

| OFFICIAL COURT NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT | |
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| <p>SANDRA LEE JACOBSON, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>PERSOLVE, LLC d/b/a ACCOUNT RESOLUTION ASSOCIATES, and STRIDE CARD, LLC,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendants.</p> | <p>United States District Court, Northern District of California</p> <p>Case No. 5:14-CV-00735-LHK-HRL Civil Action</p> |
| <p>PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AND BENEFITS UNDER THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT</p> | |
| <p><i>The United States District Court for the Northern District of California authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT DATES</p> <p>_____, 2016: Last day to enter an appearance in this case</p> <p>_____, 2016: Last day to exclude yourself from the Settlement</p> <p>_____, 2016: Last day to object to the Settlement</p> <p><u>December 1</u>, 2016 at <u>1:30 P.M.</u> Final Approval Hearing</p> | |

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1. Why Should I Read this Notice?

A proposed settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit now pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, entitled *Sandra Lee Jacobson v. Persolve, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 5:14-cv-00735-LHK-HRL (“Lawsuit”). This Notice explains the nature of the Lawsuit and the terms of the Settlement and informs you of your legal rights and obligations. You should read this Notice to learn how much money you can receive in the Settlement, what you need to do to claim that money, how the Settlement will affect your legal rights, and what you need to do if you wish to object to the Settlement or not participate in the

Settlement.

2. What is this Lawsuit About?

Sandra Lee Jacobson (“Plaintiff”) filed this Lawsuit against Persolve, LLC, and Stride Card, LLC (collectively “Defendants”), alleging that the debt collection letter received from Defendants did not comply with the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (“FDCPA”) and the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (“RFDCPA”). Specifically, Plaintiff contends that Defendants’ debt collection letter violated the FDCPA by failing to disclose “the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed,” as required by 15 U.S.C. ¶1692g(a)(2). A copy of Defendants’ debt collection letter (Exhibit “1”) is attached to this Notice.

Defendants deny that they violated the FDCPA and the RFDCPA in any manner.

The Parties, however, are aware of the costs and expenses of engaging in protracted litigation. Accordingly, to resolve this matter without the expense and uncertainties of litigation, Plaintiff and Defendants have reached a proposed settlement (“Settlement”). By settling this Lawsuit, Defendants are not admitting that they are liable to Plaintiff or the class members, but rather, expressly deny any such liability. The Court has not expressed any view regarding the merits of Plaintiff’s claims against Defendants.

3. Why is this a Class Action?

Believing that others also received a similar collection letter from Defendants, Plaintiff filed the Lawsuit as a class action. A class action is a type of lawsuit in which one or a few individuals represent a group of people who were also allegedly harmed by a defendant’s conduct. This group of people is referred to as the “Class” or as the “Class Members.”

4. Who is a Class Member for this Lawsuit?

You have been identified as a Class Member for this Lawsuit. The Class is defined as (i) all persons with addresses in California (ii) to whom PERSOLVE sent, or caused to be sent, a notice in the form of Exhibit “1” on behalf of STRIDE CARD (iii) in an attempt to collect an alleged debt originally owed to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (iv) which was incurred primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, (v) which were not returned as undeliverable by the U.S. Post Office (vi) during the period one year prior to the date of filing this action through the date of class certification.

5. What Relief is Provided to Class Members Under the Settlement?

At the Court’s direction, Defendants have established a settlement fund of \$5,000.00 (“Settlement Fund”) and all Class Members will be sent a check constituting their pro rata share of the Settlement Fund of approximately \$10.66. Defendants represent that the class size is approximately 469 persons.

6. How Do I Make a Claim in the Settlement?

Defendants’ records reflect that you are a Class Member. Unless you choose to exclude yourself from the Class in the manner specified in Section 7 below, you will be sent your pro rata share of

the Settlement Fund upon final approval of the Settlement by the Court as described in Section 11 below.

7. How Do I Enter My Appearance in this Lawsuit?

Entering an appearance is **NOT** necessary to participate in the Settlement, or to receive your pro rata share of the Settlement Fund. If, however, you wish to enter an appearance in this Lawsuit, you must file your appearance with the Court by _____, 2016. You may, but need not, be represented by your own attorney in this Lawsuit at your own expense.

8. If I Do Not Want to be in the Class, How Do I Exclude Myself?

If you do **NOT** want to remain a Class Member and participate in the Settlement, and wish to exclude yourself from the Lawsuit, you must send a written request to the Settlement Administrator listed below. The request must be **in writing signed by the Class Member** and include (1) the name and number of this case (*Sandra Lee Jacobson v. Persolve, LLC et al.*, Case No. 5:14-cv-00735-LHK-HRL), (2) the Class Member’s name, address, telephone number, and **must be signed by (3) a statement that the Class Member wishes to be excluded from the Settlement**. The request must be sent by first-class mail and postmarked no later than _____, 2016, addressed to:

Settlement Administrator

ILYM Group Inc.
15331 Barranca Parkway
Irvine, CA 92618

[Telephone Number for ILYM]

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Requests for exclusion postmarked after _____, 2016 will not be effective.

By electing to be excluded from the Class, (1) you will not share in any recovery under the Settlement; (2) you will not be bound by any orders or judgments entered in the Lawsuit; and (3) you may present any claim you may have against the Released Parties (as described in Section 12 below) in your own separate lawsuit at your own expense.

