CONSUMER LAW FINAL CHECKLIST, SPRING 2005 (DeWolf)

QUESTION 1

Overview		Requirements for Class Action
Federal Pre-emption ?		(1) Numerosity
Other federal authority that controls?		(2) Common Qs of Law / Fact
"Fraud" seems extreme - 9 elements		(3) Typicality - diff. phones / reliance
Is practice "Unfair"?		(4) representativeness (hard to say)
Standard under Intl. Harvester		(5) common Qs predominate
(1) Harm to consumers		Federal Class Action reform (Removal)?
(2) Violation of public policy		
(3) Unscrupulous/Unethical		Punitive damages—standard?
		Evidence of conduct deserving punishment?
Harm to consumers		
(1) Substantial (like fuel geysering)?		Reimbursement Remedy—authority?
(2) Does risk exceed benefit?		Attorney fees—available via UDAP / LCSPA
(3) can consumer avoid the harm?		Can we restrain fee award?
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Pro: Return \$\$ to consumers		Con: Customers may actually lose
Rebates reward savvy; exploit gullible		Like Fairmont Ford
Chas. of the Ritz vs. IH / Cliffdale		Enforcement incr. cost to consumer
Fewer deceptive rebate offers		Would Notice requirement suffice?
		Are autos same as soda pop?
		Reducing consumer choice
Ques	STION 3	
Overview		Remedies
Application of FDCPA		Under FDCPA
(1) Is Hutton a debt collector ?		Actual Damages (P&S)
Do they regularly collect debts?		Up to \$1000
		Attorney Fees
Violations of FDCPA		
(a) Failure to provide notice		Class Action?
Opportunity to dispute debt		Requirements for certification
(b) deceptive or improper threats?		0.1 7 1
Threat of legal action (actually filed)		Other Remedies
		UDAP / LCSPA
(c) unfair practices		
Use of Letterhead		
LCSPA		
Would FCRA apply?		

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