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21		COMPLAINT FOR:			
22	Plaintiff,	(1) FRAUD AND DECEIT; (2) NEGLIGENT			
23	v.	MISREPRESENTATION;			
		(3) VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA			
24	FIDELITY INFORMATION SERVICES,	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 17200, ET SEQ.;			
25	LLC,	(4) BREACH OF CONTRACT;			
26		(5) UNJUST ENRICHMENT; and			
27	Defendant.	(6) DECLARATORY RELIEF			
		DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL			
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COMPLAINT

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Plaintiff Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC ("Ocwen") hereby brings this Complaint against Defendant Fidelity Information Services, LLC ("FIS"), alleging as follows:

NATURE OF THE CASE

- 1. FIS was retained to conduct a two-year review of Ocwen's loan servicing practices in June 2015, at a budgeted-cost of \$44.8 million. Throughout the engagement, FIS made fraudulent or negligent misrepresentations in its monthly invoices to Ocwen about the services FIS claims to have performed and the expenses FIS claims to have incurred. Whenever Ocwen questioned the legitimacy of FIS's invoices, or confronted FIS about their increasing enormity, FIS reiterated its misrepresentations that the hours and expenses reflected on the invoices were legitimately worked and incurred. By continuing to represent to Ocwen that its invoices were legitimate, FIS induced Ocwen to continue to pay millions of dollars for work that was not performed. FIS did so because it was incentivized to, and because it perceived that it had free reign to lie to Ocwen without consequence.
- 2. Ocwen is a mortgage loan servicer subject to regulation in California by the California Department of Business Oversight ("California DBO"). After raising concerns about certain of Ocwen's servicing practices for California loans, the California DBO ordered Ocwen to undergo a 24-month independent servicing review. The California DBO selected FIS to conduct the review, with Ocwen bearing the cost, subject to a letter of engagement with FIS (the "LOE").
- 3. To secure the engagement, FIS had proposed a budget of \$44.8 million to conduct the 24-month review, which was to include a loan-by-loan review of 50,000 loan files for California loans serviced by Ocwen.
- 4. FIS made several discrete representations to Ocwen and the California DBO in connection with the engagement, including that it would:
 - a. perform its review efficiently;
 - b. engage in appropriate billing oversight to ensure that any improper charges were detected and removed:
 - staff the review in an efficient manner; and
 - d. staff the review in a manner designed to reduce expenses, including by limiting associate travel expenses.

limits, at times by more than double those limits;

- d. FIS charged Ocwen mileage expenses for daily round-trip commutes of up to 300 miles, all while those same associates purported to work in excess of 11 hours a day in addition to their commutes; and
- e. FIS charged Ocwen for mileage expenses reflecting thousands of miles of car travel in a single month for associates who stayed at hotels very near their worksites, which should have minimized commutes.

These are merely examples apparent from the limited material FIS has provided to Ocwen. On information and belief, fraudulent charges for improper expenses, or expenses not actually incurred are rampant throughout FIS's invoices.

- 9. As a direct result of FIS's fraudulent charges and artificially-inflated invoices, FIS ran through the \$44.8 million budget for the entire two-year review in just 11 months, while delivering less than half of the work it was hired to do. FIS was on pace to charge Ocwen \$120 million—nearly triple the project budget.
- 10. FIS had every incentive to inflate the invoices it submitted to Ocwen. The nature of the retention left FIS subject to less stringent billing review and every additional dollar FIS recovered beyond amounts for work actually performed and expenses legitimately incurred represented profit for FIS. FIS also had a financial incentive to approve and pass associates' improper expenses onto Ocwen. Specifically, on information and belief, FIS reimbursed its associates for expenses they submitted before those expenses were billed and actually paid by Ocwen. Thus, every dollar in expense Ocwen did not reimburse is a dollar that FIS would already have paid to its associates. On information and belief, this practice caused FIS to intentionally ignore the inappropriate nature of associate expenses so it could pass them off to Ocwen and avoid its own financial loss.
- 11. On information and belief, FIS exploited its position to enrich itself at Ocwen's expense. It viewed this engagement as a license to steal from Ocwen. FIS's conduct also harmed the California DBO, and the California citizens whose interests the California DBO is obligated to protect, by focusing on making money for itself rather than performing the work the California DBO had appointed it to perform.
- 12. On information and belief, FIS knew, should have known, or was reckless in not knowing, that it submitted false and improper invoices to Ocwen on a monthly basis. FIS

represented that it engaged in extensive billing oversight and charged Ocwen \$4.8 million for project oversight, which included billing oversight. FIS's internal policies required stringent oversight of its bills, with multiple levels of review that should have occurred prior to invoicing. By charging for this oversight, FIS management was supposed to discover and prevent the false and/or fraudulent hours and expenses reported by FIS associates. Despite being paid millions of dollars, there is no indication that FIS actually performed any oversight of the bills submitted to Ocwen. The fact that the FIS invoices contained rampant fraudulent charges means that FIS either approved the invoices despite knowing they contained those improper charges or intentionally, recklessly, or negligently invoiced rampant improper charges to Ocwen.