9. If I Do Not Like the Settlement, How Do I Object?

If you have not excluded yourself from the Class, you may object to the Settlement by filing your objection with the Clerk of the Court no later than _____, 2016. If you have filed an objection, you may, but need not, appear at the Final Settlement Approval Hearing in person. You may appear before the Court at the Final Approval Hearing on _____, **Thursday, December 1**, 2016 at **—1:30 P.M.** in Courtroom **—8 on the Fourth Floor** of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, located at 280 South 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113, and explain your objection to the Settlement.

However, you must first file a Notice of Objection (“Objection”) with the Clerk of the Court at, Northern District of California, 280 South 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113 by _____, 2016. You must state in your Objection (1) the name and number of this case (*Sandra Lee Jacobson v. Persolve, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 5:14-cv-00735-LHK-HRL), (2) a notice of your

intention to appear at the Final Approval Hearing (if you intend to appear); (3) your name, address and telephone number, and your counsel's name, address and telephone number (if you intend to appear through counsel); (4) a statement of the basis for each objection asserted; (5) any legal authority you wish the Court to consider; (6) the names and addresses of any witnesses you may call to testify (if you intend to call any witnesses) and a summary of each such witness's expected testimony, and any list of the documents and things you wish the Court to consider.

10. What is the Difference Between Objecting and Excluding?

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. You can object only if you remain a Class Member. Excluding yourself as a Class Member is telling the Court that you do not want to be a part of the Class or this Lawsuit. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to object because the Lawsuit no longer affects you.

The Court has approved the following attorneys to represent the Class. They are called "Class Counsel." ~~You will not be charged for Class Counsel's services.~~ If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

Class Counsel

Raeon R. Roulston
CONSUMER LAW CENTER, INC.
12 South First Street, Suite 1014
San Jose, California 95113-2418

Telephone Number for Raeon Roulston

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Horwitz, Horwitz & Associates, Ltd.
25 East Washington Street, Suite 900
Chicago, Illinois 60602-1716
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11. When Will the Court Decide Whether the Settlement Should be Approved?

The Court will hold the Final Settlement Approval Hearing on _____Thursday,
December 1, 2016, at ___1:30 P.M. in Courtroom —8 on the Fourth Floor of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, located at 280 South 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate to the Class Members. If there are any objections, the Court will consider them at this hearing. The Court may also decide how much Defendants will be required to pay Class Counsel as reasonable attorneys' fees. At or after the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement. ~~The hearing can be continued at any time by the Court without further notice to you.~~

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YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE HEARING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR SHARE OF THE SETTLEMENT.

12. What Claims Will I Release if the Settlement is Approved by the Court?

Unless you exclude yourself as a Class Member from the Settlement pursuant to Section 7 above, all of the Court's orders will apply to you. If the Settlement is approved by the Court, the Class Members will release Defendants and all of its parents, affiliates, and subsidiaries and all of their respective successors, assigns, officers, directors, servants, agents, attorneys, representatives, contractors and employees (the "Released Parties") from any and all obligations, costs, expenses, damages, losses, claims, liabilities, and demands, of whatever character, known or unknown, arising out of the form collection letter attached to the Complaint as Exhibit "1" or relating to any claim alleged in the Lawsuit due to Defendants' alleged violation of the FDCPA and the RFDCPA as alleged in this Lawsuit.

13. How Will Class Counsel's Fees and Expenses be Paid?

Class Counsel will seek Court approval, through a noticed motion to be heard at the Final Settlement Approval Hearing, for an award of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses incurred through April 14, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$185,000.00. Any amount of attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and costs sought by Class Counsel must be approved by the Court, ~~and~~ will be paid by Defendants, in addition to the \$5,000.00 Settlement Fund. ~~The award of attorneys fees and expenses for the services of Class Counsel is determined by statute,~~ and will not reduce or otherwise affect the \$5,000.00 Settlement Fund available for the class.

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14. How Will the Costs Associated With the Notice and Administration of this Settlement be Paid?

The costs associated with the notice and administration of this Settlement will be paid by Defendants in addition to, and will not reduce or otherwise affect, the \$5,000.00 Settlement Fund.

15. What Are the Statutory Damages and Incentive Award to the Class Representative?

The Court has appointed Plaintiff Sandra Lee Jacobson as the class representative ("Class Representative"). Ms. Jacobson will be paid \$1,500.00 for her statutory damages and \$1,500.00 for her services as Class Representative. If approved by the Court, these amounts will be paid by Defendants to the Class Representative, in addition to, and will not reduce or otherwise affect the \$5,000.00 Settlement Fund.

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16. Where Can I Obtain More Information About the Settlement?

This Notice is only a summary of the proceedings in the Lawsuit. If you need additional information about the Lawsuit or the terms of the Settlement, you may contact Class Counsel, using the contact information listed in Section 10 above, or you can contact the Settlement Administrator using the contact information listed in Section 7 above. ~~Please~~For written communications, please include the case name and number, and your name and your current return address on any letters, not just the envelopes. You may review the file in this case at the Office of the Clerk, located at the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 280 South 1st Street, Room 2112, San Jose, CA 95113.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE COURT OR DEFENDANTS' ATTORNEYS

By Order of the Court:

Dated: _____

Honorable Lucy H. Koh
United States District Judge
Northern District of California

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