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A. AUTO FINANCE

- **Homziak v. General Electric Capital Warranty Corporation and Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A., et al.** (Allegheny County, Pa.). Defend Chase Manhattan Bank USA in consumer class action alleging claims under the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Sales Finance for assignee liability under FTC Holder Notice provision of consumer contracts for alleged improper markup of automobile warranty contracts.
- **Jansson v. Toyota Motor Credit Corporation** (Super. Ct., Hillsborough County, N.H.). Defend TMCC in consumer class action for alleged failure to provide statutory notice regarding refund of unearned credit life and credit disability premiums upon early payoff of retail installment contract.
- **Perdomo v. Chase Manhattan Automotive Finance Corp.** (S.D. Fla.). Defend Chase Manhattan Automotive Finance Corp. in putative consumer class action arising out claims that taxes collected in connection with automobile leases allegedly violate the Consumer Leasing Act, Florida’s unfair and deceptive trade practices act statute, and Florida common law.

¹ Matters are categorized based on the primary issue in the case. Certain cases raise multiple legal issues and/or claims and may be identified under more than one category.

B. BANKRUPTCY

- **Imes v. Saxon Mortgage Company LLC, et al.** (Bankr. D. Nev.). Defend trustee of securitization trust in putative class action challenging the role of LPS in bankruptcy process.
- **The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Tribune Company, et al. v. Fitzsimmons, et al.** (S.D.N.Y.). Defend various SSgA entities and the North Dakota State Investment Board in class action asserting federal-law fraudulent conveyance claims for constructive and intentional fraudulent transfer seeking to recover funds paid to Tribune by which the Tribune Company converted to a privately held company in 2007.
- **Weisfelner v. A. Holmes & H. Holmes TTEE** (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.). Defend John Deere Pension Fund, SPDR S&P 500 Growth ETF, SPDR Dow Jones Total Market ETF, Equity Overlay Fund LLC, Redbourn Partners, Ltd., and Yield Strategies Fund II LP in class action asserting federal-law fraudulent conveyance claims for in connection with a December 20, 2007 leveraged buyout of Lyondell by Basell AF.
- **Wetzel, et al. v. HomeEq Servicing Corp., et al.** (S.D. Ohio). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP against allegations that it violated the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code by sending informational statements to Chapter 13 debtors.

C. CALIFORNIA SECTION 17200 LITIGATION

- **The Fair Lending Practices Association v. North American Mortgage Company** (Sup. Ct., San Diego County, Ca.). Defendant North American Mortgage Company in a private attorney general class action stating claims under California statutory law.
- **Greenwood, et al. v. Sprint Nextel Corporation** (C.D. Cal.). Defend Sprint Nextel Corporation against allegations of violating California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code § 1750, and California's Unfair Competition Law, Business & Professions Code § 17200, arising from alleged transmission of text messages in connection with purportedly illegal lotteries.
- **Guadiz, et al. v. MortgageIT, Inc., et al.** (C.D. Cal.). Defend MortgageIT, Inc. and Deutsche Bank AG against allegations of breach of contract, California's Unfair Competition Law, Business & Professions Code § 17200, and violation of the Truth in Lending Act and its state law equivalent arising from the origination and funding of Option ARM loans.
- **Heredia v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (Super. Ct., Orange County, Cal.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging claims related to the improper assessment of late fees and alleging violations of California's Unfair Business Practices Act § 17200, California Civil Code § 2954.4(b), California Financial Code §§ 50130(g) and 50204(i), in connection with the assessment of late fees.
- **Jacques v. First Financial Funding Group, et al.** (Super. Court, San Diego, Cal.). Defend client sued in class action alleging violations of the Truth in Lending Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and California's Unfair Competition Law, Business & Professions Code § 17200.
- **Pradhan, et al. v. Citibank, N.A., et al.** (N.D. Cal.). Defend Citibank, N.A. and Citimortgage, Inc. against putative nationwide class action alleging violations of RICO, TILA, and Cal. Bus. Code §§ 17200 & 17500 as well as breach of covenant of good faith stemming from Citibank's allegedly predatory lending practices.
- **Soriano v. North American Mortgage Company** (Super. Ct., Los Angeles County, Ca.). Defend North American Mortgage Company in California class action alleging that charging interest on pre-closing escrows violates California Finance Code, Civil Code and Unfair Competition Act.

- **Valdez v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (C.D. Cal.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative California class action alleging violation of California’s Unfair Business Practices Act, Business and Professions Code, § 17200 *et seq.* and California Civil Code § 2954.4(b) for charging late fees where borrowers allegedly made timely payments.
- **Velazquez, et al. v. Aegis Mortgage Corporation, et al.** (C.D. Cal.). Defend Aegis Mortgage Corporation and Aegis Wholesale Lending against allegations of breach of contract, California’s Unfair Competition Law, Business & Professions Code § 17200, and violation of the Truth in Lending Act and its state law equivalent.
- **Windsor v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (Super. Ct., Orange County, Ca.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging violation of California’s Unfair Business Practices Act § 17200 and California Civil Code § 2954.4(b) in connection with the assessment of late fees.

D. CONSUMER FRAUD / UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE ACTS AND PRACTICES LAWS

- **Banda, et al. v. The City of Houston, et al.** (S.D. Tex.). Defend CTX Mortgage Co. and North American Mortgage Co. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging common law claims and violation of various state unfair and deceptive acts and practices statutes.
- **Banquez v. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, in its capacity as trustee for various residential mortgage-backed securities trusts** (Super. Ct., Union County, N.J.). Defend Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for relevant securitization trust in consumer class action alleging violations of the New Jersey Truth-in-Consumer Contract, Warranty, and Notice Act premised upon an alleged violation of the New Jersey Fair Foreclosure Act in connection with the issuance of notices of intent to foreclose.
- **DeYoung, et al. v. The Bank of New York** (Super. Ct., Norfolk County, Mass.). Defend The Bank of New York in a multi-state consumer class action alleging violations of various state mortgage discharge statutes and state unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes.
- **Fellows v. CitiMortgage, Inc.** (S.D.N.Y./Second Circuit). Defendant CitiMortgage, Inc. in nationwide putative class action alleging violations of the New York General Business Law, Section 340 and Breach of Contract based on CitiMortgage’s alleged practices concerning private mortgage insurance on Fannie Mae insured residential mortgages, particularly the charging of and failure to promptly terminate such insurance.
- **Gay v. CreditInform, et al.** (3d Cir.). Defend Intersections Inc. in a putative class action alleging violations of the Credit Repair Organizations Act and a Pennsylvania consumer protection statute.
- **Glen, et al. v. Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation** (E.D. Mo.). Defend Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp. in putative class action arising out of alleged violations of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act – particularly alleging that Fairway breached its promise to disclose the receipt of “additional compensation” (i.e., yield spread premium fees) from a lender in good faith estimates provided to its borrowers.
- **HSBC Bank USA, N.A. v. Arnett v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (Court of Common Pleas, Erie County, Ohio). Defend counterclaim defendants, Litton and HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee in putative class action alleging wrongdoing in connection with the servicing and foreclosure of a residential mortgage loan in Ohio.
- **Kahle v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (S.D. Ohio). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in a nationwide putative identity theft class action alleging negligence, invasion of privacy, breach of the duty of confidentiality, fraud, and violations of the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act.