- 13. When these exorbitant charges appeared mere months into the project, Ocwen immediately investigated to attempt to understand how the costs could possibly be so high. Furthering its fraud, FIS resisted Ocwen's attempts to seek and understand the justification for the exorbitant bills.
- 14. While many of the key materials that would support or refute FIS's invoices are exclusively in FIS's possession, and have not been made available to Ocwen, Ocwen was able to detect improprieties from the documentation FIS did provide. Ocwen objected to FIS's invoices, confronted FIS with the evidence of FIS's misdeeds, and requested that FIS reform its practices and refund Ocwen for improper charges. Ocwen also requested additional documentation to better assess whether the invoices FIS sent reflected actual hours worked and legitimate expenses.
- 15. In response, FIS represented to Ocwen that it would review its invoices to confirm that the invoices were proper and that all the charges it submitted reflected hours its associates had actually worked on the project and expenses that were legitimate. FIS represented to Ocwen that the results of its review required only *de minimis* adjustments, and that the invoices otherwise reflected only hours actually worked and expenses legitimately incurred. These representations further induced Ocwen to pay FIS's fraudulent invoices. But these representations also were false.
- 16. FIS management deliberately ignored and, on information and belief, actually encouraged rampant billing abuses perpetuated by its associates, and continued to pass fraudulent

bills to Ocwen for payment. FIS refused to acknowledge any substantial impropriety, and continued to insist that Ocwen pay FIS's fraudulent and improper invoices. And FIS concealed the evidence of its misconduct by delaying or outright refusing to provide Ocwen with the materials underlying the invoices.

- 17. Ocwen brought FIS's misconduct to the attention of the California DBO. In response, the California DBO convened a meeting on December 16, 2016 at which Ocwen presented its concerns.
- 18. On February 17, 2017, Ocwen entered into a new settlement with the DBO. As part of that settlement order, FIS's engagement was "terminated" by the California DBO, well before the original 24-month term was set to expire. That order directs the selection of a replacement third-party to complete the work left undone by FIS, the cost of which is included in the settlement payment that will be paid by Ocwen.
- 19. FIS's intentional, reckless, and/or negligent conduct caused Ocwen millions of dollars in damages resulting from the payment of false and fraudulent invoices and the cost of replacing FIS. FIS's conduct also harmed Ocwen and the California DBO by delaying, and ultimately failing to perform, the full, fair, and complete review that FIS was appointed to perform.

PARTIES

- 20. Ocwen is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Delaware with headquarters located in West Palm Beach, Florida. Ocwen is a residential mortgage lender and loan servicer licensed by the California DBO pursuant to the California Residential Mortgage Lending Act. It is authorized to conduct business in the State of California and services nearly 180,000 California mortgage loans.
- 21. On information and belief, FIS is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Arkansas with headquarters located in Jacksonville, Florida. It is self-described as the "world's largest global provider dedicated to financial technology solutions" and is authorized to do business throughout the State of California.

JURISDICTION

- 22. This Court has jurisdiction over the causes of action asserted herein pursuant to the California Constitution, Article VI, § 10, because this case is a cause not given by statute to other trial courts.
- 23. The Court has jurisdiction over FIS pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 410.10 because of FIS's contacts in California arising out of this engagement. FIS was hired at the behest of the California DBO—a California state regulator—to conduct a review of Ocwen's servicing practices with respect to residential California loans. FIS took direction from and routinely interacted with the California DBO throughout the review, at times taking the position that it stands in its shoes for the purpose of this engagement. DBO is headquartered in Sacramento, California. FIS's findings from the review could potentially impact Ocwen's servicing of California loans.
- 24. FIS is registered with the California Secretary of State and has designated an agent for service of process in California. On information and belief, FIS has multiple locations throughout California where it transacts business and avails itself of the rights, privileges, and protections of the laws of this State. On information and belief, FIS employs persons in and from California, and posts job openings in California.
 - 25. The amount in controversy exceeds the minimal jurisdictional limit of this Court.

