Settlemyer (BCP/AP)
Paul Bryan Spelman

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Sections 5(a) and 12 of the FTC Act in connection with the deceptive marketing of weight loss products.

Status: Complaint filed 9/24/15.
Stipulated TRO entered 9/29/15.
Preliminary injunction entered 10/29/15.
Order granting joint motion to stay case for 120 days entered 4/20/16.
Stipulated TRO entered 8/22/16.
Stipulated preliminary injunction with asset freeze and other equitable relief entered 9/13/16.
Commission's motion for summary judgment as to all defendants filed 3/24/17; defendants opposition filed 5/9/17; reply filed 5/22/17; Commission's notice to court of pending motion filed 12/8/17.
Defendants' motion for partial summary judgment filed 3/24/17; Commission's opposition filed 4/24/17; reply filed 5/22/17.
Order staying all remaining case deadlines entered 7/26/17.
Suggestion of bankruptcy by Roca Labs, Inc filed 11/18/17; response by Commission filed 11/21/17.

FTC v. SHIRE VIROPHARMA, INC., No. 1:17-cv-00131 (D. Del.)

Parties: Shire ViroPharma, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Bradley Albert (BC/HC)
June Im

Meredyth Andrus
Josepth Matthias
Steve Vieux
James Weingarten

Alleged Conduct: Unfair methods of competition in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with Defendant's serial, sham petitioning to the FDA to delay generic competition to its branded prescription drug, Vancocin HCI Capsules.

Status: Complaint filed 2/7/17.
Motion to dismiss filed 4/10/17; Commission's opposition filed 5/25/17; reply filed 6/26/17.

FTC v. SOMENZI, No. 17-55675 (9th Cir.); No. 2:16-cv-7101 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Terry Somenzi d/b/a Paulson Independent Distributors, International Procurement Center, Phelps Ingram Distributors, Keller Sloan & Associates
Millenium Direct, Inc.
David Raff
Ian Gamberg

Assigned Attorneys: Charles Harwood (NWR)
Nadine Samter
Sarah Shifley
Thomas Syta (WRLA)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act in connection with the mailing of personalized cash prize notifications.

Status: Complaint filed 9/21/16.
Order dismissing Terry Somenzi, deceased, entered 11/04/16.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to Defendant Ian Gamberg entered 2/13/17.
Clerk's entry of default as to defendants Millenium Direct and David Raff entered 4/13/17.
Notice of appeal filed 5/4/17.
Order dismissing appeal for lack of jurisdiction entered 6/14/17.
Order granting default judgment against defendants Millenium Direct and David Raff entered 7/24/17.

FTC v. SQ CAPITAL, LLC, No. 2:16-cv-2816 (D. Kan.)

Parties: Joel Jerome Tucker
SQ Capital, LLC

JT Holdings, Inc.
HPD, LLC

Assigned Attorneys: Michael Tankersley (BCP/FP)
Katharine Roller

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with Defendants' marketing, distribution, and sale of counterfeit payday loans.

Status: Complaint filed 12/16/16.
TRO entered 12/22/16.
Preliminary injunction entered 1/6/17.
Clerk's entry of default as to all defendants entered 3/31/17; motion to set aside filed 8/16/17; commission's response filed 8/30/17; order denying motion to set aside entered 9/20/17.
Motion for entry of default judgment filed 6/28/17; response filed 8/16/17; reply 8/30/17; order granting default entered 9/20/17.

FTC v. STARK LAW, LLC, No. 1:16-cv-3463 (N.D. Ill.)

Parties: Stark Law, LLC d/b/a Stark Recovery
Stark Legal, LLC
Ashton Asset Management, Inc.
CHM Capital Group, LLC
HKM Funding, LTD
Pacific Capital Holdings, Inc. f/k/a Charles Hunter Miller & Associates d/b/a Pacific Capital
Hirsh Mohindra d/b/a Ashton Lending, LLC
Gaurav Mohindra
Preetesh Patel

Assigned Attorneys: William J. Hodor (MWR)
John C. Hallerud

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the FDCPA in connection with abusive and deceptive debt collection practices.

Status: Complaint filed 3/21/16.
Ex parte TRO with asset freeze and other equitable relief entered 3/22/16.
Preliminary injunction with asset freeze and other equitable relief entered 7/11/16.
Motion for contempt judgment against defendant Mohindra filed 1/9/17; defendant's opposition filed 1/27/17; Commission's reply filed 2/3/17.

Order resolving motion for contempt by agreement of the parties entered 3/23/17.
Stipulated final judgments and orders for permanent injunction entered 10/30/17.

