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### **October 2023 Class Action Blog Summary**

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Do you have a question or comment about the information presented in our posts? Please contact Scott Kelly and Mary Zinsner, partners in our financial services litigation practice.

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Troutman Pepper's national class action litigation team defends bet-the-company class actions across the U.S. We have successfully defended class actions in more than 35 states, including California, Florida, Illinois, and West Virginia.

We have a long track record of resolving class actions for clients in diverse industries and affecting a wide range of legal and business concerns. Our team includes attorneys whose practices are dedicated to sectors such as financial services, insurance, hospitals and health care, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, retail, higher education, and more. We offer a deep bench of experienced attorneys in areas such as debt collection practices, data breach, privacy, products liability, securities, mass tort, unfair business practices, labor and employment, environmental, ERISA, and antitrust.

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## A Tale of Two Credit Scores: Illinois Federal Court Denies Class Certification Of "Misleading" Credit Score Case

On October 12, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois denied certification of a putative class action asserting that TransUnion violated the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) and the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (MMPA) by allegedly misleading consumers about the accuracy and popularity of VantageScore 1.0, TransUnion's proprietary credit scoring model. The court held that the plaintiff was an inadequate class representative due to his lack of credibility, and the asserted class claims failed both the commonality and predominance prongs of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure (FRCP)23.

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### Trans Union Settles for \$15 million with CFPB and FTC Over Tenant Screening Reports

A new enforcement action provides more detail on the expectations of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) (collectively, the agencies) for the content of tenant screening reports.

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# For Your Information: Third Circuit Rejects Article III Standing Based on Informational Injury Doctrine in FDCPA Class Action

On October 12, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit issued a decision rejecting a district court's finding that the so-called informational injury doctrine established Article III standing for the named plaintiff and putative class in a class action brought under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA).

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### NJ Appellate Division Finds No Private Right of Action for Debt Purchaser's Alleged Failure to Obtain State License

Recently, the New Jersey appellate division held that a debt purchaser is not liable under the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act (NJ Fraud Act) for failing to obtain a license under the New Jersey Consumer Finance Licensing Act (NJ Licensing Act). Although the decision is unpublished, it is still a welcome relief for purchasers of defaulted debt.

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