



## Todd P. Stelter

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Todd Stelter is a litigation attorney who represents defendants in consumer law, legal malpractice and commercial litigation matters. He has extensive experience representing attorneys in professional liability, malpractice and defense matters. He also frequently defends individual and class action claims against businesses, corporate entities, mortgage lenders, mortgage servicers, creditors, debt assignees and collection agencies alleging violations of federal and state consumer protection statutes, including the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA), Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Truth-in-Lending Act (TILA), Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), Home Ownership Equity Protection Act (HOEPA), Illinois Interest Act, Illinois Collection Agency Act and the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Mr. Stelter also has substantial experience representing clients in a broad range of complex business, commercial and tort litigation matters.

### Professional Background

Mr. Stelter joined Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in February 2004.

### Professional Affiliations

- Chicago Bar Association

### Representative Matters

He has handled multiple arbitration hearings, jury and bench trials with resulting defense awards and judgments. Mr. Stelter has also successfully defended clients associated with the following published matters:

- *Brookter v. GC Services LP et al.*, 2011 WL 1584651 (S.D. Tex. 2011) affirmed by *Brookter v. GC Services LP et al.*, 2012 WL 1579325 (5th Cir. 2012) (class certification motion denied and Rule 12(b)(1) motion to dismiss granted and judgment in favor of defendants in FDCPA putative class action affirmed by Fifth Circuit)
- *Gutierrez v. GC Services LP*, 2010 WL 3417842 (E.D.N.Y. 2010) affirmed by *Gutierrez v. GC Services LP*, 430 Fed. Appx. 8 (2d Cir. 2011) (Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss granted and judgment in favor of defendant in FDCPA)

### Practices

Commercial Litigation  
Consumer and Class Action Defense  
Consumer Financial Services  
Litigators for the Profession®  
Mortgage Servicing and Lender Litigation  
Professional Liability  
Regulatory and Compliance Counseling  
The Telephone Consumer Protection Act

### Education

J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2002

- Member, *Loyola Law Journal*
- B.A., Sociology and Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1999

### Admissions

Illinois  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana  
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin



putative class action affirmed by Second Circuit)

- *Goodman v. Levy*, 2011 WL 824621 (N.D. Ill. 2011) (legal malpractice trial verdict and judgment in favor of defendant on Rule 52(c) motion)
- *Golubeva v. GC Services LP*, 767 F. Supp. 2d 369 (E.D.N.Y. 2010) (Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss granted and judgment in favor of defendant in FDCPA putative class action)
- *Dessau v. Karton*, JVR-AAA 49/6, (Cook County, Ill. 2009) (legal malpractice jury trial verdict and judgment in favor of defendant)
- *Sims v. GC Services LP*, 2005 WL 3988380 (C.D. Ill. 2005) affirmed by *Sims v. GC Services LP*, 445 F.3d 959 (7th Cir. 2006) (class certification motion ruled moot and summary judgment granted in favor of defendants in FDCPA putative class action affirmed by Seventh Circuit)
- *Ruth v. MRS Associates Inc.*, 2006 WL 1207926 (N.D. Ill. 2006) (summary judgment granted in favor of defendant in FDCPA putative class action)
- *Dawson v. The Bureaus Inc.*, 2004 WL 2921871 (N.D. Ill. 2004) affirmed by *Olvera v. Blitt & Gaines PC et al.*, 431 F.3d 285 (7th Cir. 2005) (summary judgment granted in favor of defendants in FDCPA, Illinois Interest Act and Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act putative class action affirmed by Seventh Circuit)
- *Hernandez v. Attention LLC*, 429 F. Supp. 2d 912 (N.D. Ill. 2005) (class certification denied and summary judgment granted in favor of defendant in FDCPA putative class action)
- *Raymond v. Professional Claims Bureau Inc.*, 2005 WL 2491442 (N.D. Ill. 2005) (summary judgment granted in favor of defendant on FCRA claim)

## Publications

Mr. Stelter co-authored "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act," Chapter 7 in the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) 2014 edition book, "Creditors' Rights in Illinois."