FTC v. STRATEGIC STUDENT SOLUTIONS LLC, No. 9:17-cv-80619 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties:	Strategic Student Solutions LLC Strategic Credit Solutions LLC Strategic Debt Solutions LLC Strategic Doc Prep Solutions LLC Student Relief Center LLC Credit Relief Center LLC Dave Green DG Investment Properties LLC (relief defendant)
Assigned Attorneys:	Miya Tandon (SER) Adam Wesolowski
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and the Credit Repair Organizations Act in connection with the marketing and sale of student loan debt relief and credit repair services
Status:	Complaint filed 5/15/17. Ex parte TRO with asset freeze, appointment of receiver, and other equitable relief entered 5/15/17. Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 5/26/17. Trial set for 9/3/18.

FTC v. STUDENT AID CENTER, INC., No. 1:16-cv-21843 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties:	Student Aid Center, Inc. Ramiro Fernandez-Moris a/k/a Ramiro Moris Damien Alvarez State of Florida (Plaintiff)
Assigned Attorneys:	Reid Tepfer (SWR) Anne LeJeune Aaron Haberman
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act in connection with the marketing and sale of debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 5/23/16.
Defendants' motion to dismiss filed 8/19/16; Commission's opposition brief filed 9/6/16.
Magistrate's report and recommendation that defendants' motion to dismiss complaint be denied entered 12/14/16.
Order adopting Magistrate's report and recommendation denying defendants' motion to dismiss entered 12/30/16.
Clerk's entry of default as to defendant Damien Alvarez entered 6/13/17.
Default judgment and order for permanent injunction as to defendant Damien Alvarez entered 10/18/17.
Default judgment and order for permanent injunction as to defendant Ramiro Fernandez-Moris entered 10/18/17.
Default judgment and order for permanent injunction as to defendant Student Aid Center, Inc. entered 11/17/17.

FTC v. STUDENT DEBT DOCTOR, LLC, No. 0:17-cv-61937 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: Student Debt Doctor, LLC
Gary Brent White, Jr.

Assigned Attorneys: Hans Clausen (SER)
R. Michael Waller (BCP/ENF)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, and the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the marketing and sale of student loan debt relief services.

Status: Complaint filed 10/2/17.
TRO entered 10/3/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 10/16/17.
Defendant Gary Brent White, Jr.'s answer filed 11/15/17; amended 12/06/17; Commission's motion to strike affirmative defenses from amended answer filed 12/27/17; defendant's response due 1/10/18.
Default as to defendant Student Debt Doctor, LLC entered 12/8/17.

FTC v. TACHHT, INC., No. 8:16-cv-01397 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: Tachht, Inc.
Teqqi LLC
Colby Fox
Christopher Reinhold

Assigned Attorneys: Matthew Wernz (MWR)
Guy Ward
Samuel Levine

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) and 12 of the FTC Act and the CAN-SPAM Act in connection with the marketing of weight-loss products to consumers.

Status: Complaint filed 6/2/16.
Order granting stay pending Commission review of proposed settlement entered 12/27/16.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendants Tachht, Teqqi, and Colby Fox entered 3/3/17.
Consent judgment as to defendant Christopher Reinhold entered 8/31/17.

FTC v. TARR INC., No. 3:17-cv-2024 (S.D. Cal.)

Parties: Tarr Inc. d/b/a Ad Kings LLC
Apex Advertising LLC
Brand Development Corp.
Coastal Ads LLC
Delux Advertising LLC
Diamond Ads LLC
Digital Nutra LLC
Exclusive Advertising LLC
Iron Ads, LLC
Leadking Advertising LLC
Lead Seeker, LLC
Mints Marketing LLC
Onyx Ads, LLC
Product Center, LLC
Rebem, LLC
Supertiser LLC
Verticality Advertising, LLC
White Dog Marketing, LLC
Richard Fowler
Ryan Fowler
Nathan Martinez

Assigned Attorneys: Brian Nathaniel Lasky (NER)
Laura A. Zuckerwise

Nature of Action: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Sections 5(a) and 12 of the FTC Act, the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act, and the Electronic Fund Transfer Act in connection with the marketing and sale of more than 40 weight-loss, muscle-building, and wrinkle-reduction products.

Status: Complaint filed 10/3/17.

Stipulated permanent injunction and monetary judgment entered 11/14/17; amended 11/27/17.

FTC v. TELESTAR CONSULTING., No. 2:16-cv-00555 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Telestar Consulting, Inc. d/b/a Kleritec and United Business Supply
Karl Wesley Angel

Assigned Attorneys: Maxine R. Stansell (NWR)
Jennifer Larabee
Maricela Segura (WRLA)

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule, and the Unordered Merchandise Statute, in connection with a plan to sell nondurable office or cleaning supplies to small business and non-profit organizations.

Status: Complaint filed 1/26/16.
Ex parte TRO entered 2/1/16.
Stipulated preliminary injunction entered 3/24/16.
Amended stipulated preliminary injunction entered 9/27/16.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment entered 8/30/17.

FTC v. TROTHSOLUTIONS, INC., No. 2:17-cv-00698 (N.D. Ala.)