- **McLeod v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (Supreme Ct., King County, N.Y.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative statewide class action alleging violations of the New York Consumer Protection Act and various common law claims in connection with a mortgage loan payoff fees.
- **McMullen v. Tsiaperas, et al. (N.D. Ill.)**. Defend Founders Trust National Bank (now F & M Bank) in a national class action alleging that the bank's credit card agreement violated federal law and the consumer protection statutes in three states.
- **Mitchell v. LSI Title Agency, Inc.** (Superior Court, Burlington County, N.J.). Defend LSI Title Agency, Inc. in putative statewide class action alleging violations of New Jersey Consumer Protection Act arising out of alleged overcharging of mortgage recording fees.
- **Montgomery v. Sprint Spectrum L.P.** (D. Kan.). Defend Sprint Nextel Corporation in putative class action alleging claims under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, and the common law in connection with certain rates charged for wireless services in the State of Texas.
- **Morris v. National City Mortgage Co.** (D.S.C.). Defend mortgage lender against class action brought under the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act.
- **Quirk Infiniti, Inc. v. Wachovia Bank, National Association** (D. Mass.). Defend Wachovia Bank, National Association in putative nationwide class action alleging claims against Wachovia for aiding and abetting fraud, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty, violation of the North Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, and unjust enrichment in connection with the purported misappropriation of funds from qualified intermediary accounts.
- **Rudnik v. Cortland Savings & Banking Co.** (Court of Common Pleas, Fayette County, Pa.). Defend Cortland Savings & Banking Co. in a consumer class action pending in which the plaintiffs (a class of campsite owners) are seeking to impose assignee liability on the Bank based upon wrongdoing of the developer from whom the Bank purchased consumer loan paper.
- **Samson v. Superior Asset Research Corp., et al.** (D.N.J.). Defend putative class action alleging violations of the New Jersey tax-sale and consumer-protection statutes and common-law fraud, misrepresentation, conspiracy, and unjust enrichment, arising out of payment plans relating to tax lien certificates purchased by defendants.
- **Stillwater v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (Cir. Ct., Chancery Division, Cook County, Ill.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP and Litton GP LLC in putative class action alleging breach of contract, violation of the Illinois unfair and deceptive trade practices act statute and common law in connection with a mortgage loan servicing.
- **Stubblefield, et al. v. North American Mortgage Co.** (Cir. Ct., Birmingham, Ala.). Defend North American Mortgage Co. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging common law claims and violation of various state unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes.
- **Wade v. Philips Electronics North America Corporation** (Cir. Ct., Madison County, Ill.). Defend Philips Electronics North America Corporation in putative nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of various unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes and common law.
- **Wratchford v. Accredited Home Lenders, Inc.** (Cir. Ct., Madison County, Ill.). Defend Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. in putative nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of various unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes and common law.
- **Wratchford v. CBSK Financial Group, Inc. d/b/a American Home Loans** (Cir. Ct., Madison County, Ill.). Defend CBSK Financial Group, Inc. d/b/a American Home Loans in putative

nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes and common law.

E. BILLING PRACTICES / FEES AND CHARGES (MORTGAGE LOAN SERVICING)

- **Carraway v. Scott Wizig Enterprises, Inc., Bayview Financial Property Trust and Interbay Funding, L.L.C.**, (268th District Court, Fort Bend County, Tex.). Defend suit on Texas statute requiring annual summary statements of account be sent to purchasers under contracts for deed.
- **Coppola, et al. v. Wendover Funding, Inc.** (D. Mass.). Defend mortgage servicer in putative nationwide class action seeking to recover damages for servicer's charges for fax fees and attorneys' fees for preparation of mortgage releases and satisfactions.
- **Leebens, et al. v. Norwest Mortgage, Inc.** (Cir. Ct., Shelby County, Ala.). Defend mortgage servicer in putative nationwide class action seeking to recover damages for servicer's charges for fax fees, payoff statement fees, demand statement fees, document preparation fees and other fees charged in connection with payoffs of mortgage loans.
- **Limper, et al. v. Matrix Financial Services Corp., et al.** (Court of Common Pleas Ottawa County, Ohio). Defend mortgage servicer in putative nationwide class action seeking to recover damages for servicer's charges for fax fees and statement fees.
- **McCullough v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (Super. Ct. Colquitt County, GA). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative nationwide class action alleging breach of contract for purportedly failing to honor terms of "buydown agreements" in connection with the collection of monthly mortgage payments.
- **Mitchell v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (Super. Ct., King County, Wash.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative statewide class action alleging violations of the Washington Consumer Protection Act and various common law claims in connection with mortgage loan payoff fees.
- **Mogavero, et al. v. Matrix Financial Services Corporation** (D. Mass.). Defend mortgage servicer in putative nationwide class action seeking to recover damages for servicer's charges for fax fees and statement fees.
- **Prasad v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (Supreme Ct., Queens County, N.Y.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative nationwide class action alleging violations of the New York Consumer Protection Act, New York Real Property law, and various common law claims in connection with the alleged failure to provide borrowers with payoff statements.
- **Richardson, et al. v. Credit Depot Corporation of Ohio, et al.** (Cuyahoga County, Ohio). Defend mortgage servicer in putative statewide class action seeking to recover damages for originators' charges of allegedly excessive points and servicer's charges for prepayments.
- **Squire v. Imperial Credit Industries, Inc.** (Super. Ct., King County, Wash.). Defend Imperial Credit Industries, Inc. on this consumer class action wherein plaintiffs alleged Imperial Credit Industries, Inc. improperly charged a mortgage fee for reconveyances.

F. BILLING PRACTICES / FEES AND CHARGES (TELECOM, CONSUMER SERVICES)

- **Brown v. Sprint Nextel Corporation** (E.D. Wash.). Defend Sprint Nextel Corporation in putative class action alleging claims under the Washington State Business and Occupations Tax Statute and the Washington Consumer Protection Act in connection with certain rates charged for wireless services in the State of Washington.

