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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU and THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY ERIC T. SCHNEIDERMAN, ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK, Plaintiffs, v. RD LEGAL FUNDING, LLC; RD LEGAL FINANCE, LLC; RD LEGAL FUNDING PARTNERS, LP; and RONI DERSOVITZ, Defendants.	CASE NO. 1:17-cv-00890 (LAP) DEFENDANTS RD LEGAL FUNDING, LLC, RD LEGAL FINANCE, LLC, RD LEGAL FUNDING PARTNERS, LP, AND RONI DERSOVITZ'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL	
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13	ANSWER TO COMPLAINT		
14	Pursuant to Rule 8(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendants RD Legal		
15	Funding, LLC ("RD Legal Funding"); RD Legal Finance, LLC ("FINCO"); RD Legal Funding		
16 17	Partners, LP ("RDLFP"); and Roni Dersovitz ("Dersovitz") (collectively, "Defendants") hereby		
17	answer the allegations directed at each of them in the Complaint filed by the People of the State		
19	of New York on February 7, 2017. As to allegations not alleged against a Defendant, no		
20	responsive pleading is required and those allegations should be considered denied as provided by		
21	Rule 8(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. If an averment is not specifically admitted,		
22	it is hereby denied.		
23	INTRODUCTION		
24	1. Responding to Paragraph 1, Defendants admit that RDLFP and FINCO are in the		
25 26	business of, among other things, purchasing from	n individuals and entities an interest in future	
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proceeds they might receive from a settlement fund or judgment. Defendants deny the remaining
 allegations contained in Paragraph 1 as to RDLFP and FINCO.

3 Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 as to RD Legal Funding and
4 Dersovitz.

2. Responding to Paragraph 2, Defendants admit that FINCO paid money to seven
former National Football League ("NFL") players, but lack sufficient knowledge or information
to form a belief concerning whether those players suffer from brain injuries, and on that basis
deny such allegation and that those individuals have cognitive impairments. Defendants lack
sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief concerning whether individuals who
received payments from RDLFP and FINCO are first responders to the World Trade Center
attack, and on that basis deny such allegations.

12 Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 as to RD Legal Funding and
13 Dersovitz.

3. 14 Responding to Paragraph 3, Defendants admit that RDLFP and FINCO made 15 payments to certain individuals who were informed that they are entitled to potential proceeds 16 from the Zadroga Fund. Defendants admit that the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and 17 Compensation Act of 2010 reactivated the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (the 18 "Zadroga Fund") and that the Act contained provisions regarding the funding of the Zadroga 19 Fund and the separate World Trade Center Health Program. Defendants lack sufficient 20 knowledge or information to form a belief concerning the truth of the factual allegations 21 contained in the remainder of Paragraph 3, and on that basis deny the same.

4. Responding to Paragraph 4, Defendants admit that all the money from the
Zadroga Fund and the NFL Settlement Fund was not immediately available to potential
claimants or necessarily sufficient to pay the awards when made. Defendants lack sufficient
knowledge or information to form a belief concerning the truth of the remaining factual
allegations contained in Paragraph 4, and on that basis deny the same.

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Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 5.

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6. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 6. Paragraph 6 also contains legal
 conclusions to which no response is required.

3 7. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 7. Paragraph 7 also contains legal
4 conclusions to which no response is required.

5 8. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 8. Paragraph 8 also contains legal
6 conclusions to which no response is required.

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### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8 9. Responding to Paragraph 9, the Court's Opinion & Order dated June 21, 2018,
9 struck Title X of Dodd-Frank (*see* Order at 100), which includes each substantive provision of
10 the Consumer Financial Protection Act that forms the basis of federal jurisdiction. Accordingly,
11 Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 9.

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10. Paragraph 10 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.

13 11. Defendants deny that the Court has personal jurisdiction over each transaction
14 that forms the basis of the complaint and that each transaction arose from conduct within this
15 district and is within the NYAG's jurisdiction.

16 12. Defendants deny the factual allegations in Paragraph 12, but admit that venue is
17 proper in this Court. Paragraph 12 also contains legal conclusions to which no response is
18 required.

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#### PARTIES

20 13. Responding to Paragraph 13, the Court's Opinion & Order dated June 21, 2018,
21 held that the structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is unconstitutional and
22 struck Title X of Dodd-Frank. Accordingly, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 13.