Parties: Trothsolutions, Inc. d/b/a Troth Solutions
Trothsolutions LLC d/b/a Troth Solutions, Trothsolutiontechnologies
Quickkonto LLC d/b/a Troth Solutions, Troth Av, Trothsolutions Av, qkontos.com, QKontos, Inc., QKontos LLC
Crazy Bee Man of Palm Beach, Inc. d/b/a Elfinam
Edoorways International Corporation d/b/a Trothsolutions
Escue Energy, Inc. f/k/a Edoorways International Corporation d/b/a Trothsolutions, Trothsolution
Airoways LLC
Madhu Sethi d/b/a Trothsolutiontechnologies
Ila Sethi
State of Alabama (Plaintiff)

Assigned Attorneys: James Davis (MWR)
Elizabeth C. Scott

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and The Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the sale of computer technical support services and security software.

Status: Complaint filed 5/1/17.
Ex parte TRO with asset freeze, appointment of receiver and other equitable relief entered 5/1/17.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to all defendants entered 5/10/17.
Clerk's entry of default as to defendants Airoways LLC, Crazy Bee Man of Palm Beach Inc., Edoorways International Corp., Escue Energy, Inc., Quickkonto LLC, Trothsolutions Inc, Trothsolutions LLC entered 6/15/17.
Commission's motion for dismissal of defendant Escue Energy, Inc., and for entry of stipulated permanent injunction as to defendants Madhu Sethi and Ila Sethi filed 10/4/17; order granting motion entered 10/16/17.
Stipulated permanent injunction as to defendants Madhu Sethi and Ila Sethi entered 10/16/17.
Default judgment and permanent injunction as to defendants Trothsolutions Inc., Trothsolutions LLC, Quickkonto LLC, Crazy Bee Man of Palm Beach Inc., Edoorways International Corp., and Airoways LLC entered 10/17/17.

FTC v. UNIVERSAL NETWORK SOLUTIONS LLC, No. 1:17-cv-01092 (D. Colo.)

Parties: Universal Network Solutions LLC
Rajinder Singh

Assigned Attorneys: Barbara Chun (WRLA)
Thomas Syta

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with the advertising, marketing, distribution, and sale of computer technical support services and security software.

Status: Complaint filed 5/3/17.
Preliminary injunction entered 6/26/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment entered 12/11/17.

FTC v. VANTAGE POINT SERVICES, No. 1:15-cv-00006 (W.D.N.Y.)

Parties: Vantage Point Services, LLC
Payment Management Solutions, Inc.
Bonified Payment Solutions, Inc.
Gregory Mackinnon
Megan Vandeviver
Angela Burdorf
Joseph Ciffa

Assigned Attorneys: Colin Hector (BCP/FP)

Nikhil Singhvi

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in connection with debt collection activities.

Status:
Complaint filed 1/5/15.
TRO entered 1/5/15.
Preliminary injunction with asset freeze entered 5/15/15.
Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 8/19/16; opposition by defendants filed 11/3/16; Commission's reply filed 11/30/16; motion denied 7/17/17.
Motion for contempt against defendant Joseph Ciffa filed 12/13/16.
Second TRO entered 12/14/16.
Stipulated preliminary injunction as to defendant Joseph Ciffa filed 1/17/17.

FTC v. VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC., Nos. 3:16-cv-01534, 3:15-md-02672 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. d/b/a Volkswagen of America, Inc. d/b/a Audi of America, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys:
Jonathan C. Cohen (BCP/ENF)
Michelle L. Shaefer
Amanda B. Kostner
Sanjoon Han
Megan A. Bartley

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with the false advertising of Defendant's "Clean Diesel" vehicles.
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Status:
Complaint filed 3/29/16.
Proposed partial stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment filed 6/28/16.
Partial stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment entered 10/25/16.
Proposed second partial stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment filed 1/31/17.
Proposed amended second partial stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment filed 3/28/17.

FTC v. VYLAH TEC LLC, No. 17-1348 (11th Cir.); No. 2:17-cv-00228 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties:	Vylah Tec LLC d/b/a VTec Support Express Tech Help LLC Tech Crew Support LLC Angelo J. Cupo Robert Cupo Dennis Cupo State of Florida (Plaintiff)
Assigned Attorneys:	Robin Rock (SER) Sana Chriss Mark Hegedus (OGC)
Alleged Conduct:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with the adverting, marketing, distribution, and sale of computer technical support services and security software.
Status:	Complaint filed 5/1/17. TRO entered 5/12/17. Preliminary injunction order entered 6/4/17. Notice of appeal filed 8/1/17. Appellants' opening brief filed 9/25/17; Appellee's brief filed 11/7/17; reply filed 11/21/17.

FTC v. WHITE, No. 2:17-cv-4533 (D. Ariz.)

