

Arkansas Attorney General Quarterly Report Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-16-718(c)
Period 07/01/2024 to 09/30/2024

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CASE NAME AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COURT ORDERS OR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

● **Grand River Enterprises**

State of Arkansas v. Grand River Enterprises - The Attorney General worked with Grand River to obtain a Settlement Agreement for Arkansas Assurance of Voluntary Compliance for its not complying with Arkansas's tobacco statutes.

● **Jean Butler**

Jean Butler facilitated a multi-million dollar international sweepstakes scheme. Ms. Butler received funds from victims of the scam and funneled money to operators of the scheme in Jamaica.

● **Ramona Turner McGee (pyramid scheme)**

Ramona Turner McGee recruited individuals to join in "blessing looms" boards for like-minded individuals to receive more money than initially invested. Ms. McGee collected thousands of dollars from Arkansas consumers operating an illegal pyramid scheme, which harmed Arkansas consumers.

● **Matthews Construction, LLC**

Eric Matthews, a contractor, operated under various company names including Matthews Construction, LLC, and Arkansas Decks and More. Mr. Matthews violated the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act by soliciting large deposits before failing to complete, or sometimes even begin, the work he promised.

● **Jay & Dora Edmonson dba The Resort Place Travel**

The Attorney General filed a lawsuit February 2, 2017 against the defendants for advertising travel and vacation vouchers, receiving money from consumers for the purchase of travel and vacation vouchers, and failing to secure lodgings for consumers' vacations, causing consumers to pay out-of-pocket for lodgings at their destination. The parties entered into a Payment Plan Agreement where Defendants agreed to pay \$400.00 per month until the Judgment has been satisfied.

● **AT&T Advertising**

The Assurance of Voluntary Compliance follows an investigation by the state attorneys general into business practices of AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile (the "Wireless Companies"). The investigation related to the advertising, marketing, and sales practices of the Wireless Companies and considered whether these advertising, marketing, and sales practices complied with the consumer protection and trade practice statutes and regulations.

● **Scott Stewart dba Slabtown Customs**

A "tiny house" contractor in Mountain View faced complaints by eight customers totaling more than \$115,000 in unfinished homes and unreturned funds. The Arkansas Attorney General identified multiple Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practice Act (ADTPA) violations by Scott Stewart and his company, Slabtown Customs. Consumers claim Stewart demanded large deposits for custom built homes and then failed to complete the work or refund the payments. From 2012 to present, clients in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, New Mexico and Pennsylvania claimed Stewart required large down payments and progress payments of up to two-thirds of the full purchase price. When the completion date passed, Stewart would often offer a refund that was never fulfilled. Some customers have been waiting for their money or house for more than 5 years.

● **Real Travel, LLC**

State of Arkansas v. Real Travel, LLC; Bart Bowe & Brian Scroggs - Real Travel entered into a Consent Judgment with the Attorney General for violations under the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from conducting any and all business related to timeshares and timeshare-exit industries in the State of Arkansas.

● **Robert Walley dba The Iron Shop**

The Iron Shop of Arkansas claimed to be a small contracting business that installed and conducted maintenance on gates and fencing. During approximately five months, consumers filed complaints alleging that the business performed poor work or did not complete projects. When the consumers contacted the business for repair or refunds, their calls were ignored, or they were given dates and times in which no one showed to make the repairs or complete the work.

● **Emily Ledbetter**

In the case of Emily Ledbetter, MFCU received a report that Ms. Ledbetter claimed speech-therapy services that she didn't actually perform. Upon investigation, the facts alleged in the report were substantiated. MFCU confronted Ms. Ledbetter with the investigative findings and entered into a settlement agreement with her, under which she paid restitution, a penalty, and investigative costs.

● **Phatiffany Cook dba Hourglass Vixens**

Defendants purport to provide cosmetology treatments; body-modification therapy; and dental, medical, and massage services, many of which require licensing in Arkansas. Defendants purport to be licensed in certain areas of massage therapy, cosmetology, and dentistry. Defendants are not licensed in these areas. This is a violation of Arkansas law. In addition, Defendants have failed to perform services for which consumers' money was accepted in violation of ADTPA.

● **Garrett Sublett**

The MFCU investigated allegations that Garrett Sublett submitted false claims for payment to the Arkansas Medicaid Program for personal and attendant-care services allegedly provided to Medicaid recipients in Arkansas. Specifically, an MFCU investigator reviewed the billing records submitted for services alleged to have been provided in a child development center in Arkansas County, Arkansas for the period of November 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022. The investigator determined that during the stated time period, Sublett did not provide the services to the recipients as claimed on numerous separate claims. Mr. Sublett entered into a Settlement Agreement and paid \$587.00 in restitution, \$500 in a civil penalty, and \$500 in investigative costs.

- **LLT Management**

This enforcement action was brought by the Attorney General upon the ground that Johnson & Johnson engaged in unfair or deceptive acts and practices in or affecting commerce in violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-107(a). This settlement arose from allegations that Johnson & Johnson deceptively promoted and misled consumers about the safety and purity of its talc-based powder products that had been sold by the company for over a hundred years.