14. Responding to Paragraph 14, the Court's Opinion & Order dated June 21, 2018,
held that the structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is unconstitutional and
struck Title X of Dodd-Frank, including the provisions dealing with the authority of the New
York Attorney General ("NYAG") to initiate an action under Title X. Accordingly, Defendants
deny the allegations in Paragraph 14 relating to the NYAG's authority to enforce the Consumer

Financial Protection Act (the "CFPA") and to initiate this action in federal court. The remainder
 of Paragraph 14 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.

3 15. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 15. 4 16. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 16. 5 17. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 17. 18. Responding to Paragraph 18, Defendants admit that Dersovitz is the founder of 6 7 RD Legal Funding, FINCO, and RDLFP. Defendants admit that Dersovitz is an owner of RD 8 Legal Funding. Defendants deny that Dersovitz is an owner of FINCO and RDLFP. Defendants 9 deny that Dersovitz transacted business in this district in connection with all of the matters 10 alleged. Defendants admit the remaining allegations in Paragraph 18.

11 19. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 19. Paragraph 19 also contains
12 legal conclusions to which no response is required.

#### FACTS

#### A. Background

15 20. Defendants admit that RDLFP and FINCO marketed products consisting of
16 payments to individuals who have been informed they were approved to receive payments from
17 the Zadroga Fund. Defendants admit that FINCO marketed products consisting of payments to
18 individuals who were submitting claims to receive payments from the settlement fund in
19 connection with the class-action lawsuit by retired NFL players. Defendants deny the remaining
20 allegations in paragraph 20.

21 21. Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief concerning
22 the truth of any factual allegations contained in Paragraph 21, and on that basis deny the same.

23 22. Defendants lack sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief concerning
24 the truth of any factual allegations contained in Paragraph 22, and on that basis deny the same.

25 23. Responding to Paragraph 23, Defendants admit that plaintiffs in the NFL multi26 district litigation consist of former NFL players or their family members. Defendants admit that
27 a class-wide settlement agreement was approved in the case by a court in 2015. Defendants lack

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1	sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief concerning the truth of the remaining		
2	factual allegations contained in Paragraph 23, and on that basis deny the same.		
3	24. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 24.		
4	25.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 25.	
5	26.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 26.	
6	27.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 27.	
7	28.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 28.	
8	29.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 29.	
9	30.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 30.	
10	31.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 31.	
11	32.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 32.	
12	33.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 33.	
13	В.	RD Knows or recklessly disregards that its purported "assignments" are	
14	invalid.		
15	34.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 34.	
16	35.	Responding to Paragraph 35, Defendants admit that Section 30.1 of the Class	
17	Action Settlement Agreement states: "Neither the Settlement Class nor any Class or Subclass		
18	Representativ	ve or Settlement Class Member has assigned, will assign, or will attempt to assign,	
19	to any person or entity other than the NFL Parties any rights or claims relating to the subject		
20	matter of the Class Action Complaint. Any such assignment, or attempt to assign, to any person		
21	or entity other than the NFL Parties any rights or claims relating to the subject matter of the		
22	Class Action Complaint will be void, invalid, and of no force and effect and the Claims		
23	Administrator shall not recognize any such action." Defendants further admit that the Class		
24	Action Settlement Agreement was approved by a court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania		
25	and that the approval order was affirmed by the Third Circuit. Defendants deny the remaining		
26	allegations in	Paragraph 35.	
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1 36. Responding to Paragraph 36, Defendants admit that 49 U.S.C. § 40101, note 2 states: "[N]ot later than 20 days after the date on which a determination is made by the Special 3 Master regarding the amount of compensation due a claimant under this title, the Special Master shall authorize payment to such claimant of the amount determined with respect to the claimant." 4 Defendants further admit that the term "claimant" is defined as "an individual filing a claim for 5 compensation under section 405(a)(1)." Defendants further admit that the Zadroga Fund's 6 7 current written policies state: "Federal law prohibits the assignment of claims made against the 8 United States unless done in compliance with Federal law. 31 U.S.C. 3727." Defendants deny 9 the remaining allegations in Paragraph 36.

10 37. Responding to Paragraph 37, Defendants admit that their assignment agreements
11 contain a savings clause and that in their assignment agreements, RDLFP and FINCO reserve the
12 right to file a UCC financing statement if the agreement is recharacterized as a loan. Defendants
13 deny the remaining allegations in Paragraph 37.