VENUE

26. Venue in this Court, and in any county in California, is proper because FIS has failed to designate a principal place of business or principal office in California in its filings with the California Secretary of State. See Easton v. Superior Court, 90 Cal. Rptr. 642, 644 (Ct. App. 1970). Venue in this Court is also proper because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims at issue occurred in this county. Indeed, FIS has had considerable contacts in this county related to Ocwen's claims.

I. Ocwen's Letter of Engagement with FIS

- 27. Ocwen is a mortgage loan servicer. Generally speaking, a mortgage loan servicer (i) collects the principal and interest payments on the underlying mortgages; (ii) engages with delinquent borrowers on loan modification efforts; (iii) advances principal and interest payments in the event of delinquencies; and (iv) as a last resort, liquidates loans for which a borrower's default cannot be cured. The California DBO is an agency that regulates certain of Ocwen's business activities in California.
- 28. On or about June 10, 2015, the California DBO announced that it had selected FIS to perform a review of Ocwen's practices in California pursuant to a consent order of the same date ("June 2015 Consent Order").
- 29. After the California DBO selected FIS to serve as the reviewer, Ocwen and FIS entered into the LOE. The June 2015 Consent Order, which was incorporated by reference into the LOE, imposed on Ocwen the obligation to pay FIS's "reasonable and necessary" costs.
- 30. Under the LOE, FIS projected that it would complete the review within a 24-month period for a total cost of \$44.8 million based on 298,000 personnel hours (at a blended rate of \$150/hour) in accordance with the table set forth below:

Set up and configuration of Servicing Analyzer Audit Tool		\$100,000
Project Management and Oversight of Corrective Measures	44,000	\$6,600,000
Servicing Practices Review	14,000	\$2,100,000
Compliance Review (Based on 50,000 files)	240,000	\$36,000,000
TOTAL Estimated Over 24 Months	298,000	\$44,800,000

31. Ocwen was not in a position to alter or otherwise challenge the FIS budget or any of the terms of the LOE.

- 32. The LOE also required Ocwen to pay for "typical expenses . . . for travel related costs" actually incurred by FIS associates working on the audit, as governed by FIS's travel and expense policies (collectively, the "Travel and Expense Policy"). The Travel and Expense Policy set forth stringent rules governing reimbursement of expenses for travel, airfare, mileage, lodging, meals, and sundry items, expressly stating that the client, Ocwen, had "no obligation to reimburse employees for expenses that are not in compliance, or are excessive and/or erroneous in nature." FIS was contractually obligated under the Travel and Expense Policy and the LOE to ensure Ocwen was not over-billed for travel-related charges.
- 33. Similarly, FIS was obligated through its billing oversight procedures to scrutinize associates' time and expenses through multiple levels of review. Ocwen paid for these protections as part of a 3% administrative fee under the LOE, and FIS additionally billed hundreds of hours on a monthly basis for tasks described as "Project Management & Oversight of Corrective Measures."
- 34. Ocwen was billed more than \$4.8 million for project oversight, a portion of which was for the so called billing oversight measures described above.

II. FIS's Fraudulent Billing Practices

- 35. Despite these supposed safeguards designed to protect Ocwen from overbilling and to keep costs in check, FIS exhausted the \$44.8 million budget a mere 11 months into the 24-month engagement. When the California DBO entered into a new consent order with Ocwen and terminated FIS 16 months into the engagement, FIS had already billed Ocwen nearly 44% more than was allocated for the entire review. Despite its significant cost overruns, FIS had performed less than half the work it was appointed to perform, reviewing approximately half of the loan files included in the scope of the audit.
- 36. On information and belief, FIS's exorbitant charges and lack of progress were a direct result of FIS associates' wide-spread practice of artificially inflating their time to include fictitious hours that they had not actually worked on the engagement.
- 37. FIS's invoices make clear that gross over-reporting of hours occurred. Indeed, there were months during which FIS associates billed thousands of hours to the project, without

completing review of a *single loan file*—the fundamental purpose of the audit. On information and belief, each invoice FIS sent to Ocwen was laden with charges for hours that FIS associates did not actually work.

