UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

KARL W. KRUG, on behalf of himself and all those similarly situated,

Civil Action No. 2:10-cv-1844 (DRD/MAS)

Plaintiffs,

v.

FORSTER, GARBUS & GARBUS, a New : Jersey partnership, and GLENN S. GARBUS,: an individual, :

ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED

<u>COMPLAINT</u>

FILED ELECTRONICALLY

Defendants.

Defendants Forster, Garbus & Garbus ("FG&G") and Glenn Garbus, Esq. ("Garbus") (collectively "defendants"), by and through their attorneys, Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP, by way of Answer to the First Amended Complaint ("Complaint") filed on behalf of plaintiff Karl W. Krug ("Krug" or "plaintiff"), hereby says:

AS TO THE PARTIES

- 1. Defendants, on information and belief, admit the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Complaint.
- 2. Defendants, on information and belief, admit the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint.
- 3. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Complaint, defendants admit that FG&G is a New Jersey partnership, FG&G has an office located at 7 Banta

Place, Hackensack, New Jersey, and FG&G formerly had an office located at 100 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.

4. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint, defendants state that Garbus is a natural person, a partner with FG&G, and licensed to practice law in New Jersey. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.

AS TO JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. Defendants make no response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Complaint as said allegations constitute conclusions of law to which no response is required.
- 6. Defendants make no response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint as said allegations constitute conclusions of law to which no response is required.

AS TO PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 7. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint.
- 8. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint.
- 9. Defendants make no response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint as said allegations constitute conclusions of law to which no response is required.
 - 10. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of the Complaint.
 - 11. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of the Complaint.
- 12. Defendants make no response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint as said allegations constitute conclusions of law to which no response is required.
 - 13. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Complaint.

- 14. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint.
- 15. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Complaint.
- 16. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Complaint.

AS TO FACTS REGARDING PLAINTIFF

- 17. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of the Complaint, defendants refer to their pleadings in connection with the matter entitled <u>Arrow Financial Services</u>

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 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County, which speak for themselves. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 18. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of the Complaint, defendants refer to their pleadings in connection with the matter entitled <u>Arrow Financial Services</u>

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 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County, which speak for themselves. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 19. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of the Complaint, defendants refer to their pleadings in connection with the matter entitled <u>Arrow Financial Services</u>

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 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County, which speak for themselves. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.

- 20. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of the Complaint, defendants refer to their pleadings in connection with the matter entitled <u>Arrow Financial Services</u>

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 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County, which speak for themselves. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 21. Defendants make no response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of the Complaint as said allegations constitute conclusions of law to which no response is required.
- 22. Defendants make no response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 22 of the Complaint as said allegations constitute conclusions of law to which no response is required.
- 23. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 23 of the Complaint, defendants refer to their pleadings in connection with the matter entitled <u>Arrow Financial Services</u>

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 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County, which speak for themselves. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 24. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 of the Complaint, defendants state that FG&G represented Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank in the matter entitled Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff v. Karl W. Krug, Defendant, Docket No. DC-2715-09 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.

- 25. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 of the Complaint, defendants state that FG&G represented Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank in the matter entitled Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff v. Karl W. Krug, Defendant, Docket No. DC-2715-09 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 26. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 26 of the Complaint, defendants state that FG&G is a law firm that represents creditors in collection actions. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 27. Defendants make no response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 27 of the Complaint as said allegations constitute conclusions of law to which no response is required.
- 28. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 28 of the Complaint, defendants state that Garbus is affiliated with FG&G and FG&G represented Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank in the matter entitled Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff v. Karl W. Krug, Defendant, Docket No. DC-2715-09 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 29. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 29 of the Complaint, defendants state that FG&G represented Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank in the matter entitled Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff v. Karl W. Krug, Defendant, Docket No. DC-2715-09 and venued in the Superior Court of New

Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.

- 30. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 of the Complaint.
- 31. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 31 of the Complaint, defendants refer to the April 6, 2009 letter, which speaks for itself. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 32. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 32 of the Complaint, defendants refer to the April 6, 2009 letter, which speaks for itself. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 33. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 33 of the Complaint, defendants refer to the April 6, 2009 letter, which speaks for itself. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 34. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 34 of the Complaint, defendants refer to their pleadings in connection with the matter entitled <u>Arrow Financial Services</u> <u>LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff v. Karl W. Krug, Defendant, Docket No. DC-2715-09 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County, which speak for themselves. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.</u>
- 35. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 35 of the Complaint, defendants refer to the initial pleading in the matter entitled <u>Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o</u> Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff v. Karl W. Krug, Defendant, Docket No. DC-2715-09 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County,

which speaks for itself. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.

- 36. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 36 of the Complaint, defendants refer to the initial pleading in the matter entitled Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff v. Karl W. Krug, Defendant, Docket No. DC-2715-09 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County, which speaks for itself. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 37. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 37 of the Complaint, defendants refer to the initial pleading in the matter entitled Arrow Financial Services LLC a/p/o Washington Mutual Bank, Plaintiff v. Karl W. Krug, Defendant, Docket No. DC-2715-09 and venued in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Cumberland County, which speaks for itself. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
 - 38. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 of the Complaint.
 - 39. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 39 of the Complaint.
 - 40. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 40 of the Complaint.
- 41. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 41 of the Complaint, defendants refer to the April 7, 2010 Order, which speaks for itself. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.