Parties:	Jamie L. White
Assigned Attorneys:	Hong Park (BCP/ENF)
Nature of Action:	Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with providing order fulfillment and payment processing and payment processing services to deceptive telemarketing operations.
Status:	Complaint filed 12/6/17. Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment entered 12/21/17.

FTC v. WORLD PATENT MARKETING, INC., No. 1:17-cv-20848 (S.D. Fla.)

Parties: World Patent Marketing, Inc.
Desa Industries, Inc. d/b/a World Patent Marketing
Scott Cooper

Assigned Attorneys: Colleen Robbins (BCP/MP)
James Evans
Jody Goodman

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act in connection with Defendants' invention-promotion services.

Status: Complaint filed 3/6/17.
Ex parte TRO entered 3/7/17.
Amended complaint filed 5/25/17.
Motion to dismiss filed 6/15/17; Commission's opposition filed 6/23/17; motion denied 8/17/17.
Preliminary injunction entered 8/16/17.
Motion to strike affirmative defenses and jury demand filed 9/22/17; motion granted 10/31/17.

FTC v. WV UNIVERSAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, Nos. 16-17727, 15-11500, 15-13380 (11th Cir.); No. 6:12-cv-01618 (M.D. Fla.)

Parties: WV Universal Management, LLC, d/b/a Treasure Your Success
Leading Production, LLC
Global Financial Assist, LLC
HES Merchant Services Company, Inc.
Business First Solutions, Inc.
Voiceonyx Corp.
Universal Processing Services of Wisconsin, LLC
Derek Depuydt
Hal E. Smith
Jonathon E. Warren
Ramon Sanchez-Ortega
Willy Plancher
Valbona Toska

Assigned Attorneys: Christopher Panek (ECR)
Fil M. de Banate
Jonathan Kessler
Michael Milgrom
Mark Hegedus (OGC)
Theodore Metzger

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with sale of services that will purportedly reduce consumers' credit card interest rates.

Status:
Complaint filed 10/29/12.
Order granting preliminary injunction entered 11/14/12.
Amended complaint filed 6/18/13.
Motion to dismiss by HES Merchant Services Company filed 8/7/13; Commission's response filed 8/23/13.
Motion for summary judgment by Universal Processing Services filed 8/16/13; Commission's opposition filed 9/16/13; reply filed 9/30/13.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and final judgment as to defendants Willy Plancher, Valbona Toska, WV Universal Management LLC, Global Financial Assist LLC, and Leading Production LLC entered 9/23/13.
Commission's motion for summary judgment filed 6/30/14; defendant Derek Depuydt's opposition brief filed 7/29/14; Business First Solutions, VoiceOnyx Corp., and Jonathon Warren's brief in opposition filed 7/30/14; affidavit in opposition by Hal Smith filed 8/1/14.
Permanent injunction and final judgment as to defendant Ramon Sanchez-Ortega entered 10/6/14.
Order granting Commission's motion for summary judgment entered 11/18/14.
Stipulated permanent injunction and final order as to Derek Depuydt entered 11/19/14.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and final judgment as to defendants, Jonathon Warren, Business First Solutions Inc. and Voiceonyx Corp. entered 11/19/14.
Permanent injunction and final judgment as to defendants Hal E. Smith and HES Merchant Services Company, Inc. entered 2/11/15.
Order granting motion for equitable monetary relief judgment against defendants Hal E. Smith, HES Merchant Services Company, Inc., and Universal Processing Services of Wisconsin, LLC entered 2/11/15.
Permanent injunction and final monetary judgment as to defendant Universal Processing Services of Wisconsin, LLC entered 5/19/15.
Notice of appeal of summary judgment by Universal Processing Services of Wisconsin, LLC filed 7/17/15.
Appellant UPS's opening brief filed 10/20/15; Appellant HES's opening brief filed 10/21/15; Commission's responsive brief filed 12/23/15; UPS' reply brief filed 1/19/16.
Oral argument heard 5/18/16.
Per curiam decision affirming district court's summary judgment order and monetary relief against HES, but vacating the order of

monetary relief against UPS and remanding case to district court for further findings on appropriateness of joint and several liability against UPS, entered 6/14/16.
Notice of appeal filed 12/21/16.
Appellant's opening brief filed 2/27/17; Commission's answering brief filed 4/17/17; Appellant's reply brief filed 5/18/17.
Oral argument held 10/24/17.
Opinion affirming the district court's decision issued 12/13/17.

FTC v. XXL IMPRESSIONS, LLC, No. 1:17-cv-00067 (D. Me.)

Parties: XXL Impressions, LLC d/b/a Better Health Nutritionals
Jeffrey Powlowsky
J2 Response, LLP d/b/a J2 Response
Justin Bumann
Justin Steinle
Synergixx, LLC d/b/a CTF Media
Charlie Fusco
Ronald Jahner
Brazos Minshew a/k/a Samuel Brant
State of Maine (Plaintiff)

Assigned Attorneys: James Prunty (BCP/AP)
James Frankel

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, the Telemarketing Sale Rule, Maine's Telemarketing Act, and the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act in connection with the marketing of products purported to provide joint pain relief and to prevent or mitigate cognitive decline.