- **Christensen v. Sur La Table, Inc.** (D. Mass.). Defend Sur La Table, Inc. in putative class action alleging claims under Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, Chapter 93A, for collection of consumer personal identifying information purportedly in violation of Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 93, Section 105.
- **Hesse v. Sprint Spectrum L.P.** (W.D. Wash.). Defend Sprint Nextel Corporation in putative class action alleging claims under the Washington State Business and Occupations Tax Statute and the Washington Consumer Protection Act in connection with certain rates charged for wireless services in the State of Washington.
- **Nevels v. Sprint Nextel Corporation, et al.** (S.D. Miss.). Defend Sprint Nextel Corporation in a putative nationwide class action alleging violation of the Federal Communications Act for allegedly charging customers for unsolicited text messages, including unsolicited premium text messages.
- **Olson v. Sprint Nextel Corporation, et al.** (W.D. Wash.). Defend Sprint Nextel Corporation and Sprint Spectrum L.P. in putative class action alleging claims under the Washington State Business and Occupations Tax Statute and the Washington Consumer Protection Act in connection with certain rates charged for wireless services in the State of Washington.
- **Rohn v. AT&T Mobility, LLC, et al.** (D.V.I.). Defend Sprint Nextel Corporation in putative class action alleging claims under the Federal Communications Act and common law regarding wireless number portability in the United States Virgin Islands.
- **Sherrod v. Enigma Software Group USA, LLC** (S.D. Ohio). Defend Enigma Software Group USA, LLC in putative class action alleging claims for breach of contract, promissory estoppel, fraud, and misrepresentation for purported failure to cancel software subscription.
- **Stohr, et al. v. AT&T Mobility LLC and PhillieCo, L.P. (Sprint)** (E.D. Pa.). Defend Sprint Nextel Corporation subsidiary against allegations of unlawfully collecting Philadelphia-based sales tax from customers living outside of Philadelphia in violation of Pennsylvania consumer protection law and in breach of contract.
- **Webb v. Sprint Communications Company L.P., et al.** (Super. Ct., Fulton County, Georgia). Defend Sprint Communications Company L.P. and Nextel South Corporation in a putative nationwide class action alleging claims under the Georgia Fair Business Practices Act and Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, along with various common law remedies, in connection with certain rates charged for wireless services.
- **Witkowski v. Sprint Solutions, Inc., et al.** (E.D. Mich.). Defend Sprint Nextel Corporation, Sprint Spectrum L.P., and Sprint Solutions, Inc. in a putative nationwide class action alleging breach of contract in connection with purportedly unsolicited text-messaging charges.

G. ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SECURITY

- **Kahle v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (S.D. Ohio). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in a nationwide putative class action alleging negligence, invasion of privacy, breach of the duty of confidentiality, fraud, unauthorized use of computer and violations of the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act.

H. FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

- **Dixon v. Calusa Investments, LLC** (D.R.I.). Defend Calusa Investments, LLC in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with the mailing of “firm offers of credit” to Rhode Island residents.

- **Emerson, et al. v. Aegis Lending Corporation** (E.D. Wis.). Defend Aegis Lending Corporation in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with the mailing of “firm offers of credit” to Wisconsin residents.
- **Farrow v. Greentree Mortgage Company L.P.** (D. Md.). Defend Greentree Mortgage Company L.P. in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with the mailing of “firm offers of credit” to Maryland residents.
- **Friedel v. Delta Funding Corp.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Delta Funding Corp. in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with the mailing of “firm offers of credit” to Illinois residents.
- **McFarland v. Calusa Investments, LLC** (W.D. Pa.). Defend Calusa Investments, LLC in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with the mailing of “firm offers of credit” to Pennsylvania residents.
- **Moss, et al. v. Aegis Lending Corp.** (D.R.I.). Defend Aegis Lending Corporation in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with the mailing of “firm offers of credit” to Rhode Island and Massachusetts residents.
- **Pavone v. Aegis Lending Corp.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Aegis Lending Corporation in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with the mailing of “firm offers of credit” to residents of Cook and DuPage Counties in Illinois.
- **Walker v. Calusa Investments, LLC** (S.D. Ind.). Defend Calusa Investments, LLC in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act in connection with the mailing of “firm offers of credit” to Indiana residents.

I. FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT/TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

- **Ahmed, et al. v. Credit Management Co., et al.** (W.D. Pa.). Defend hospital and one of its physician groups in class action lawsuit asserting claims for violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
- **Arthur, et al. v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (E.D. Tenn.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP and Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC in putative class action concerning purported activity in connection with mortgage loan servicing company’s alleged violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act, common law claims for fraud and misrepresentation, and claims for intentional or negligent infliction of emotional distress.
- **Chignoli v. Allied Interstate, LLC** (S.D. Fla.). Defend debt collector in putative class action under Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Florida analogue where plaintiff alleges that defendant collected consumer debts without first obtaining collection license.
- **Corazzini v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (N.D.N.Y.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action concerning purported activity in connection with mortgage loan servicing company’s alleged violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the New York Consumer Protection Act, common law claims for breach of contract, fraud, negligence, and breach of implied duty of good faith and fair dealing.
- **Everett v. Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC** (S.D. Fla.). Defend loan servicer in putative class action under Telephone Consumer Protection Act and Florida analogue to the FDCPA.

- **Everhart v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (S.D. Ohio). Defend Litton Loan Servicing in nationwide putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
- **Fox v. Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC** (C.D. Cal.). Defend loan servicer in putative class action under Telephone Consumer Protection Act.
- **Gburek v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
- **Gould-McIntosh v. U.S. Bank, NA, et al.** (W.D. Mich.). Defend U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee and Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative Michigan class action alleging that servicer violated the FDCPA and state law regarding the modification and foreclosure of plaintiffs' mortgage loan.
- **Green v. Kondaur Capital Corp.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Kondaur Capital Corporation in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Illinois Collection Agency Act.
- **Jeffrey v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (D.N.J.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in a putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act arising out of plaintiff's allegation that defendant contacted him after he sent a cease and desist letter to defendant.
- **Thomas v. Ocwen Federal Bank FSB, et al.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging violations of Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
- **Votaw, et al. v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (D. Utah). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative Utah class action alleging violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act, and common law claims.

J. FAIR LENDING / DISPARATE IMPACT LITIGATION

- **Allen v. Decision One Mortgage Company LLC, et al.** (D. Mass.). Defend mortgage lender and parent in federal class action alleging disparate impact discrimination under Equal Credit Opportunity Act and Fair Housing Act.
- **Khanna v. Freedom Mortgage Corporation** (S.D. Cal.). Defend Freedom Mortgage Corporation in putative class action alleging discriminatory lending practices against new and expectant mothers in violation of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.
- **Lopez v. Washington Mutual Bank, F.S.B., et al.** (D. Mass.). Defend mortgage lender in federal class action alleging disparate impact discrimination under Equal Credit Opportunity Act and Fair Housing Act.
- **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People v. HSBC Bank USA, N.A., et al.** (C.D. Cal.). Defend HSBC Bank USA, N.A. and HSBC Mortgage Corp. USA in putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Housing Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Civil Rights Acts of 1866 and 1871.
- **Tribett v. BNC Mortgage, Inc. et al.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend mortgage lender in federal class action alleging disparate impact discrimination under Equal Credit Opportunity Act and Fair Housing Act.

K. FORECLOSURE

- **Akalian v. American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc, et al.** (D.R.I.). Defend loan servicer in putative class action alleging violations of state foreclosure law.