- 42. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 42 of the Complaint, defendants refer to the April 7, 2010 Order, which speaks for itself. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
 - 43. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 43 of the Complaint.AS TO FG&G'S POLICIES AND PRACTICES
 - 44. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 44 of the Complaint.
 - 45. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 45 of the Complaint.

AS TO CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 46. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 46 of the Complaint.
- 47. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 47 of the Complaint.
- 48. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 48 of the Complaint.
- 49. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 49 of the Complaint.
- 50. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 50 of the Complaint.
- 51. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 51 of the Complaint.
- 52. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 52 of the Complaint.
- 53. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 53 of the Complaint.
- 54. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 54 of the Complaint.

AS TO FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (CLASS ACTION)

- 55. Defendants repeat and reassert their responses to the allegations contained in the preceding Paragraphs of the Complaint as if set forth at length herein.
 - 56. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 56 of the Complaint.
 - 57. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 57 of the Complaint.

AS TO SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

- 58. Defendants repeat and reassert their responses to the allegations contained in the preceding Paragraphs of the Complaint as if set forth at length herein.
- 59. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 59 of the Complaint, defendants refer to the aforementioned voice mail messages, which speak for themselves (to the extent they exist at all). Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
- 60. In response to the allegations contained in Paragraph 60 of the Complaint, defendants state that Michael Abrams is not an attorney. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.
 - 61. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 61 of the Complaint.

AS TO PRAYER FOR RELIEF

62. In response to the "WHEREFORE" clause contained in Paragraph 62 of the Complaint, defendants deny the appropriateness or permissibility of the relief demanded therein. Except as so stated, defendants deny the allegations contained in this Paragraph of the Complaint.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint, or portions thereof, fails to state a claim or cause of action upon which relief may be granted.

SECOND SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint, or portions thereof, fails to state a claim or cause of action upon

which class action relief may be granted.

THIRD SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims for damages or other relief, or portions thereof, are not recoverable pursuant to applicable law.

FOURTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint, or portions thereof, is barred by the doctrines of statute of limitations, laches, waiver, estoppel and/or entire controversy doctrine.

FIFTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff did not suffer any loss or damage by reason of any alleged acts of defendants.

SIXTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint, or portions thereof, is barred by the plaintiff's failure to mitigate his alleged damages.

SEVENTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint is not properly sustainable as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable law.

EIGHTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

While not admitting any liability in this matter, plaintiff's Complaint or portions thereof is barred because any alleged violations of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act by defendants were not intentional and resulted from a bona fide error notwithstanding the maintenance of procedures reasonably adapted to avoid any such error, in accordance with 15 <u>U.S.C.</u> 1692k(c).

NINTH SEPARATE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's demand for a trial by jury may be barred, in whole or in part, by applicable law.

WHEREFORE, defendants demand judgment dismissing the Complaint in its entirety, and awarding them their attorneys' fees and costs, and such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER LLP

Attorneys for Defendants

Forster, Garbus & Garbus and Glenn Garbus, Esq.

y: _____

CERTIFICATION OF FILING

I hereby certify that I caused the within Answer to the Complaint to be electronically

filed today with:

William T. Walsh, Clerk United States District Court, District of New Jersey M.L. King, Jr. Federal Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse 50 Walnut Street Newark, New Jersey 07102

Gregg S. Kahn

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| KARL W. KRUG, on behalf of himself individually and all those similarly situated | | | | FORSTER, GARBUS & GARBUS and GLENN GARBUS, ESQ. | | |
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| (C) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER) | | | | ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN) | | |
| Philip D. Stern & Associates, LLC 697 Valley Street, Suite 2-D Maplewood, New Jersey 07040 973) 379-7500 | | | | Gregg S. Kahn, Esq. Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP 33 Washington Street Newark, New Jersey 07102 (973) 624-0800 Attorneys for Defendants | | |
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| /II. REQUESTED IN CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION DEMAND \$ Check YES only if demanded in complaint: COMPLAINT X UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 CLASS ACTION DEMAND \$ Check YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: X YES NO | | | | | | |

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO L. CIV. R. 11.2

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Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the undersigned counsel for defendants Forster, Garbus & Garbus ("FG&G") and Glenn Garbus, Esq. ("Garbus") (collectively "defendants"), private non-governmental parties, certify that the following consist of any parent corporation and/or any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of the stock of defendants:

Forster & Garbus, a New York limited liability partnership, owns 90% of FG&G.

WILSON, ELSER, MOSKOWITZ, **EDELMAN & DICKER LLP**

Attorneys for Defendants

Forster, Garbus & Garbus and Glenn Garbus, Esq.

BY: Gregg S. Kahn

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO L. CIV. R. 11.2

I hereby certify that the matter in controversy is not related to any other known action pending in any Court, or of any pending arbitration or administrative proceeding.

Gregg S. Kahn