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38. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 38.

39. Responding to Paragraph 39, Defendants admit that the FAQ page of RD Legal
Funding's website states: "Can I qualify for plaintiff settlement funding if I have bad credit?
Absolutely. Our plaintiff funding is not a loan and is therefore not contingent on your credit
score or employment." Defendants deny the remaining allegations in Paragraph 39.

40. Responding to Paragraph 40, Defendants admit that the RDLFP and FINCO
assignment and sale agreements are clearly called "Assignment and Sale Agreement" and that
many of them do not disclose an interest rate. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in
Paragraph 40.

41. Responding to Paragraph 41, Defendants admit that some of RDLFP's and
FINCO's assignment and sale agreements state there is no "annual percentage fee" because "the
transaction is a purchase and not a loan." Defendants further admit that some of RDLFP's and
FINCO's assignment and sale agreements have a line for the "annual percentage fee" that

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sometimes states "Not Applicable" or is left blank. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in
 Paragraph 41.

3 42. Responding to Paragraph 42, Defendants admit that they do not typically disclose
4 interest rates because RDLFP's and FINCO's assignment and sale agreements do not accrue
5 interest. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in Paragraph 42.

43. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 43.

C. RD falsely claims to expedite funding and "cut through red tape."

44. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 44.

45. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 45.

46. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 46.

47. Responding to Paragraph 47, Defendants admit that they do not act or have the
ability to act on behalf of individuals to influence the Zadroga Fund or its award-distribution
timeline. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in Paragraph 47.

- 48. Responding to Paragraph 48, Defendants admit that the RDLFP and FINCO
  assignment and sale agreements related to the Zadroga Fund were entered into with individuals
  who had already received an award letter from the fund. Defendants further admit that they do
  not assist individuals in obtaining an award letter, nor do they take or have the ability to take
  additional steps to assist individuals in obtaining payment from the Zadroga Fund more quickly
  than if the individuals did not enter the assignment and sale agreements. Defendants deny the
  remaining allegations in Paragraph 48.
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### D. RD misrepresents when consumers will receive funds.

49. Responding to Paragraph 49, Defendants admit that the FAQ page of RD Legal
Funding's website states: "How long will it take to receive funding? Once we receive the
necessary documentation, we can usually wire you funds within several days." Defendants deny
the remaining allegations in Paragraph 49.

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- 50. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 50.
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1 51. Responding to Paragraph 51, Defendants admit that Dersovitz has the authority to 2 raise money from investors in RDLFP and FINCO. Defendants deny the remaining allegations 3 in Paragraph 51.

E. 4 RD collects where no payment is due. 5 52. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 52. 53. 6 Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 53. 7 54. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 54. 8 F. Facts Specific to Claims Asserted Only by the State of New York 9 55. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 55. 10 56. Paragraph 56 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required, but to 11 the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 56. 12 57. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 57. 13 58. Paragraph 58 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required, but to 14 the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 58. 15 59. Paragraph 59 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required, but to 16 the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 59. 17 60. Paragraph 60 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required, but to 18 the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 60. 19 20 **CAUSES OF ACTION** 21 Count I—Deception under the CFPA Asserted by the Bureau and the State of New York 22 61. Responding to Paragraph 61, Defendants incorporate by reference their responses 23 to the allegations in paragraphs 1-54. 24 62. Responding to Paragraph 62, the Court's Opinion & Order dated June 21, 2018, 25 held that the structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is unconstitutional and 26 struck Title X of Dodd-Frank. Accordingly, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 62. 27 63. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 63. 28 8