- 38. On information and belief, in addition to recording hours they did not actually work, FIS associates sought reimbursement for expenses they did not actually incur, and for expenses that exceeded what FIS told Ocwen it would charge. Despite charging Ocwen more than \$4.8 million for project management, including billing oversight, FIS sent invoices to Ocwen that contained false and improper charges while, on information and belief, knowing they were inflated, turning a blind eye to improper and improbable charges, or submitting them to Ocwen without any reasonable scrutiny.
- 39. The ongoing fraudulent billing scheme was financially lucrative for FIS and its associates alike. Staggering hours billed by FIS associates and FIS's recoupment from Ocwen of expenses reimbursed to FIS associates ensured maximum profits for FIS. Similar financial motivations existed for FIS associates, many of whom were independent contractors who, on information and belief, were compensated on an hourly basis.
- 40. Ocwen justifiably relied on FIS's representations regarding the accuracy and appropriateness of the charges billed to Ocwen, all to Ocwen's detriment. Moreover, when Ocwen attempted to investigate after receiving exorbitant invoices, FIS provided false reassurances while concealing the nature of its abuses and refusing to provide Ocwen with the underlying documentation that, on information and belief, would reveal the full extent of the fraud. Ocwen has suffered significant damages as a result of its reliance on FIS's misrepresentations.

III. Specific Examples of FIS's Rampant Fraud

41. While many of the materials necessary to scrutinize FIS's invoices are exclusively in FIS's possession, the documentation that Ocwen has received demonstrates that FIS's invoices are replete with fraudulent, reckless, or negligent charges, which undermines the legitimacy of all of FIS's fees and expenses invoiced to date.

- 42. Although the full extent of FIS's fraudulent billing scheme, and the harm suffered by Ocwen has yet to be uncovered, Ocwen has identified numerous patterns of improper, illegal, and/or fraudulent billing practices undertaken by FIS. Although not an exhaustive list, FIS's improper conduct includes:
 - a. submitting expense reimbursements for charges from strip clubs and casinos,
 - b. billing Ocwen for artificially inflated hours during which no actual work was performed,
 - c. submitting improper expense reimbursements that FIS associates were using as a form of supplemental income,
 - d. billing Ocwen for travel time in violation of the Travel and Expense Policy, and
 - e. submitting expense reimbursements to Ocwen for lodging far in excess of nightly limits on the rates prescribed by the Travel and Expense Policy.

A. FIS Associates Artificially Inflated Their Hours

- 43. On information and belief, FIS associates employed various improper practices to inflate their time. These practices included, billing for excessive breaks, travel time, and block billing for every minute spent at worksites, regardless of whether work related to the engagement was actually being performed. FIS then invoiced Ocwen based on these false and improper time records.
- 44. In a brazen example of timesheet fraud, FIS associates at the Coppell, Texas facility were caught watching videos on company time and leaving the office up to 14 times a day without "clocking out." Ocwen expressed its concern to FIS and asked to see "key-swipe" data for FIS associates, which would enable Ocwen to identify timekeepers who left worksites excessively during each work day and to determine how long they were gone. FIS refused to provide the data and continued to charge Ocwen for the improper hours.
- 45. The sheer number of hours FIS associates billed on a monthly basis strains credulity. For example, an associate at the Hoover, Alabama site (Associate No. 1012) billed 250 hours in the month of January 2016—more than 13 hours per workday (not including weekends and federal holidays). Other associates billed similar high hours such as, Associate No. 1270 who billed 230 hours in January 2016.

- 46. Other associates claimed they worked 200-hour months in addition to spending up to five hours commuting each day (for which they also sought mileage reimbursement). On information and belief, dozens of associates routinely billed high hours that cannot be reconciled with the startling lack of production resulting from their "billed" time.
- 47. For example, an associate at the Orlando worksite (Associate No. 1234) expensed \$3,105 for mileage in January 2016 for a commute of 270 miles a day, or roughly 4.5 hours of driving time. Based on the amount reimbursed, the associate appears to have driven roughly 5,940 miles during the month of January. Yet, even with this lengthy daily commute (in which he/she would have spent a total of roughly 99 non-billable hours driving during the month), the associate still billed 214 hours for the month—in excess of 11 hours of supposedly billable time each day. Taking into account his/her daily commute, the associate purportedly spent almost 16 hours a day on work and travel combined (or roughly 315 total monthly hours).
- 48. Another Orlando associate (Associate No. 1185) expensed \$1,975.74 in mileage during January 2016 for a commute of up to 200 miles a day, or roughly 3.3 hours of driving time. Yet that associate still purportedly billed 197 hours in January. Adding the total commute time of roughly 68 hours during the month to the billable hours means that the associate claimed to spend approximately 265 hours on work and travel combined in the month of January. The associate also purportedly spent up to 15 hours per day on work plus travel in February 2016.
- 49. Another Orlando associate (Associate No. 1140), expensed \$2,749.68 in mileage during January 2016 for a daily round trip commute of nearly 290 miles, or roughly 4.8 hours of driving time. Adding that total monthly commute time of approximately 91 hours to the associate's hours billed comes out to over 260 hours of work plus travel during the month of January.
- 50. As the above examples clearly demonstrate, FIS associates billed for hours and travel time they did not work and/or they sought reimbursement for mileage they did not actually incur. Either practice is improper, violates FIS policies, and is fraudulent in light of certifications that associates submitted as part of the expense reporting process.

