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David Philipps' practice consists mainly of consumer litigation, on both an individual and class basis, advocating for consumers who have been defrauded, subjected to abusive and illegal actions by debt collectors, or have claims related to improper credit reporting.

Mr. Philipps is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law and Loyola University of Chicago. He served as law clerk to Justice Benjamin K. Miller of the Illinois Supreme Court from 1987-88. From 1988 to 1999, Mr. Philipps practiced with the firm of Beeler, Schad & Diamond, P.C. in Chicago, Illinois, and was a shareholder in that firm from 1995 until leaving in late 1999 to co-found the firm of Gomolinski & Philipps, Ltd., in southwest suburban Chicago. Gomolinski & Philipps has three other attorneys; partner William E. Gomolinski, partner Mary E. Philipps and associate Bonnie C. Dragotto. Ms. Philipps and Ms. Dragotto also primarily practice in the area of consumer litigation.

Mr. Philipps is a member of the Illinois state bar, and the bars of the United States District Courts for the Northern and Central Districts of Illinois, the Southern District of Indiana, the Seventh and Ninth Circuits of the United States Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Philipps has been an active member of the National Association of Consumer Advocates since its infancy in 1995 and has been a featured speaker on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act on numerous occasions.

Mr. Philipps has litigated hundreds of individual and class action cases under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Some of Mr. Philipps' notable Fair Debt Collection Practices Act cases include: *Gammon v. G.C. Services Limited Partnership*, 27 F.3d 1254 (7th Cir.1994)(unsophisticated consumer standard); *Newman v. Boehm, Pearlstein & Bright, Ltd.*, 119 F.3d 477 (7th Cir. 1997)(condo dues); *Turner v. J.V.D.B. & Associates, Inc.*, 330 F.3d 991 (7th Cir. 2003)(no intent as to false statements); *Horkey v. J.V.D.B. & Associates, Inc.*, 333 F.3d 769 (7th Cir. 2003)(calls at work and profanity); *Chuway v. NAFS, Inc.*, 362 F.3d 944 (7th Cir. 2004)(amount of debt); *Randolph v. IMBS, Inc.*, 368 F.3d 726,728-730 (7th Cir. 2004)(no bankruptcy pre emption); and *McMillan v. Collection Professionals, Inc.*, 455 F.3d 754 (7th Cir. 2006)(dunning letter could be misleading, consumer entitled to put forth evidence regarding confusion).

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