- **Casey et al. v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (D. Md.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing in putative class action based upon allegations that foreclosure trustee submitted court documents that were allegedly “robo-signed” and not properly notarized.
- **Curry v. Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC** (Kanawha County Circuit Court, West Virginia / West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals). Defend loan servicer in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of West Virginia borrowers allegedly charged unlawful foreclosure-related fees in violation of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act.
- **Deutsche Bank, as Trustee v. Shomada, et al.** (Common Pleas Court, Cuyahoga Cty., Ohio). Defend trustee for securitization trust in counterclaim class action challenging trustee’s standing to foreclose and alleging invalid transfers of notes and mortgages.
- **Homecomings Financial Network v. Dagnan** (Cir. Ct., Marion County, Tenn.) Defend Homecomings Financial Network in putative class action seeking declaratory judgment regarding the constitutionality of Tennessee’s non-judicial foreclosure statutes.
- **HPG Corporation, et al. v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (S.D. Cal.). Defend loan servicer in putative class action alleging wrongful foreclosure and violations of California state statutes regarding assignments of mortgage. Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed their complaint in response to a motion to dismiss informally served by defendant.
- **Manson, et al. v. GMAC Mortgage, LLC, et al.** (D. Mass.). Defend trustee of securitization trust in action seeking to rescind and enjoin past and future foreclosure actions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts based upon plaintiffs’ allegation that the foreclosure actions at issue were not undertaken in accordance with Massachusetts law.
- **NOAH, et al. v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (C.D. Cal.). Defend loan servicer in putative class action alleging wrongful foreclosure and violations of California state statutes regarding assignments of mortgage.
- **O’Rourke v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (C.D. Cal.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative nationwide class action alleging wrongdoing in connection with the servicing of residential mortgage loans.
- **Patterson, et al. v. Dean Morris, LLP** (Civ. Dist. Ct., Orleans Parish, La.). Defend lender defendant in putative class action alleging common law claims concerning alleged overcharging by foreclosure counsel in connection with mortgage loan foreclosures.
- **Perez v. Litton Loan Servicing LP** (Orange County Superior Court, California). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging various loan origination and loan servicing violations premised on California state law.

L. HAMP MODIFICATION LITIGATION

- **Belyea, et al. v. Litton Loan Servicing, LP** (D. Mass.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to provide permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Bosque v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (D. Mass.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that it unlawfully failed to provide plaintiffs with permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Calfee, et al. v. CitiMortgage, Inc** (D. Mass.). Defend CitiMortgage, Inc. in putative class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to provide permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)

- **Casault, et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (C.D. Cal.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as servicer, in putative class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicers to abide by guidelines governing participation in the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) and on their alleged wrongful foreclosure in the absence of default.
- **Cavaciuti, et al. v. Litton Loan Servicing, LP, Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Ocwen Financial Corporation** (S.D.N.Y.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP, Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, and Ocwen Financial Corporation in putative class action alleging breach of contract, violation of New York General Business Law § 349, and violation of the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicers to service loans pursuant to the terms of permanent loan modifications provided under either the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) or the servicers' alternative/custom loan modification programs.
- **Corvello v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (N.D. Cal. and 9th Cir.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that it unlawfully failed to provide plaintiffs with permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Crowley v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that it unlawfully failed to provide plaintiffs with permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Desogugua, et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (E.D. Va.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in putative class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to provide a permanent loan modification under the Home Affordable Modification Program and alleging violations of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act in connection with the issuance of adverse action notices.
- **Deutsche Bank, as Trustee v. Van Horn et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (D. Del.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and trustee for securitization trust in counterclaim class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to provide permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Diaz, et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (D.R.I.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as servicer, in putative class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicers to abide by guidelines governing participation in the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) and on their alleged wrongful foreclosure in the absence of default.
- **Goodman, et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (California Superior Court, Los Angeles County). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in putative class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to provide a permanent loan modification under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Harte v. Ocwen Financial Corp. and Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC** (E.D.N.Y.). Defend Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC and Ocwen Financial Corporation in putative class action alleging various state law claims premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to properly process loan modifications, requiring borrowers to submit duplicative documents to support their applications, "dual tracking" modification applications and foreclosure proceedings, and charging improper late fees, default-related fees, and foreclosure-related fees.
- **Jackmon, et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (N.D. Cal.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in putative class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to provide a permanent loan modification under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)

- **Kennedy v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (C.D. Cal.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that it unlawfully failed to provide plaintiffs with permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Khani v. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, et al.** (C.D. Cal.) Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that Wells Fargo engaged in deceptive conduct in connection with loan modifications.
- **Khodayari, et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (LA Superior Court). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to provide a permanent loan modification under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Locke v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (S.D. Fla.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that it unlawfully failed to provide plaintiff with a permanent loan modification under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Lockett v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (C.D. Cal.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action alleging that it violated the California Fair Debt Collection Practices Act by collecting trial period payments under HAMP on loans that were ineligible for HAMP modification due to investor guidelines.
- **Lucia v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (N.D. Cal. and 9th Cir.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that it unlawfully failed to provide plaintiffs with permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Meyer v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (S.D. Iowa). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that it unlawfully failed to provide plaintiffs with permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Nelson v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (C.D. Cal.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in nationwide mass action alleging defendants engaged in deceptive practices and improper servicing activity regarding the origination of plaintiffs' loans, the sale of loans to investors, and the subsequent servicing of the loans, including the failure to modify loans and improper foreclosure activities.
- **Padilla v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., U.S. Bank National Association** (Oklahoma District Court, Tulsa County). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that Wells Fargo engaged in deceptive conduct in connection with loan modifications.
- **Parent v. Bank of New York Mellon, et al.** (E.D.N.C.). Defend Bank of New York Mellon, as Successor Trustee and Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging violations of state and federal law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to provide permanent loan modification under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Quist v. Wells Fargo Bank N.A.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that Wells Fargo engaged in deceptive conduct in connection with loan modifications.
- **Saucedo v. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, et al.** (C.D. Cal.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that Wells Fargo engaged in deceptive conduct in connection with loan originations and modifications.
- **Stolba, et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (D.N.J.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in putative class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to provide permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Sutcliffe, et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (N.D. Cal.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in putative class action alleging violations of state law premised on the alleged failure of loan servicer to

provide permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) and/or under special forbearance agreements.

- **Watson v. Wells Fargo Bank N.A.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that Wells Fargo engaged in deceptive conduct in connection with loan modifications.
- **Wigod v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that it unlawfully failed to provide plaintiff with a permanent loan modification under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)
- **Wu v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** (D.R.I.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank in putative class action asserting allegations that it unlawfully failed to provide plaintiffs with permanent loan modifications under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP)

M. INSURANCE

- **All v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (Super. Ct., San Francisco County, Cal.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging violation of California's Unfair Business Practices Act § 17200 in connection with a mortgage loan servicing.
- **Anderson, et al. v. Ace American Insurance Co., et al.** (E.D. La.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging that defendants have breached lender-placed insurance contracts by refusing to provide insurance coverage to the putative class members for losses and damages to property caused by Hurricane Katrina.
- **Bruno, et al. v. ABN Amro Mortgage Group, Inc., et al.** (E.D. La.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging that defendants have breached residential mortgage contracts by refusing to endorse homeowners insurance settlement proceed checks to the putative class members for losses and damages to property caused by Hurricane Katrina.
- **Montanez v. HSBC Mortgage Corp., et al.** (E.D. Pa.). Defend loan servicer in connection with putative class action alleging violations of RESPA and Pennsylvania common law in connection with servicer's purchase of lender-placed insurance.
- **Moyer v. HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc, et al.** (E.D. Pa.). Defend mortgage servicer in action alleging violations of Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and state unfair and deceptive practices act in connection with allegedly improper assessment for lender-placed insurance.
- **Shamery v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (N.D. Ala.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action of Alabama borrowers alleging certain wrongdoing in connection with the servicing of residential mortgage loans.
- **Templin v. Fleet Mortgage Group, Inc.** (Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, Pa.). Defend mortgage originator and servicer in putative nationwide class action seeking to recover damages for servicer's collection of private mortgage insurance premiums.

N. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICING

- **Hanson v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.** (D. Conn.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP and Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC in putative class action concerning purported activity in connection with a mortgage loan servicing company's alleged violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act, claims for unjust enrichment, conversion, civil

conspiracy, constructive trust, negligence and negligent servicing of claims, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing, intentional or reckless misrepresentation, larceny, defamation, breach of contract, fraud, negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress, tortious interference with contractual relations, and reckless and wanton misconduct.

- **Kalugin v. Lew, et al.** (D.D.C.). Defend Goldman, Sachs & Co. in putative class action alleging various purported wrongdoing in servicing and foreclosure related activities.
- **Mooney v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., et al.** (D. Mass.). Defend Vericrest Financial, Inc. (n/k/a Caliber Home Loans) in putative class action alleging various purported wrongdoing in servicing related activities.

O. MERS-RELATED LITIGATION

- **Batayeh v. MERSCORP, et al.** (E.D. Mich.). Defend MERS shareholder in putative class action alleging certain improprieties in connection with the foreclosure of loans where MERS is identified on mortgage as the nominee of the lender and its assigns.
- **Duval County v. Cornerstone Mortgage Company** (District Court, Duval County, Tex). Defend Cornerstone Mortgage Company in putative statewide class action alleging that defendant unlawfully failed to record mortgage assignments with respect to loans for which MERS is named as the nominee of the lender and its assigns
- **Figueroa v. MERSCORP, et al.** (S.D. Fla. and 11th Cir.). Defend MERS shareholder in putative class action alleging certain improprieties in connection with the foreclosure of loans where MERS is identified on mortgage as the nominee of the lender and its assigns.
- **Goodwin, et al. v. Executive Trustee Services, LLC, et al.** (D. Nev.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging claims under the Fair Housing Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Nevada Uniform Lending Practices Act, Nev. Rev Stat. 598D.100, and common law claims for conspiracy to commit fraud and conversion, conspiracy to commit fraud related to the MERS System, unjust enrichment, fraud in the inducement and for injunctive and declaratory relief. Plaintiffs also seek to enjoin foreclosures against members of the putative nationwide class.
- **Green, et al. v. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., et al.** (D. Nev.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging claims under the Nevada Uniform Lending Practices Act, Nev. Rev Stat. 598D.100, and common law claims for conspiracy to commit fraud and conversion, conspiracy to commit fraud related to the MERS System, unjust enrichment, fraud in the inducement and for injunctive and declaratory relief. Plaintiffs also seek to enjoin foreclosures against members of the putative nationwide class.
- **Joyce v. MERSCORP, Inc., et al.** (N.D. Ohio). Defend MERS shareholders in putative class action alleging that defendants unlawfully failed to record mortgage assignments with respect to loans for which MERS is named as the nominee of the lender and its assigns.
- **In re MERS MDL** (D. Ariz.). Defend loan servicer and others in putative class actions consolidated in a multidistrict litigation proceeding in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona.
- **Little v. MERSCORP, Inc., et al.** (N.D. Ohio). Defend MERS shareholder in putative class action alleging that defendants unlawfully failed to record mortgage assignments with respect to loans for which MERS is named as the nominee of the lender and its assigns.

- **Miller v. MERSCORP, et al.** (E.D. Mich.). Defend MERS shareholder in putative class action alleging certain improprieties in connection with the foreclosure of loans where MERS is identified on mortgage as the nominee of the lender and its assigns.
- **Ramsey County v. MERSCORP, Inc., et al.** (D. Minn.). Defend MERS shareholders in putative class action alleging that defendants unlawfully failed to record mortgage assignments with respect to loans for which MERS is named as the nominee of the lender and its assigns.
- **Town of Johnston v. MERSCORP, Inc., et al.** (D.R.I.). Defend MERS shareholders in putative class action alleging that defendants unlawfully failed to record mortgage assignments with respect to loans for which MERS is named as the nominee of the lender and its assigns.
- **Trevino, et al. v. MERSCORP, Inc., et al.** (D. Del.). Defend HSBC Finance in putative class action alleging claims against MERS and certain of its shareholders for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing in connection with alleged overcharges for the enforcement of mortgage instruments.

P. PREDATORY LENDING

- **Barber, et al. v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company, et al.** (M.D. Fla.). Defend Ameriquest Mortgage Company and Ameriquest Capital Corporation in putative class action alleging unfair, unconscionable, deceptive, and unlawful business practices in connection with soliciting and closing residential mortgage transactions in the State of Florida.
- **Graham, et al. v. Ameriquest Mortgage Co., et al.** (D. Mass.). Defend Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, and Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action alleging violations of Massachusetts Consumer Credit Cost Disclosure Act, the federal Truth in Lending Act and its state law counterpart, Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and common law.
- **Hayes v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company** (Super. Ct., N.J.). Defend Ameriquest Mortgage Company in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees in violation of New Jersey law.
- **Hocker, et al. v. National City Corp., et al.** (D. Md.). Defend Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC in putative class action alleging violations of various Maryland lending laws and the Maryland Consumer Protection Act based on the purported charging and collecting of illegal fees and interest on loans originated, purchased and/or serviced by PCFS Mortgage.
- **Pena v. American Home Mortgage Corp., et al.** (Orange County Superior Court, Ca.). Defend loan servicer in putative class action allegation various loan origination and loan servicing violations premised on California state law.
- **Ungar v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company** (M.D. Fla.). Defend Ameriquest Mortgage Company in putative class action alleging claims pursuant to Florida common law and Florida statutes in connection with loan origination in the State of Florida.
- **Williams v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company** (M.D. Fla.). Defend Ameriquest Mortgage Company in putative class action alleging claims under the Florida unfair and deceptive trade practices act statute, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act and various common law remedies in connection with the soliciting and closing residential mortgage transactions.
- **Williams/Naughton v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company** (S.D.N.Y.). Defend Ameriquest Mortgage Company in nationwide putative class action alleging claims under the Truth in Lending

Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, New York unfair and deceptive trade practices act statute, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act and various common law remedies.