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51. FIS also billed Ocwen for every minute its associates were physically present in the office, regardless of whether they were actually working (aside from a uniform half-hour lunch break). Moreover, FIS's supporting documentation often shows that FIS associates billed identical amounts of time for each day of the month, without any variation, and that, with minimal exception, associates arrived and departed at exactly the same time—to the minute every day.

52. For example, the employee sign-in sheets for the Addison, Texas facility for February 2016 show a pattern of associates arriving and leaving at exactly the same time, without variation, billing a uniform 10 hours per day for days on end. The February 1, 2016 timesheet, a portion of which is excerpted below, shows that 29 of 31 associates who worked that day not only billed the same exact number of hours, but also arrived and left the facility at exactly the same time to the minute:

EMPLOYEE SIGN-IN SHEET

Ocwen Project DATE:	Monday 2/1/2016	e; 1	Addisc	on, TX		
Print Name	Sign Name	Time In	Time Out	Lunch	Total Hours (lunch excluded)	8
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- 53. On information and belief, FIS associates rounded their time to the nearest thirtyminute interval, with few exceptions, inflating the time billed every day. Ocwen identified dozens of timesheets reflecting uniform time entries. For example:
 - a. On November 3, 2015, 23 FIS associates in Addison, Texas all signed in at 7:30 am, signed out at 5:30 pm, and took a 30 minute lunch breach purportedly billing exactly 9.5 hours.

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- 58. On information and belief, the examples Ocwen has been able to identify above are a mere fraction of the total instances of FIS charging Ocwen for grossly inflated associate hours, fraudulently inducing Ocwen to pay for time that FIS associates did not actually work.
 - B. FIS Associates Billed Expenses Incurred at Strip Clubs and Other Inappropriate Venues
- 59. During the engagement, FIS associates working at multiple worksites expensed meals at strip clubs and casinos, including expenses incurred at establishments such as: The Lodge: America's Best Gentlemen's Club; WinStar World Casino; Spearmint Rhino Gentleman's Club; Buck's Cabaret; and Harrah's Casino. On information and belief, FIS's policies prohibit expensing meals at these types of establishments.
- 60. Even though it was readily apparent to FIS that the expenses involved had been incurred at adult entertainment and gambling establishments, FIS invoiced Ocwen for these expenses, and others like them, after alleged supervisory and management review. On information and belief, FIS knew that these expenses were improper but represented the opposite and submitted them anyway or, despite their representations to the contrary, did not review the invoices for improper expenses such as these.
- 61. On information and belief, the examples Ocwen has been able to identify above are a mere fraction of the total improper expenses incurred at strip clubs and casinos.

C. FIS Associates Abused the Daily Meal Allowance

- 62. FIS associates—with acquiescence from FIS management—abused their rights to expense meals and certain other charges in direct violation of FIS's Travel and Expense Policy. FIS's Travel and Expense Policy provides: "Meal expenses should be reasonable and comparable to what and where you would eat on a personal basis. Meals are set at a maximum of \$65 per day (this is not a per diem), which includes tax and gratuities." (emphasis in original).
- 63. Yet, FIS associates routinely and improperly treated the \$65 meal allowance as a "per diem" in order to stock up on groceries and personal items for consumption outside of work, in violation of FIS's Travel and Expense Policy. Others used the daily maximum to expense

meals *and* to buy groceries, personal items, and even alcohol—trying to get as close as possible to the \$65 allowance.

- 64. The examples Ocwen has been able to identify above are a mere fraction of the total improper personal expenses FIS submitted to Ocwen.
- 65. On information and belief, the FIS associates habitually abused the daily meal allowance policies, the costs of which were borne by Ocwen.

D. FIS Associates Billed Lodging Expenses that Exceeded Policy Limits

- 66. FIS's Travel and Expense Policy set a daily lodging limit of \$185 or less, depending on worksite location. The policy further provided that "daily lodging expenses exceeding th[e] rate . . . will not be reimbursed." Yet, FIS approved lodging expenses in excess of the allowable rates and submitted them for payment to Ocwen anyway.
- 67. FIS associates, and the managers reviewing their expenses, disregarded the daily allowable limits, expensing hotel stays with nightly rates that were more than double the daily lodging limit.
- 68. By way of example, FIS billed the following lodging expenses in direct contravention of FIS's Travel and Expense Policy:

Month Associate		Lodging Expense
July 2015	Associate No. 1253	\$508.01 (for one-night stay)
October 2015	Associate No. 1154	\$6,824.12 in lodging,
		or \$220 per night assuming a 31-day stay
November 2015	Associate No. 1154	\$7,326.63 in lodging,
		or \$244 per night assuming a 30-day stay
October 2015	Associate No. 1211	\$7,033 in lodging,
		or \$226/night assuming a 31-day stay

On information and belief, the examples that Ocwen has been able to identify above are a mere fraction of the total improper lodging expenses FIS submitted to Ocwen.

