



## **Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies Consumer Protection Fact Sheet**

The Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies of Loyola University Chicago School of Law is a non-partisan, independent academic center designed to explore the impact of antitrust and consumer protection law and enforcement on the individual consumer and the public as well as to shape public policy.

The Institute promotes a consumer-friendly competitive economy and believes that the vigorous enforcement of federal and state consumer protection laws are an indispensable part of this mission. Full information about the Institute is available at <http://www.luc.edu/antitrust>.

### **INSTITUTE PRIORITIES FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW**

#### **Protect Vulnerable Consumers**

- Provide for more effective enforcement, including stiffer penalties for fraud perpetrated against vulnerable populations, including senior citizens, minorities, and the poor.
- Improve enforcement of laws against Internet fraud, including clarifying jurisdictional issues and expanding international cooperation.
- Aggressively combat mortgage fraud, home equity scams, and discriminatory lending practices.
- Aggressively enforce laws aimed at electronic privacy violations including theft of personal information.
- Foster consumer education, particularly in vulnerable populations.

#### **Enhance Consumer Financial Protection**

- Protect consumers from abusive debt collection practices.
- Improve quality of consumer information and disclosure in commercial, health care, and insurance contracts.
- Improve availability, transparency, and competitiveness of banking services.

#### **Increase Access to Justice**

- Improve access to affordable legal assistance.
- Discourage the use of forced arbitration clauses and class action waivers.
- Support efforts to develop ethical guidelines for litigation finance.
- Remove impediments to consumer suits against public utilities.

The Institute looks forward to sharing its perspective on cases, pending and contemplated legislation, as well as other issues of public policy affecting competition and consumers through research, analysis, briefings, white papers, and testimony. Contact us at 312.915.8598 or [antitrust@luc.edu](mailto:antitrust@luc.edu).