1	64.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 64.	
2	65.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 65.	
3	66.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 66.	
4	67.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 67.	
5	68.	Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 68.	
6	69.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 69.	
7	Count II—A	busiveness under the CFPA Asserted by the Bureau and the State of New	
8	York		
9	70.	Responding to Paragraph 70, Defendants incorporate by reference their responses	
10	to the allegati	ons in paragraphs 1-54.	
11	71.	Responding to Paragraph 71, the Court's Opinion & Order dated June 21, 2018,	
12	held that the structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is unconstitutional and		
13	struck Title X of Dodd-Frank. Accordingly, Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 71.		
14	72.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 72.	
15	73.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 73.	
16	74.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 74.	
17	75.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 75.	
18	76.	Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 76.	
19	77.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 77.	
20	Coun	t III—Deception under the CFPA Asserted by the Bureau and the State of	
21	New York		
22	78.	Responding to Paragraph 78, Defendants incorporate by reference their responses	
23	to the allegations in paragraphs 1-54.		
24	79.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 79.	
25	80.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 80.	
26	81.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 81.	
27	82.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 82.	
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1	83. Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 83.		
2	84. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 84.		
3	Count IV—Deception under the CFPA Asserted by the Bureau and the State of New		
4	York		
5	85.	Responding to Paragraph 85, Defendants incorporate by reference their responses	
6	to the allegation	ons in paragraphs 1-54.	
7	86.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 86.	
8	87.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 87.	
9	88.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 88.	
10	89.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 89.	
11	90.	Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 90.	
12	91.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 91.	
13	Count V—Deception under the CFPA Asserted by the Bureau and the State of New		
14	York		
15	92.	Responding to Paragraph 92, Defendants incorporate by reference their responses	
16	to the allegations in paragraphs 1-54.		
17	93.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 93.	
18	94.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 94.	
19	95.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 95.	
20	96.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 96.	
21	97.	Defendants admit the allegations in Paragraph 97.	
22	98.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 98.	
23	Count VI—Violation of New York Civil Usury Laws Asserted by the State of New		
24	York		
25	99.	Responding to Paragraph 99, Defendants incorporate by reference their responses	
26	to the allegations in paragraphs 1-60.		
27	100. Paragraph 100 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.		
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1	101.	Paragraph 101 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
2	102.	Paragraph 102 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
3	103.	Paragraph 103 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
4	104.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 104.	
5	105.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 105.	
6	Coun	t VII—Violation of New York Criminal Usury Laws Asserted by the State of	
7	New	York	
8	106.	Responding to Paragraph 106, Defendants incorporate by reference their	
9	responses to t	the allegations in paragraphs 1-60.	
10	107.	Paragraph 107 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
11	108.	Paragraph 108 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
12	109.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 109.	
13	110.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 110.	
14	Count VIII—Violation of New York General Obligations Law § 13-101 Asserted by		
	the State of New York		
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15 16	<b>the St</b> 111.	tate of New York Responding to Paragraph 111, Defendants incorporate by reference their	
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16 17	111. responses to t	Responding to Paragraph 111, Defendants incorporate by reference their the allegations in paragraphs 1-60.	
16 17 18	111. responses to t 112.	Responding to Paragraph 111, Defendants incorporate by reference their the allegations in paragraphs 1-60. Paragraph 112 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
16 17 18 19	111. responses to t 112. 113.	Responding to Paragraph 111, Defendants incorporate by reference their the allegations in paragraphs 1-60. Paragraph 112 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. Paragraph 113 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
16 17 18 19 20	111. responses to t 112. 113. 114.	Responding to Paragraph 111, Defendants incorporate by reference their the allegations in paragraphs 1-60. Paragraph 112 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. Paragraph 113 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. Paragraph 114 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
16 17 18 19 20 21	111. responses to t 112. 113. 114. 115.	Responding to Paragraph 111, Defendants incorporate by reference their the allegations in paragraphs 1-60. Paragraph 112 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. Paragraph 113 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. Paragraph 114 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required. Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 115.	
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1	120.	Paragraph 120 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
2	121.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 121.	
3	122.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 122.	
4	Count X—Violation of New York GBL § 350 Asserted by the State of New York		
5	123.	Responding to Paragraph 123, Defendants incorporate by reference their	
6	responses to the allegations in paragraphs 1-60.		
7	124.	Paragraph 124 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
8	125.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 125.	
9	126.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 126.	
10	Coun	t XI—New York Executive Law § 63(12) Fraud Asserted by the State of New	
11	York		
12	127.	Responding to Paragraph 127, Defendants incorporate by reference their	
13	responses to the allegations in paragraphs 1-60.		
14	128.	Paragraph 128 contains legal conclusions to which no response is required.	
15	129.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 129.	
16	130.	Defendants deny the allegations in Paragraph 130.	
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18		DEMAND FOR RELIEF	
19	Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to any of the requested relief, deny that Plaintiff		
20	is entitled to any relief whatsoever, and deny any allegations contained in the Demand for Relief		
21	to which a response is required.		
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# **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