E. FIS Associates Abused Mileage Reimbursement Privileges

69. FIS associates and FIS defrauded Ocwen by expensing unusually high mileage costs while simultaneously expensing a full month's worth of lodging costs. For example, in

November 2015, Associate No. 1211 expensed the cost of a full month's hotel stay while simultaneously expensing \$1,168.73 in mileage costs for approximately 2,033 miles, without any corresponding support for the mileage expense. In November, another FIS associate (No. 1107) expensed the cost of a full month's hotel stay while simultaneously expensing \$1,169.56 in mileage costs for approximately 2,034 miles. The distances traveled are equal to driving a round trip from New York to Orlando. Despite the fact that such extensive mileage and monthly lodging should never have been submitted in the first place, FIS turned a blind eye and passed these bogus expenses on to Ocwen.

- 70. Even in the final months of the engagement, when FIS was made aware by Ocwen of continued billing abuses, FIS associates continued to bill and submit expenses that violated FIS's Travel and Expense Policy.
- 71. On information and belief, the examples that Ocwen has been able to identify above are a mere fraction of the total improper mileage expenses FIS submitted to Ocwen.

IV. FIS's Continued Efforts to Mislead Ocwen About Its Fraudulent Invoices After Ocwen First Raised Concern

- 72. Ocwen first raised concerns when FIS's invoices unexpectedly spiked by \$2 million (or 68%) in December 2015 over the previous month's bill. Ocwen immediately requested detailed information from FIS to substantiate the sudden increase, including details about procedures that FIS had in place for determining what hours were appropriately billed to Ocwen, as opposed to total hours FIS associates spent on worksites, including time spent not working on the engagement.
- 73. In response, FIS falsely reassured Ocwen of the accuracy and legitimacy of the charges contained on the bill, while producing minimal supporting documentation. FIS provided only each timekeeper's total hours and expenses, without any detail as to the tasks involved or the nature of the expenses.
- 74. When Ocwen asked for more detail, Robert Cardwell, an FIS senior project manager, on information and belief, falsely represented to Ocwen that FIS billed only for time spent actually working on the engagement, scrutinized invoices prior to presentation to ensure

time charges were legitimate, and reviewed all expenses for compliance with the FIS Travel and Expense Policy. Mr. Cardwell's false confirmations about the accuracy and appropriateness of the charges were intended to, and did, cause Ocwen to reasonably believe that the invoice contained accurate and proper charges. Indeed, Mr. Cardwell's representations were, on information and belief, made in a calculated effort to induce Ocwen to continue paying FIS's invoices without scrutiny to ensure the continuation of FIS's fraudulent billing scheme.

- 75. When FIS sent its January 2016 invoice for \$7,404,265—almost 17% of the entire two-year budget in a single month—Ocwen again requested that FIS provide supporting documentation for the exorbitant amounts billed. Ocwen raised concerns about: (i) improper billing of tasks to "Project Management & Oversight of Corrective Measures"; (ii) inappropriate billing for travel time; (iii) improper billing for training in connection with rapid on-boarding of new associates five months into the review; and (iv) excessive expenses, including travel expenses incurred by 250 out of 276 engaged associates despite FIS's representations that associates would be staffed effectively to minimize travel-related expenses.
- 76. In its April 20, 2016 response, FIS again made false assurances to Ocwen that it had billed Ocwen for only accurate and appropriate charges, which it did to quell Ocwen's concerns over FIS's billing abuses. Among other things, FIS denied that associates were billing for travel time and represented that all hours billed to Ocwen were related to "in the office time only." On information and belief, FIS's false reassurances were intended to induce Ocwen to continue paying FIS invoices that FIS either knew, should have known, or was reckless in not knowing were false and improper.
- 77. FIS also largely refused Ocwen's requests for substantiating documents. The scant documentation that FIS did provide only raised further concerns. For example, spreadsheets FIS provided in support of the expenses did not reconcile with the amounts invoiced. To date, FIS continues to provide documentation that is irreconcilable with its own records and that is rife with accounting discrepancies, including inconsistencies in FIS's calculations of credits issued and actual time and expenses billed, which continue to change well after a particular billing cycle has ended.