Q. RESPA – ORIGINATION-RELATED CLAIMS

- **Apooyin v. Fidelity Home Mortgage Corporation** (Cir. Ct., Jefferson, County, Ala.). Defend Fidelity Home Mortgage Corporation in a putative nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and breach of contract.
- **Bray, et al. v. North American Mortgage Co.** (D. Mass.). Defend North American Mortgage Co. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging claims under the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedure Act, the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, and various state unfair and deceptive acts and practices statutes, and common law.
- **Brigham, et al. v. North American Mortgage Co.** (M.D. Ga.). Defend North American Mortgage Co. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Brittingham, et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., et al.** (D. Md.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Ventures, LLC in putative class action alleging state statutory and common law claims arising from a joint venture relationship and alleging that defendants originated second mortgage loans or lines of credit for putative class members and improperly charged and/or collected fees in connection with the brokering of the loan.
- **Carter v. Fidelity National Financial Inc., et al.** (N.D. Ohio). Defend Fidelity National Financial Inc. and Chicago Title Insurance Company in putative class action alleging claims under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act in connection with alleged receipt of kickbacks and unearned fees with respect to real estate settlement services involving federally-related mortgage loans.
- **Costa, et al. v. SIB Mortgage Corp.** (S.D.N.Y.). Defend SIB Mortgage in a putative nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Cummings, et al. v. Fidelity Home Mortgage Corporation** (N.D. Ala.). Defend Fidelity Home Mortgage Corporation in a putative nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Eash, et al. v. Aegis Mortgage Corporation d/b/a New American Financial** (W.D. Wash.). Defend Aegis Mortgage in a putative nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and common law breach of contract and unjust enrichment.
- **Eisenberg, et al. v. Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., et al.** (D. Ariz.). Defend Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Emrich, et al. v. Toll Brothers, Inc., et al.** (E.D. Pa.). Defend Toll Brothers, Inc., TBI Mortgage Corporation, and Westminster Abstract Company in putative class action alleging violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act in connection with Toll Brothers' offering plaintiffs a discount on the purchase of their home if plaintiffs chose to use the services of Toll Brothers' affiliated businesses in connection with the purchase.
- **Frank, et al. v. Aegis Mortgage Corp.** (N.D. Tex.). Defend Aegis Mortgage Corporation in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.

- **Hamilton, et al. v. North American Mortgage Co., et al.** (D. Me.). Defend North American Mortgage Co. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and unlawful business practices.
- **Kee, et al. v. Prime Mortgage Investors, Inc., et al.**, (S.D. Fla.). Defend CrossLand Mortgage Corp. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging claims under the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, various state unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes and common law.
- **Kiefaber v. First Choice, Inc. (d/b/a RE/MAX Allegiance), et al.**, (E.D. Va.). Defend First Choice, Inc. in a putative nationwide class action alleging violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (“RESPA”), 12 U.S.C. §§ 2607.
- **Kotelonets v. SIB Mortgage Corp.**, (N.D. Ill.). Defend SIB Mortgage Corp. in putative multi-state consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, violations of state unfair and deceptive acts and practices statutes, and common law claims based on the unauthorized practice of law in connection with the preparation of documents affecting title to real estate.
- **Koslowe, et al. v. Dime Mortgage of New Jersey, Inc., et al.**, (D.N.J.). Defend Dime Mortgage of New Jersey, Inc. and The Dime Savings Bank of New York, FSB in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and violations of various state unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes.
- **Laufer, et al. v. Minto Communities, LLC, et al.**, (S.D. Fla.). Defend Minto Communities, LLC, Homebuyers Financial, LLC, and Founders Title in a putative class action alleging claims for violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Florida Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act in connection with the provision of settlement services through an Affiliated Business Arrangement (“ABA”), as defined under Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Lay, et al. v. Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc.**, (N.D. Ala.). Defend Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Longo, et al. v. Sterling Capital Mortgage Corporation**, (S.D. Tex.). Defend Sterling Capital Mortgage Corporation against claims of alleged fee-splitting under Section 8(b) of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Lorenzo, et al. v. Aegis Mortgage Corporation, et al.**, (Super. Ct., Snohomish County, Wash.). Defend Aegis Mortgage Corporation and Aegis Funding Corporation in putative class action alleging unfair and deceptive conduct under Washington Consumer Protection Act for alleged non-disclosure of a yield spread premium fee.
- **Marisol, et al. v. Universal Lending Corporation, et al.**, (D. Colo.). Defend against allegations of violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act in connection with payment of yield spread premiums to brokers.
- **McDuffie, et al. v. North American Mortgage Co.**, (M.D. Ala.). Defend North American Mortgage Co. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Truth in Lending Act, various state unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes and common law.
- **Minter v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., et al.**, (D. Md.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Ventures, LLC in a putative class action alleging claims for violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, and the Maryland Consumer Protection Act, and for negligent misrepresentation, fraud, civil conspiracy and restitution/unjust enrichment against in connection with the provision of services through an

Affiliated Business Arrangement (“ABA”), as defined under Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.

- **Moniz v. Crossland Mortgage Corp.**, (D. Mass.). Defend Crossland Mortgage Corp. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Monroig v. Washington Mutual Bank FA**, (Super. Ct., Nassau County, N.Y.). Defend Washington Mutual in a putative class action claiming Washington Mutual Bank FA violated state law by paying compensation to a mortgage broker in the form of a yield spread premium fee.
- **Moses, et al. v. Aegis Mortgage Corp.**, (N.D. Ga.). Defend Aegis Mortgage Corp. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Perry v. Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc.**, (M.D. Ala.). Defend Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc. in putative nationwide class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Petry v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., et al.**, (D. Md.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Ventures, LLC in putative class action alleging state statutory and common law claims arising from a joint venture relationship and alleging that defendants facilitated the payment of unlawful referral fees and kickbacks in connection with the origination of mortgage loans.
- **Powers, et al. v. Fifth Third Mortgage Co., et al.**, (N.D. Ohio). Defend Fifth Third Mortgage and its subsidiaries and affiliates in a putative nationwide class action alleging violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (“RESPA”), 12 U.S.C. § 2607.
- **Ruiz v. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., et al.**, (W.D. Tex.). Defend Peirson & Patterson L.L.P. in putative class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the unauthorized practice of law provisions of Texas Government Code § § 83.001, *et seq.* in connection with the preparation of documents affecting title to real estate.
- **Schmitz, et al. v. Aegis Mortgage Corp., et al.**, (D. Minn.). Defend Aegis Mortgage Corp. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging claims under the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, various state unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes and common law.
- **Simpson v. Cityscape Corp.**, (N.D. Miss.). Defend Cityscape Corp. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Sisson, et al. v. Dime Mortgage, Inc., et al.**, (N.D. Ala.). Defend Dime Mortgage, Inc. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Snyder, et al. v. Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company**, (S.D. Fla.). Successful defense of purported state-wide class action against Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company for violation of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and fraud; case settled after dismissal with prejudice on the basis of filed rate doctrine.
- **Spicer v. The Ryland Group, Inc., et al.**, (11th Cir. and N.D. Ga.). Defend The Ryland Group, Inc. and Ryland Mortgage Company in putative class action alleging violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act in connection with The Ryland Group’s offering plaintiff a discount on the purchase of her home if plaintiff chose to use the services of The Ryland Group’s affiliated business in connection with the purchase.

- **Toldy, et al. v. Fifth Third Mortgage Co., et al.**, (N.D. Ohio). Defend Fifth Third Mortgage Company and its affiliate in a putative nationwide class action alleging violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Wilson, et al. v. Norwest Mortgage, Inc.**, (D. Mass.). Defend Norwest Mortgage, Inc. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the anti-kickback provisions of the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Yasgur, et al. v. Aegis Mortgage Corp.**, (D. Minn.). Defend Aegis Mortgage Corp. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging claims under the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, various state unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes, and common law remedies.