2	Defendants plead the following separate and distinct affirmative defenses without		
3	conceding that they bear the burden of proof as to any of these issues. Defendants reserve the		
4	right to assert additional affirmative defenses that discovery indicates are proper.		
5	FIDST AFFIDMATIVE DEFENSE		
6	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
7	(Failure to State a Claim)		
8	1. Plaintiff's Complaint, and each cause of action alleged therein, fails to state a		
9	claim upon which relief can be granted.		
10	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
11	(Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction)		
12	2. Plaintiff's Complaint, and each cause of action alleged therein, is barred because		
13	the Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction.		
14	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
15	(Compliance with Law and Industry Standards)		
16	3. At all relevant times, Defendants have been in full compliance with all applicable		
17	laws, regulations and industry standards and have acted in a careful, reasonable and prudent manner.		
18	FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
19	(Lack of Standing)		
20	4. Plaintiff's Complaint, and each cause of action alleged therein, fails because the		
20 21	NYAG lacks standing to assert the purported claims set forth in the Complaint including each		
21	transaction and/or act that occurred outside of New York.		
22 23	FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
23 24	(No Violation of Existing Law)		
24 25	5. At all relevant times, Defendants acted in accordance with all federal, state and		
	local laws. Retroactive application of statutes, regulations and/or case law to Defendants'		
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1	alleged conduct violates the due process and equal protection clauses of the New York		
2	Constitution and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution.		
3	SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
4	(Representations Were Not False)		
5	6. Assuming for the sake of argument that Defendants made certain representations		
6	to individuals, which Defendants specifically deny, no such representations were false or		
7	misleading, and individuals at all times knew the truth regarding any such representations.		
8	SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
9	(Consent)		
10	7. Plaintiff's Complaint, and each cause of action alleged therein, fails because		
11	individuals, and/or the persons and/or entities acting on their behalf, consented to and acquiesced		
12	in the subject conduct.		
13	EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
14	(Laches)		
15	8. Plaintiff's Complaint, and each cause of action alleged therein, is barred in whole		
16	or in part by the doctrine of laches.		
17	NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
18	(Waiver)		
19	9. Plaintiff's Complaint, and each cause of action alleged therein, is barred in whole		
20	or in part by the doctrine of waiver.		
21	TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
22	(Unclean Hands)		
23	10. Plaintiff's Complaint, and each cause of action alleged therein, is barred in whole		
24	or in part by the doctrine of unclean hands.		
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### **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

#### (Statute of Limitations)

3 11. Plaintiffs' Complaint, and each cause of action alleged therein, is barred by such statutes of limitation as may be applicable including but not limited to 12 U.S.C. § 5564(g)(1), 4 5 CPLR 215(6), and CPLR 241(2) 6 WHEREFORE, Defendants pray for relief as follows: 7

That the Complaint be dismissed, with prejudice and in its entirety; 1.

2. That Plaintiff takes nothing by reason of this Complaint and that judgment be

10 entered against Plaintiff and in favor of Defendants;

11 3. That Defendants be awarded their attorneys' fees and costs incurred in defending 12 this action; and

4. That Defendants be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem

just and proper. 15

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## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

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2	Defendants RD Legal Funding, LLC; RD Legal Finance, LLC; RD Legal Funding		
3	Partners, LP; and Roni Dersovitz hereby demand trial by jury in this action.		
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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

1 2 It is hereby certified that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served 3 electronically via the Court's electronic filing system on the date below upon all counsel of record in this matter. 4 5 DATED: July 20, 2018 6 7 By /s/ Michael D. Roth 8 BOIES SCHILLER FLEXNER LLP DAVID K. WILLINGHAM (pro hac vice) 9 dwillingham@bsfllp.com MICHAEL D. ROTH (pro hac vice) 10 mroth@bsfllp.com JEFFREY M. HAMMER (pro hac vice) 11 jhammer@bsfllp.com 12 725 South Figueroa Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor Los Angeles, California 90017-5524 13 Telephone: (213) 629-9040 Facsimile: (213) 629-9022 14 Attorneys for Defendants RD LEGAL FUNDING, 15 LLC; RD LEGAL FINANCE, LLC; RD LEGAL 16 FUNDING PARTNERS, LP; and RONI DERSOVITZ 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 17