- 78. In May 2016, with the bulk of Ocwen's requests for substantiating documentation still outstanding, Ocwen continued to raise concerns that: (i) time billed was not actually spent working on the project due to, among other things, breaks and departures from worksites; (ii) FIS was staffing without regard to where the associates lived, thereby running up unnecessary travel and lodging expenses; (iii) FIS was billing time to "Project Management & Oversight of Corrective Measures" that was already being compensated under a separate, administrative fee FIS was also receiving; and (iv) FIS was invoicing Ocwen for groceries and office supplies, hotel rates in excess of the policy limits, and unauthorized vehicle mileage, all in violation of the Travel and Expense Policy.
- 79. In many cases, Ocwen provided FIS with tangible evidence of its claims, such as proof that FIS associates were leaving worksites without clocking out and watching videos on company time. Ocwen again renewed its requests for detailed documentation substantiating FIS's billing, including support for hours reported in the month of January 2016 by certain FIS associates who billed more than nine hours a day.
- 80. In response, on information and belief, FIS made numerous representations intended to dissuade Ocwen from scrutinizing FIS's billing practices in order to continue perpetuating its fraudulent scheme. Notwithstanding that Ocwen was only responsible for payment of "reasonable and necessary" costs in connection with the engagement, FIS took the position that Ocwen had no right to question FIS's bills or FIS's decisions regarding the execution of the review, because FIS had been appointed by the California DBO. Simultaneously, FIS continued to reassure Ocwen that it was executing the audit "efficiently to minimize the expenses to Ocwen while maintaining audit independence, quality and integrity"—a representation that, on information and belief, FIS knew was false and was made solely to induce Ocwen's approval of FIS's invoices without review so that FIS could continue to perpetuate its fraudulent scheme. FIS also tried to explain away its exorbitant bills with *post-hoc* rationalizations, ignoring Ocwen's valid concerns about FIS's systemic billing issues.
- 81. By June 29, 2016, virtually all of Ocwen's information requests remained outstanding, despite numerous telephone calls and months of correspondence exchanged between

the parties. Ocwen, again, renewed its outstanding information requests, a number of which still remain outstanding today. In light of unresolved billing abuses identified in connection with the January through April, 2016 invoices, and given FIS's failure to provide substantiating documentation, Ocwen also objected to the May and June 2016 invoices upon receipt.

- 82. FIS represented to Ocwen that, as a result of the concerns and questions raised by Ocwen, FIS had conducted re-reviews of time charges and expenses invoiced to Ocwen. FIS's so-called "re-audits," however, proved to be no better than the pre-billing review process, demonstrating that FIS management knowingly signed-off on inflated invoices, turned a blind eye to improper and improbable charges, or otherwise blessed them without any reasonable scrutiny. They did not meaningfully address the overbilling and improper expenses rampant throughout the engagement, mere examples of which are identified in this complaint.
- 83. Ocwen has continued to provide FIS with myriad examples of improper and fraudulent billing, and to request that FIS produce any and all documentation it has to substantiate its bills. FIS has failed to meaningfully respond to these specific allegations and has not provided a plausible explanation for how (absent fraud) errors of this magnitude could have occurred in the first place.
- 84. In addition to alerting FIS to charges indicative of fraud and/or improper billing, Ocwen also repeatedly raised its concerns with the California DBO. In December 2016, the California DBO convened a meeting in San Diego to see whether Ocwen and FIS could resolve their issues. While the meeting resulted in FIS producing some additional documentation, FIS continues to withhold key information that would reveal the full scope of its false and improper billing procedures—including employee key-swipe information, comprehensive details regarding which hours and expenses have been or will be credited back to Ocwen, and materials substantiating the work billed to Project Management and Oversight.
- 85. Ocwen has withheld payment on some of FIS's invoices, or portions thereof, as a result of FIS's ongoing fraud, improper and non-compliant billing practices, and inaccurate bills.

86. On February 17, 2017, the California DBO and Ocwen entered into a new consent order effective on that date ("February 2017 Consent Order"). As a result of the February 2017 Consent Order, "[t]he engagement of [FIS], as provided for in the January 2015 Consent Order and memorialized in the July 2015 Letter of Engagement between FIS and [Ocwen], will be terminated as of the Effective Date of this Order."