R. RESPA – SERVICING-RELATED CLAIMS

- **Anderson, et al. v. New Dimension Financial Services, et al.**, (N.D. Ill.). Defend New Dimension Financial Services, LP, CTX Mortgage Ventures Corporation and CTX Mortgage Company in putative class action alleging violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act and common law.
- **Bacus v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.**, (D. Nev.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative class action arising out of claims that loan servicing activities violated the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and Nevada common law.
- **Havard, et al. v. Litton Loan Servicing LP**, (N.D. Ill.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in a putative nationwide consumer class action alleging violations of the loan servicing provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and debt collection provisions of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
- **Merritt v. North American Mortgage Company**, (D. Md.). Defend North American Mortgage Company in putative class action arising out of charges for credit reports in alleged violation of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.
- **Schaffer, et al. v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, et al.**, (C.D. Cal.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in putative nationwide class action alleging violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, California’s Unfair Business Practices Act § 17200 and various common law claims in connection with a mortgage loan servicing.

S. RICO LITIGATION

- **Gans v. Chase Manhattan Automotive Finance Corp., et al.**, (D. Mass.). Defend Chase against claims that it unlawfully billed, collected and retained an additional monthly lease payment from motor vehicle lessees, which payment was not due under the respective motor vehicle leases in violation the RICO (18 U.S.C. § 1961 et seq.) and common law.
- **Levine, et al. v. North American Mortgage Co., et al.**, (D. Minn.). Defend North American Mortgage Co. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging claims under the anti-kickback provisions of Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, various state unfair and deceptive trade practices act statutes, and common law remedies.
- **Libri, et al. v. NationsBanc Mortgage Corp., et al.**, (W.D. Wash.). Defend NationsBanc Mortgage Corp. in a nationwide consumer class action alleging claims under the anti-kickback provisions of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt

Organizations Act, various unfair and deceptive trade practices act unfair and common law remedies.

- **Minter v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., et al.**, (D. Md.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Ventures, LLC in a putative class action alleging claims for violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, and the Maryland Consumer Protection Act, and for negligent misrepresentation, fraud, civil conspiracy and restitution/unjust enrichment against in connection with the provision of services through an Affiliated Business Arrangement (“ABA”), as defined under Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act.

T. SECOND MORTGAGE LOAN ACT LITIGATION

- **Alford, et al. v. Baltimore American Mortgage Corp., et al.**, (Cir. Ct., Baltimore City, Md.). Defend PSB Lending Inc. in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Maryland law.
- **Archer, et al. v. Telluride Funding, et al.**, (Super. Ct, Durham County, N.C.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of North Carolina law.
- **Davis, et al. v. Community Bank of Northern Virginia, et al.**, (Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, Pa.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of the Pennsylvania Secondary Mortgage Loan Act.
- **Easter, et al. v. American West Financial, et al.**, (W.D. Wash.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Washington law.
- **Faulcon, et al. v. Newport Shores Financial, Inc., et al.**, (Cir. Ct., Baltimore City, Md.). Defend PSB Lending Inc. and Worldwide Credit Company in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Maryland law.
- **Frazier, et al. v. Preferred Credit Corp., et al.**, (W.D. Tenn.). Defend Impac Funding Corp., Bankers Trust Co. and Bankers Trust Co. of California, N.A., in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Tennessee law.
- **Gilmor, et al. v. Preferred Credit Corporation, et al.**, (Cir. Ct., Clay County, Mo.). Defend Impac Funding Corp., Bankers Trust Co. (n/k/a Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas) and Bankers Trust Co. of California, N.A. (n/k/a Deutsche Bank National Trust Company) in putative class action arising out of alleged violations of the Missouri Second Mortgage Loan Act.
- **Hayes, et al. v. Impac Funding Corp., et al.**, (Vanderburgh Cir. Ct., Ind.). Defend Impac Funding Corp., Bankers Trust Co. and Bankers Trust Co. of California, N.A. in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Indiana law.
- **Hill, et al. v. Pacific Shore Funding, et al.**, (Cir. Ct., Baltimore City, Md.). Defend IndyMac Mortgage Holdings, Inc. and Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Maryland law.

- **Koebler, et al. v. FirstPlus Home Loan Trust 1996-2, et al.**, (Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, Pa.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of the Pennsylvania Secondary Mortgage Loan Act.
- **Landmann, et al. v. Bann-Cor, et al.**, (S.D. Ill.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Illinois law.
- **McDonald v. Litton Loan Servicing LP**, (W.D. Mo.). Defend Litton Loan Servicing LP in a putative Missouri class action alleging violation of the Missouri Second Mortgage Loan Act based upon the allegedly improper charging of certain fees in connection with the origination of the named plaintiff's and putative class members' loans.
- **Nicholson v. National Home Loan Corporation, et al.**, (Cir. Ct., Baltimore. City, Md.). Defend PSB Lending Inc. and IndyMac Mortgage Holdings, Inc. in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Maryland law.
- **Poirier, et al. v. Real Estate Plus, Inc., et al.**, (W.D. Wash.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Washington law.
- **Schreckengost, et al. v. National Home Loan Corporation, et al.**, (Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, Pa.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of the Pennsylvania Secondary Mortgage Loan Act.
- **Searcy, et al. v. Impac Funding Corp., et al.**, (Cir. Ct. Wayne County, Mich.). Defend Impac Funding Corp., Bankers Trust Co. and Bankers Trust Co. of California, N.A. in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Michigan law.
- **Shattock, et al. v. Treo Funding, Inc., et al.**, (W.D. Wash.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Washington law.
- **Shepherd v. 1st Potomac Mortgage Corporation, et al.**, (Cir. Ct., Baltimore County, Md.). Defend PSB Lending Inc. in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Maryland law.
- **Skinner, et al. v. Preferred Credit Corp., et al.**, (Super. Ct., Durham County, N.C.). Defend Impac Funding Corp., Bankers Trust Co. and Bankers Trust Co. of California, N.A. in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of North Carolina law.
- **Street v. PSB Lending Corporation, et al.**, (W.D. Tenn.). Defend Impac Funding Corp. in putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Tennessee law.
- **Teernstra, et al. v. Mirad Financial Group, et al.**, (W.D. Wash.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Washington law.
- **Wabby, et al. v. FirstPlus Home Loan Trust 1996-2, et al.**, (Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County, Pa.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage

loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of the Pennsylvania Secondary Mortgage Loan Act.

- **Zacher, et al. v. Union Financial Corp., et al.**, (W.D. Wash.). Defend putative class action seeking damages on behalf of secondary mortgage loan recipients who allegedly were charged fees and interest in violation of Washington law.