Status: Complaint filed 2/22/17.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and monetary judgment as to defendants J2 Response, XXL Impressions, Jeffrey Powlowsky, Justin Bumann, Justin Steinle, and Brazos Minshew entered 3/10/17.
Stipulated orders for permanent injunction and other equitable relief as to defendants Synergixx, LLC and Charlie Fusco, and Ronald Jahner entered 9/13/17.

CIVIL PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT CASES*

(A) Consumer Protection

UNITED STATES v. DISH NETWORK LLC, No. 17-3111 (7th Cir.); 13-2282 (7th Cir.); 3:09-CV-03073 (C.D. Ill.)

Parties: Dish Network L.L.C.

Assigned Attorneys: Russell Deitch (BCP/MP)
Gary Ivens
Patrick Runkle (DOJ/CPB)
Lisa Hsiao

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 11/2/09.
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.
Order vacating magistrate's decision denying Commission's motion for leave to file second amended complaint entered 3/12/13.
Amended complaint filed 3/12/13.
Petition for writ of mandamus by Dish Network filed 6/12/13.

* Includes all suits in which civil penalties are sought; consumer redress, injunctions, and ancillary equitable relief may also be sought.

Order denying petition for mandamus entered 7/3/13.
United States' motion for summary judgment filed 12/23/13; opposition filed 3/6/14.
Motion for summary judgment by Dish Network filed 1/6/14; opposition filed 5/30/14.
United States' motion for summary judgment filed 5/30/14.
Order directing parties to file memoranda addressing issue of deference to agency's interpretation of its regulations entered 7/8/14; parties' memoranda of law filed 8/8/14; parties' responses to each other's memoranda filed 8/22/14.
Order granting partial summary judgment for United States and partial summary judgment for Dish Network entered 12/12/14.
Motion for sanctions by United States and state plaintiffs filed 7/20/15; memorandum in opposition filed 8/21/15; reply filed 9/10/15; order granting motion in part and denying in part entered 10/13/15.
Trial on civil penalties held 1/19/16-2/17/16.
Trial on permanent injunctive relief held 10/25/16-11/2/16.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and civil penalty judgment entered 6/5/17.
Defendant's notice of appeal filed 10/6/17; appellant-defendant's brief due 2/22/18; appellees' briefs due 4/23/18.

UNITED STATES v. FEATURE FILMS FOR FAMILIES, INC., Nos. 2:12-cv-00811, 2:11-cv-00419 (D. Utah); No. 4:11-cv-00197 (N.D. Fla.)

Parties: Feature Films for Families, Inc.
Corporations for Character LC
Family Films of Utah, Inc.
Forrest Sandusky Baker, III

Assigned Attorneys: Peter G. Fisher (AUSA)
Jared C. Bennett
Daniel M. Baeza (DOJ/CPB)
Michael Tankersley (BCP/MP)
Arturo DeCastro

Alleged Conduct: Deceptive acts and practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act 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.
Case consolidated with Corporation for Character v. FTC, No. 2:11-CV-00419, on 9/6/12.
Defendants' motion for partial summary judgment filed 9/6/12; United States' opposition filed 12/14/12.
United States' motion for partial summary judgment filed 3/1/13.
United States' second motion for partial summary judgment filed 5/17/13; opposition filed 7/19/13; reply filed 7/30/13.
Hearing on motions for partial summary judgment held 1/16/14.
United States' supplemental memorandum regarding motion for summary judgment filed 2/14/14; defendants' reply to supplemental memorandum filed 3/7/14.
Order granting in part and denying in part defendants' motion for partial summary judgment and granting in part and denying in part United States' motion for partial summary judgment entered 3/31/15.
Trial held 5/17 - 5/25/16.
Jury verdict for Commission entered 5/26/16.
United States' motion for entry of permanent injunction based on jury verdict filed 7/8/16; response by Corporation for Character filed 7/22/16; opposition by Forrest Sandusky Baker, III, Family Films of Utah Inc, and Feature Films for Families, Inc. filed 6/8/17; United States' reply filed 6/22/17.

UNITED STATES v. KFJ MARKETING, LLC, No. 2:16-cv-1643 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: KFJ Marketing, LLC
Sunlight Solar Leads, LLC
Go Green Education
Francisco J. Salvat
Julio E. Salvat

Assigned Attorneys: Sarah E. Schroeder (WRSF)
Alexander E. Reicher
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Benjamin Mizer (DOJ)
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Jacqueline Blaesi-Freed

Alleged Conduct: Violations of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act and the Telemarketing Sales Rule in connection with the use of robocalls to sell solar panels and installation services.

Status: Complaint filed 3/10/16.
Amended complaint filed 5/13/16.
Stipulated order for permanent injunction and civil penalty judgment entered 11/7/17.