87. At the time of FIS's termination, a significant portion of the work that it was retained to perform remained outstanding. The February 2017 Consent Order provides for selection of a new third party to complete the work FIS was supposed to have done. The costs associated with the completion of the review left undone by FIS will be paid out of a \$5 million payment Ocwen has agreed to pay to the California DBO.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Fraud and Deceit)

- 88. Ocwen realleges and incorporates as though fully set forth herein the allegations contained in paragraph 1 through 87 above.
- 89. FIS intentionally and knowingly made false statements of material fact to Ocwen by submitting bills it knew were filled with charges for time that was not actually worked and for expenses that were not or should not have been incurred.
- 90. When FIS billed Ocwen, it implicitly or explicitly represented that such invoices were valid, represented amounts appropriately billed to Ocwen, comported with applicable billing policies, and/or constituted bills for time that was actually worked and expenses that were actually incurred.
- 91. These representations were false. In fact, FIS knew, or recklessly disregarded, that the invoices it presented to Ocwen for payment were materially inaccurate, fraudulent, and replete with charges that did not comply with the applicable policies or were not actually incurred. Such errors and deliberate representations included, without limitation, billing Ocwen for:
 - a. expenses incurred at inappropriate venues such as strip clubs and casinos;
 - b. fraudulently inflated hours that were not actually worked;

- c. expenses that were not actually incurred; and
- d. expenses that were obvious violations of FIS's Travel and Expense Policy including those related to travel, lodging, and meal allowance reimbursement.
- 92. Further, FIS knew, or recklessly disregarded, the errors and deliberate misrepresentations contained in the invoices it represented to Ocwen because it claims to have rereviewed invoices that contained patently infeasible charges billed by FIS associates for time and expenses.
- 93. FIS engaged in the fraudulent billing scheme in a calculated effort to induce Ocwen to pay charges for time that was not worked and for expenses that were not or should not have been incurred.
- 94. Ocwen justifiably relied on these false representations and acts of concealment, and as a proximate result, has been injured. The fraudulent billings occurred during the course of the engagement from the period of July 2015 through February 2017. The Complaint sets forth a sampling of examples of fraudulent billing practices uncovered by Ocwen through the limited documentation that has been provided. The full extent of the fraud is unknown since Ocwen does not have all the documentation that would be necessary to conduct a complete analysis.
- 95. Fraudulent billing committed during the course of an engagement established by a state regulator is the type of conduct that demonstrates a high degree of moral turpitude and wanton dishonesty that provides for the recovery of punitive damages.
- 96. Accordingly, Ocwen is entitled to an award of all damages caused by FIS's fraud/deceit, interest and costs, an award of punitive damages in an amount sufficient to deter others similarly situated, and any other relief the Court deems proper.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Negligent Misrepresentation)

- 97. Ocwen realleges and incorporates as though fully set forth herein the allegations contained in paragraph 1 through 96 above.
- 98. When FIS billed Ocwen, it implicitly or explicitly represented that such invoices were valid, represented amounts appropriately billed to Ocwen, comported with applicable billing

Ocwen has received and described in this complaint. Accordingly, FIS is in breach of the LOE.

1	116.	Ocwen has been injured by FIS's conduct. Ocwen is entitled to an award of all		
2	damages as a	result thereof.		
3		FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF		
4		(Unjust Enrichment) ¹		
5	117.	Ocwen realleges and incorporates as though fully set forth herein the allegations		
6	contained in p	paragraph 1 through 116 above.		
7	118.	By engaging in the conduct described above, FIS received a benefit in the form of		
8	fees and expenses paid by Ocwen for improper and fraudulent charges.			
9	119.	FIS unjustly retained this benefit.		
10	120.	FIS's unjust retention of this benefit comes at Ocwen's expense because it paid		
11	FIS substantial sums of money for improper and fraudulent charges. FIS should not be permitted			
12	to retain these benefits at Ocwen's expense.			
13	121.	Ocwen has been injured by FIS's conduct. Ocwen is entitled to an award of all		
14	damages as a	result thereof.		
15		SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF		
16		(Declaratory Relief)		
17	122.	Ocwen realleges and incorporates as though fully set forth herein the allegations		
18	contained in paragraph 1 through 121 above.			
19	123.	Some invoices, or portions thereof, that FIS has submitted to Ocwen in connection		
20	with this engagement remain unpaid.			
21	124.	FIS has demanded payment on all unpaid invoices.		
22	125.	As a result of FIS's wide-spread improper billing practices, Ocwen has refused		
23	payment.			
24	126.	Accordingly, a controversy exists between Ocwen and FIS regarding FIS's right to		
25	payment on in	nvoices, or portions thereof, that remain unpaid.		
26	127.	Ocwen seeks a declaration that, as a result of FIS's improper billing practices,		
27	Ocwen has no	o obligation to pay any of the outstanding invoices, or portions thereof.		
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