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Mr. Don Weidner Dean and Alumni Centennial Professor Florida State University College of Law 425 West Jefferson Street Tallahassee, FL 32306-1601

Dear Mr. Weidner,

Some time ago the Florida State University College of Law received a payment of \$250,000 as part of a settlement reached by the Attorney General in consumer litigation with ACE Cash Express over its so-called payday loan business. I was part of that litigation. The AG intervened in my proposed class-action lawsuit against ACE.

ACE Cash Express was one of two proposed class-action lawsuits where I was a lead plaintiff. The other was a similar action against AMSCOT Corporation. Both lawsuits made claims under the federal Truth In Lending Act (TILA), and claims under state law for usury and violations of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Both lawsuits were litigated concurrently by Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA, and are intertwined from my perspective. During the course of litigation it became apparent that the firm stopped representing my interest. Later I found evidence of fraud in the settlement of the AMSCOT case. I contacted the Florida Bar, and through the Attorney Consumer Assistance Program (ACAP), contacted my former lawyers to resolve the matter. That only escalated the dispute when my former lawyers accused me of extortion for my good-faith effort through ACAP. So I commenced a lawsuit which is now entering its fifth year. Enclosed is Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint.

I am seeking assistance with this matter. While law schools rarely represent clients, perhaps you could make a referral. For a time I was represented by attorney Robert W. Bauer on an hourly basis. He was a referral from the Florida Bar's Lawyer Referral Service. Mr. Bauer's representation was not effective, other than churning \$33,000 in attorney's fees.

Subsequently Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA launched an effort to undermine the judicial selection process of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Mr. Rodems applied to become a judge and Mr. Barker applied to serve on the JNC to which Rodems later applied. The matter is currently under investigation by the Governor's Chief Inspector General.

Had I realized the extent of scandal in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit I would not have brought a suit in that venue. The circuit is a mockery of justice. It is part of a larger failure of the justice system in Florida and beyond. For more information see my web site, http://yousue.org/.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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