FTC v. NORM REEVES INC, No. 8:17-cv-1942 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Norm Reeves Inc. d/b/a Norm Reeves Honda Superstore Cerritos
Cerritos Ford Inc. d/b/a Norm Reeves Ford Superstore Cerritos d/b/a Norm Reeves Lincoln d/b/a Norm Reeves Hyundai Superstore
Cerritos Infiniti Inc. d/b/a Cerritos Infiniti
Coastal Auto Sales Inc. d/b/a Norm Reeves Honda Superstore Huntington Beach
Conant Automotive Resources LLC d/b/a Conant Auto Retail Group d/b/a the CAR Group
Conant Auto Retail, San Diego Inc. d/b/a Toyota San Diego d/b/a Scion San Diego
Irvine Auto Retail I, Inc. d/b/a Norm Reeves Honda Irvine
Irvine Auto Retail Ii, Inc. d/b/a Norm Reeves Volkswagen
Irvine Auto Retail Iii, Inc. d/b/a Norm Reeves Buick GMC
Parkway Premium Motorcars Inc. d/b/a Norm Reeves Acura of Mission Viejo
Port Charlotte Auto Retail Inc. d/b/a Port Charlotte Honda d/b/a Port Charlotte Volkswagen
West Covina Auto Retail Inc. d/b/a Norm Reeves Honda Superstore West Covina

Assigned Attorneys: Barbara Chun (WRLA)

Nature of Action: Action for monetary civil penalties and other relief for violation of a final Commission consent order prohibiting the defendants from misrepresenting how much consumers could pay to finance or lease a vehicle.

Status: Complaint filed 11/3/17.
Stipulated settlement and consent order entered 11/13/17.

(B) Competition

(None Pending)

SUBPOENA AND CID ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS

FTC v. BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., No. 12-5393 (D.C. Cir.); No. 1:09-MC-00564 (D.D.C.)

Parties: Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Mark Hegedus (OGC)
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.
Order holding that Boehringer failed to conduct an adequate search of its electronically stored information, and ordering Boehringer to run additional searches entered 10/16/12.
Commission's notice of appeal filed 12/11/12.
Boehringer's motion to dismiss appeal filed 1/28/13; Commission's response in opposition filed 2/11/13; Boehringer's reply filed 2/22/13; order denying motion to dismiss entered 4/12/13.
Commission's initial brief filed 6/28/13; appellees' brief filed 8/28/13; Commission's reply brief filed 9/11/13; appellee's final brief filed 10/3/13.
Argument held 10/14/14.
Opinion reversing and remanding to district court entered 2/20/15.
Boehringer's petition for rehearing en banc filed 4/6/15; Commission's response filed 5/19/15; denied 6/4/15.
Boehringer's motion to stay pending a petition for certiorari filed 6/11/15; Commission's opposition filed 6/22/15.
Order denying motion to stay mandate 7/2/15.
Petition for writ of certiorari filed 10/2/15; Commission's opposition brief filed 12/16/15; order denying petition for writ of certiorari entered 1/19/16.
Order by district court directing Boehringer to file brief discussing new

evidence entered 12/2/15; Boehringer's brief filed 12/23/15; Commission's response filed 1/20/16; Boehringer's motion to file reply brief filed 1/28/16; Commission's response in opposition filed 2/1/16.

Opinion and order by district court directing Boehringer to produce documents for which it has claimed only work product protection entered 9/27/16.

Order granting request for extension and for a protective order stating that Boehringer's production of documents under the 9/27/16 order will not waive work-product protection entered 10/20/16.

Commission's notice of appeal filed 11/23/16.

Boehringer's cross-appeal and request that court stay compliance pending appeal filed 11/28/16; Commission's opposition to stay filed 12/9/16.

Commission's opening brief filed 3/27/17; Boehringer's answering brief filed 5/26/17; reply filed 7/17/17.

Oral argument held 11/15/17.

FTC v. REDWOOD SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGIES, No. 2:17-cv-7921 (C.D. Cal.)

Parties: Redwood Scientific Technologies

Assigned Attorneys: Burke Kappler (OGC)
Stacy Procter (WRLA)

Nature of Action: Petition for an order to enforce a CID.

Status: Petition filed 10/30/17.
Show cause hearing scheduled for 1/29/18.

SUITS TO ENJOIN FTC ACTION AND OTHER DEFENSIVE LITIGATION

AMERICAN FINANCIAL BENEFITS CENTER v. FTC, No. 4:17-cv-4817 (N.D. Cal.)

Parties: American Financial Benefits Center
Ameritech Financial
Financial Education Benefits Center

Assigned Attorneys: Imad Abyad (OGC)
Roberta Tonelli (WRSF)
Sarah Schroeder

Nature of Action: Action seeking a judicial declaration that the debt relief provision of the Telemarketing Sales Rule (TSR) will not apply to plaintiffs' businesses,

or, alternatively, that plaintiffs are fully complying with the legal requirements outlined by the TSR.

