THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION CIVIL CASE NO. 1:12-cv-000213-MR

DAVID WHITMER, SR., and) PATRICIA WHITMER,) Plaintiffs,) vs.) WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,) Defendant.)

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss [Doc. 4].

The facts, legal issues, and causes of action asserted by the parties in the present matter are substantially similar to those in the case of <u>Barnard, et al. v. SunTrust Bank, et al.</u>, No. 1:11-cv-00289-MR (W.D.N.C.), and the same attorney appears on behalf of the Plaintiffs in each of these actions. Even though these cases have not been consolidated, the Order of this Court previously entered in <u>Barnard</u> addresses and disposes of all of the issues raised by the motion currently before the Court in this matter. The Order in <u>Barnard</u>, therefore, is incorporated herein, and the current motion will be disposed of in accord therewith.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion to Dismiss [Doc. 4] is **GRANTED IN PART** and **DENIED IN PART**. Specifically, with respect to the Plaintiffs' claim for negligent misrepresentation, the Motion to Dismiss [Doc. 4] is **GRANTED** and this claim is **DISMISSED**. In all other respects, the Motion to Dismiss [Doc. 4] is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: September 30, 2013

Martin Reidinger United States District Judge