U. TAX AND ESCROW

- **Altman, et al. v. CitiMortgage, Inc.** (Supreme Ct., Rockland County, N.Y.). Defend CitiMortgage in putative nationwide class action brought by way of counterclaim alleging that that servicer failed to timely make city tax payments from escrow accounts.
- **Amato, et al. v. Allegheny General Hospital, et al.** (W.D. Pa.). Defend hospital in class action lawsuit alleging breach of contract created by Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Code and other claims in connection with hospital's billing practices for uninsured patients.
- **Barber v. CitiBank, N.A.** (Supreme Ct., Kings County, N.Y.). Defend CitiBank, N.A. in putative nationwide class action brought by way of counterclaim alleging that that servicer of Home Equity Line of Credit failed to timely make city tax payments from escrow accounts.
- **Glover v. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, et al.** (W.D. Pa.). Defend Goldman Sachs Mortgage company in putative Pennsylvania class action alleging that defendant loan servicers and note holder violated state and federal law and improperly applied payments to escrow account in connection with the servicing and foreclosure of plaintiff's loan.
- **Konig, et al. v. CitiMortgage, Inc.** (Super. Ct. N.Y.). Defend CitiMortgage, Inc. in nationwide class action alleging that CitiMortgage failed to timely make tax payments from escrow accounts.
- **Pollice, et al. v. National Tax Funding, et al.**, and **Houck, et al. v. Capital Asset Research Corp., et al.** (W.D. Pa.). Defend putative class actions alleging violations of the Truth in Lending Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Pennsylvania consumer protection and usury statutes, common law fraud and unjust enrichment, and federal and state constitutional law, challenging the enforceability of, and collection practices regarding, tax and utility claims assigned to private parties.
- **Sachar v. CitiMortgage, Inc.** (Supreme Ct., Kings County, N.Y.). Defend CitiMortgage, Inc. in putative nationwide class action brought by way of counterclaim alleging that that servicer failed to timely make city tax payments from escrow accounts.

V. TRUTH IN LENDING ACT

- **Capasso v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company** (D.N.J.). Defend Ameriquest Mortgage Company in putative class action alleging claims under the Truth in Lending Act and various common law and statutory remedies under New Jersey law in connection loan origination in the State of New Jersey.
- **Frazier, et al. v. Equicredit Corporation of Illinois, et al.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Provident Mortgage Corp. in putative class action arising out of alleged violations of the Truth in Lending Act.
- **Hawthorne, et al. v. Brightland Builders, Inc., et al.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend against allegations of violations of the federal Truth in Lending Act.
- **Jordan v. Paul Financial, LLC, et al.** (N.D. Cal.). Defend Paul Financial LLC in a nationwide and statewide putative class action alleging breach of contract, violations of the Truth in Lending Act

and its state law equivalent, and California's Unfair Competition Law, Business & Professions Code § 17200 arising from the origination and funding of option ARM loans.

- **Kay v. National City Mortgage Co.** (D.S.C.). Defend National City Mortgage Co. in putative class action alleging claims under the Truth in Lending Act based on failure to include mortgage broker fees in APR calculations.
- **Kunert v. Johnson Ford** (Super. Ct., Los Angeles County, Cal.). Defense of bank operating subsidiary in consumer class action alleging that the spread between the interest rate charged by a car dealer in an automobile conditional sales contract and the interest rate received by the dealer in the sale of the contract violates the Truth in Lending Act as an undisclosed fee, and constitutes a fee for "arranging a loan," which is prohibited by California law.
- **London v. Chase Manhattan Bank USA, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. et al.** (S.D. Fla.). Defend Chase against claims based on the Truth in Lending Act and the Florida Insurance Code for the purported improper sale of credit insurance in connection with the opening of credit card accounts.
- **Madrazo v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company** (E.D.N.Y.). Defend Ameriquest Mortgage Company in putative class action alleging claims under the Truth in Lending Act and various common law and statutory remedies under New York law in connection loan origination in the State of New York.
- **McIntosh v. Irwin Union Bank & Trust Co.** (D. Mass.). Defend Irwin Union in a putative nationwide consumer class action alleging disclosure violations of the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act, the Truth in Lending Act, and claims for rescission of mortgage loans.
- **Montanez v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company** (D. Mass.). Defend Ameriquest Mortgage Company in putative class action alleging claims under the Truth in Lending Act and various common law and statutory remedies under Massachusetts law in connection loan origination in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- **Murphy, et al. v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company** (D. Mass.). Defend Ameriquest Mortgage Company in putative class action alleging claims under the Massachusetts unfair and deceptive trade practices act statute, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act and various common law remedies in connection with the use of notice of right to cancel forms.
- **National City Mortgage Co. v. Young** (Court of Common Pleas, Anderson County, S.C.). Defend mortgage lender client against class action brought under various laws, including the South Carolina Trade Practices Act and the Truth in Lending Act.
- **National City Mortgage Co. v. Gregory Graham, et al.** (Court of Common Pleas, Anderson County, S.C.). Defend mortgage lender client against class action brought under various laws including the South Carolina Trade Practices Act and the Truth in Lending Act.
- **Nava v. Lydian Private Bank, et al.** (E.D. Cal.). Defend VirtualBank, Lydian Private Bank, and Lydian Trust Company in a nationwide putative class action alleging breach of contract, fraudulent omission, and violations of the Truth in Lending Act and its state law equivalent, and California's Unfair Competition Law, Business & Professions Code § 17200 arising from the origination and funding of Option ARM loans.
- **Nelson v. Guild Mortgage Company** (E.D. Cal.). Defend Guild Mortgage Company in a nationwide putative class action alleging breach of contract, fraudulent omission, and violations of the Truth in Lending Act and its state law equivalent, and California's Unfair Competition Law, Business & Professions Code § 17200 arising from the origination and funding of Option ARM loans.

- **Potter, et al. v. Citibank, N.A.**, (D.V.I.). Defend Citibank, N.A. in class action alleging violation of the Truth in Lending Act and the territorial law of the United States Virgin Islands in connection with vendor single interest insurance on financed automobiles.
- **Souchet v. Provident Mortgage Corp.** (N.D. Ill.). Defend Provident Mortgage Corp. in putative class action arising out of alleged violations of the Truth in Lending Act.
- **Spear v. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.** (S.D. Fla.). Defend Freddie Mac in purchases of homes from bankrupt builder General Development Corp. and affiliated mortgage company, GDV Financial Corp., alleging assignee liability and defense to payment on purchase money mortgage loans.
- **Talaie, et al. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., et al.** (C.D. Cal.). Defend Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and U.S. Bank, N.A. (as securitization trustee) in putative class action alleging violations of 15 U.S.C. § 1641(g) of the Truth in Lending Act and various state law claims relating to the servicing and transfer of home mortgage loans.
- **Thompson v. Irwin Home Equity Corp. and Irwin Union Bank & Trust Company** (D.R.I.). Defend Irwin Home Equity Corp. and Irwin Union Bank & Trust Company in putative class action alleging failure to provide borrowers with completed notice of right to cancel in violation of the Truth in Lending Act. Plaintiffs seek statutory damages and declaratory relief as to rescission and enforceability of arbitration agreement.

W. UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW

- **Katin v. National Real Estate Information Services, Inc.** (D. Mass.). Defend National Real Estate Information Services, Inc. and National Real Estate Information Services in putative class action alleging claims for tortious interference with business expectancies and unfair and deceptive trade practices in violation of Mass. Gen. L. ch. 93A, based on the defendants' alleged unauthorized practice of law with respect to real estate settlement services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- **O'Hara v. North American Mortgage Company** (Dist. Ct., Upshur County, Tex.). Defend North American Mortgage Company in a putative class action alleging violations of the unauthorized practice of law provisions of the Texas Government Code §§ 83.001, *et seq.* in connection with the preparation of documents affecting title to real estate.