Status: Complaint filed 8/18/17; amended complaint filed 11/2/17.
Commission's motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction filed 10/20/17; motion to dismiss amended complaint filed 11/16/17; response in opposition to motion filed 11/30/17; reply to opposition filed 12/7/17.

CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE V. FTC, No. 1:17-cv-1649 (D.D.C.)

Parties: Cause of Action

Assigned Attorneys: Eric B. Beckenhauer (DOJ)

Nature of Action: Action under the Freedom of Information Act, seeking access to agency records, an order declaring that the FTC improperly withheld the requested agency records, and other relief.

Status: Complaint filed 8/15/17.

COFIELD v. EQUIFAX, INC., No. 1:17-cv-03119 (D. Md.)

Parties: Kevin L. Cofield, Sr.
Dr. Keenan K. Colfield
Laverne Thompson
Berri A. Wells

Assigned Attorneys: Alan C. Lazerow (AUSA)
Michael Bergman (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action seeking recover for alleged violation of the FCRA and the Maryland Consumer Protection Act, and for negligence, gross negligence, punitive damages in connection with a security data breach in which servers containing consumers' sensitive personal information had been hacked or breached.

Status: Notice of removal filed 10/25/17.
Complaint filed 10/25/17.
Federal defendants' motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction filed 12/13/17.
Defendants Equifax Inc. and Equifax Information Services, LLC's motion to stay filed 12/14/17; federal defendants' opposition to stay motion filed 12/27/17.
Plaintiffs' motion to dismiss defendants U.S. Government, AUSA, US Attorney General, CFPB and FTC filed 12/27/17; order granting

motion entered 12/28/17.

CONSUMERS FOR AUTO RELIABILITY & SAFETY v. FTC, No. 1:17-cv-00540 (D.D.C.)

Parties: Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety
Center for Auto Safety
U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Inc.

Assigned Attorneys: Leslie Melman (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action for declaratory and injunctive relief under the Administrative Procedure Act in connection with the Commission's consent orders with General Motors and two dealerships regarding the advertising of used motor vehicles.

Status: Complaint filed 3/24/17.
Amended complaint filed 5/2/17.
Commission's motion to hold case in abeyance or, in the alternative, for an extension of time filed 5/16/17; opposition filed 5/30/17; motion to stay granted 6/13/17.
Commission's motion dismiss filed 9/8/17; response in opposition filed 10/5/17; Commission's reply filed 10/27/17.

DOE v. FTC, No. 4:16-cv-00071 (W.D. Mo.)

Parties: John Doe
Jane Doe

Assigned Attorneys: Jeffrey Ray (AUSA)
Leslie Melman (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action seeking damages under the Privacy Act in connection with the disclosure of private and sensitive identifying information.

Status: Complaint filed 1/28/16.
Amended complaint filed 10/21/16.
Commission's motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim filed 11/22/16; plaintiff's opposition filed 12/21/16; reply filed 1/17/17; order denying motion entered 9/11/17.

ENDO PHARMACEUTICALS v. FTC, Nos. 2:16-cv-05599, 2:16-cv-05600 (E.D. Pa.)

Parties: Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Endo International, PLC
Impax Laboratories, Inc.
Watson Laboratories, Inc.

Allergan Finance, LLC

Assigned Attorneys: Bradley Albert (BC/HC)
Jamie Towey
Matthew Hoffman (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action seeking declaratory judgment that Section 13(b) of the FTC Act does not authorize the Commission to pursue its claims against them in federal court.

Status: Complaint filed 10/26/16.
Commission's motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction filed 12/30/16; opposition filed 1/13/17; Commission's reply filed 1/20/17.
Order consolidating case with *Allergan Finance v. FTC*, No. 2:17-cv-00406, entered 2/1/17.
Notice of voluntary dismissal by Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc and Endo International PLC entered 2/2/17.
Consolidated amended complaint by Allergan and Watson filed 2/15/17.
Commission's motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, or in the alternative, failure to state a claim, filed 3/2/17; plaintiffs' opposition filed 3/16/17; Commission's reply filed 3/23/17; plaintiffs' sur-reply filed 3/30/17; order denying without prejudice entered 12/28/17.
Motion for summary judgment filed 5/9/17; Commission's opposition filed 5/23/17; reply filed 5/31/17; Commission's sur-reply filed 6/7/17.

LAMB v. FTC, No. 1:17-cv-2783 (D.D.C.)

Parties: James P. Lamb

Assigned Attorneys: April Denise Seabrook (DOJ)
Ashley Gum (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action for declaratory and injunctive relief under the FOIA in connection with the FTC's denials of plaintiff's requests and subsequent appeals for access to certain agency records.

Status: Complaint filed 12/27/17.

OKLAHOMA KEEPERS v. STATE FARM MUTUAL INS. CO., No. 5:17-cv-1221 (W. D. Okla.)

Parties: Oklahoma Keepers
E L Dugan

MW Dugan
H L Dugan
C I Dugan
FC Dugan

Assigned Attorneys: Rebecca A Frazier (DOJ)

Nature of Action: Action for injunctive and declaratory relief, alleging that numerous governmental entities, officials, and insurance companies engaged in fraud, extortion, and other wrongful activities in violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

Status: Complaint filed 11/14/17.
Order dismissing plaintiffs F C Dugan and Oklahoma Keepers entered 12/21/17.

SOUNDBOARD ASSOCIATION v. FTC, No.17-5093 (D.C. Cir.); No. 1:17-cv-00150 (D.D.C.)

Parties: Soundboard Association

Assigned Attorneys: Bradley Grossman (OGC)
Matthew Hoffman

Nature of Action: Action seeking declaratory judgment, challenging an FTC staff opinion letter advising that the TSR's restrictions on "prerecorded messages" apply to soundboard technology.

Status: Complaint filed 1/23/17.
Motion for preliminary injunction by Soundboard Association filed 1/24/17; Commission's opposition filed 2/17/17; reply filed 2/24/17.
Hearing held 3/3/17.
Order granting summary judgment in favor of the Commission entered 4/24/17.
Notice of appeal filed 4/27/17.
Appellant's opening brief filed 6/28/17; Commission's answering brief filed 7/28/17; appellant's reply brief filed 8/11/17.
Oral argument held 11/6/17.

SWEARINGTON v. FTC, No. 3:17-cv-00254 (W.D.N.C.)

Parties: Derritt Swearington

Assigned Attorneys: Jill Westmoreland Rose (DOJ)
Michael Bergman (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action alleging injury from failure to investigate consumer complaint.

Status: Notice of removal to federal court filed 5/12/17.
Commission's motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction or failure to state a claim filed 6/19/17; opposition filed 6/22/17.
Order granting motion to dismiss entered 9/8/17.

THOSE CERTAIN UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYD'S, LONDON, SUBSCRIBING TO CERTIFICATE NO. WS20114-1601 v. ISTREAM FINANCIAL SERVICES, No. 2:17-cv-00597 (E.D. Wis.)

Parties: Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London

Assigned Attorneys: Chris Guadagnino (DOJ)
Burke Kappler (OGC)

Nature of Action: Action seeking declaratory judgment of obligations under a professional services liability policy.

Status: Complaint filed 4/26/17.
Amended complaint filed 4/28/17.
Stipulation of dismissal of the Commission filed 7/10/17; order adopting stipulation entered 7/12/17.

AMICUS CURIAE BRIEFS or PARTIAL INTERVENTIONS

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE v. CITY OF SEATTLE, No.17-35640 (9th Cir.)

Assigned Attorneys: Michele Arington (OGC)
Steven J. Mintz (DOJ)
Robert Nicholson

Alleged Conduct: Private action raising the question whether a Seattle ordinance that allows Uber, Lyft, and other for-hire drivers working as independent contractors to collectively bargain with ride-referral service companies is exempt from the Sherman Act under the state action doctrine.

Status: Brief of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission as amici curiae filed in support of in support of appellants filed 11/3/17.
Oral argument scheduled for 2/5/18.

IN RE EFFEXOR XR ANTITRUST LITIGATION, Nos. 15-1184, 15-1185, 15-1186, 15-1187, 15-1274, 15-1323, 15-1342 (3d Cir.)

Assigned Attorneys: Michele Arington (OGC)

Nature of Action: Private action raising the question of whether drug companies' reverse-payment agreement was shielded from antitrust scrutiny on the basis of FTC inaction and patent court's entry of stipulated judgment.

Status: Brief of the Federal Trade Commission as amicus curiae supporting plaintiffs-appellants filed 11/17/15.
Answering brief of appellee drug companies filed 2/16/16.
Commission's supplemental amicus brief filed 3/17/16.
Oral argument on issue of jurisdiction heard 9/27/16.
3rd Circuit decision finding jurisdiction to hear appeal entered 4/13/17.
Oral argument on the merits heard 5/19/17.
Opinion reversing the district court entered 8/21/17.

IN RE WELLBUTRIN XL ANTITRUST LITIGATION, Nos. 15-3559, 15-3591, 15-3681, 15-3682 (3d Cir.)

Assigned Attorney: Mark Hegedus (OGC)

Nature of Action: Private action alleging anticompetitive reverse-payment agreement between brand-name drug manufacturer and a generic drug company.

Status: Brief of the Federal Trade Commission as amicus curiae in support of neither party, urging appeals court to correct legal errors in district court's antitrust analysis, filed 3/11/16.
Oral argument heard 9/7/16.
Opinion affirming district court decision entered 9/28/17.