- **Mullins Property Management, LLC**

The Attorney General filed a lawsuit on July 30, 2020 against the Defendants for discriminating against the Intervenor based on his disability in violation of the Arkansas fair housing laws. The Defendants entered into a Settlement Agreement and paid \$10,000 to the Intervenor and \$1,500 in fees and costs to the Attorney General.

- **Robert Stevens dba Pro-Pave Asphalt**

Pro-Pave claims to be an asphalt surfacing company. According to consumer complaints, the company travels door-to-door offering to lay asphalt surfaces with leftover products from other jobs. Once the job is completed, the company quotes the consumer a much higher price than agreed upon initially. If the consumer does not produce payment, the company employees engage in aggressive tactics to obtain the payment.

- **National Opioid Settlement Fund**

The Arkansas Attorney General filed a lawsuit against McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, and Cardinal, the three largest distributors of opioids, for their role in the national opioid epidemic. Arkansas is set to receive over \$177M over 17 years as part of the national settlement reached with the companies and state attorneys general.

- **National Opioids Trust - ALLERGAN**

The Arkansas Attorney General filed a lawsuit against Allergan for the company's role in the national opioid epidemic. Arkansas is set to receive over \$19M over 7 years from Allergan as part of the national settlement reached with the company and state attorneys general.

- **National Opioids Trust - CVS**

The Arkansas Attorney General filed a lawsuit against CVS for the company's role in the national opioid epidemic, including inadequately monitoring opioid prescriptions. Arkansas is set to receive over \$44M over 10 years as part of the national settlement reached with CVS and state attorneys general.

- **National Opioids Trust - TEVA**

The Arkansas Attorney General filed a lawsuit against Teva for the company's role in the national opioid epidemic. Arkansas is set to receive over \$36M over 13 years from Teva as part of the national settlement reached with the company and state attorneys general.

- **Neill Reed**

Reed used a deceased notary to quitclaim tax delinquent property to himself after searching land commissioner records. Many of the property owners were also deceased or elderly. Jason Pederson (KATV) did a story on him and Jeric Goodrum in 2019 after they were caught doing this to the property of former attorney and civil rights activist Scipio Jones, whose house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

- **Moneygram**

Arkansas led a 30-state bipartisan original jurisdiction case in the United States Supreme Court seeking to recover unclaimed property from Delaware under the Federal Disposition Act. Arkansas won the liability phase of the litigation 9-0 following argument in the Supreme Court, and the parties agreed to settle the damages portion of the case.

- **T-Mobile USA**

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- **TracFone Wireless, Inc. dba Verizon Wireless**

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REPORT OF ALL CASH FUND BALANCES (as of September 30, 2024)
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Clearing Account

Inflows of cash through court ordered judgments against companies or assurances of voluntary compliance are initially deposited into this account.	\$	166,492.04
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Consumer Education and Enforcement Account

Account is funded through court ordered judgments against companies or assurances of voluntary compliance. Outflows of cash are made in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-105(e)(3).	\$	5,044.48
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Restricted Account

Account is funded through court ordered judgments or settlements, where the use of funds is restricted by the judgment or settlement. Outflows of cash are made in compliance with the terms of the judgment or settlement.	\$	118,212.86
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Opioid Settlement Account-Restricted

Funds from the opioid settlement agreements are deposited into this account. Outflows of cash are made in compliance with the terms of the opioid settlements.	\$	3,446,196.15
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Opioid Settlement Account-Unrestricted

Unrestricted funds from the opioid settlement agreements are deposited into this account.	\$	60,491.40
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MFC Settlement Account

Account is funded through restitution payments to recover expenses incurred during investigation and prosecution of Medicaid Fraud (Act 916 of 2019).	\$	161,677.35
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All cash fund balances above do not take into account any outstanding checks. Actual balance may be less.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
Cash Account Information
July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

CASH FUNDS RECEIPTS

CASE	Amount	Uses	Date
AT&T Advertising	\$ 25,104.28	Unrestricted Use	07/09/2024
Bart J. Bowe/Real Travel LLC	\$ 5,000.00	Restricted Use	08/27/2024
Emily Ledbetter	\$ 108.80	Restricted Use	08/12/2024
Garrett Sublett	\$ 250.00	Restricted Use	08/15/2024
Grand River Enterprises	\$ 40,010.00	Restricted Use	07/10/2024
Grand River Enterprises	\$ 40,010.00	Restricted Use	08/09/2024
Grand River Enterprises	\$ 40,010.00	Restricted Use	09/10/2024
Jay & Dora Edmonson dba The Resort Place Travel	\$ 400.00	Restricted Use	07/08/2024
Jay & Dora Edmonson dba The Resort Place Travel	\$ 400.00	Restricted Use	08/05/2024
Jay & Dora Edmonson dba The Resort Place Travel	\$ 400.00	Restricted Use	09/04/2024
Jean Butler	\$ 131.00	Restricted Use	07/01/2024
Jean Butler	\$ 130.03	Restricted Use	07/03/2024
Jean Butler	\$ 130.03	Restricted Use	07/26/2024
Jean Butler	\$ 131.00	Restricted Use	08/01/2024
Jean Butler	\$ 130.03	Restricted Use	08/26/2024
Jean Butler	\$ 131.00	Restricted Use	08/30/2024
Jean Butler	\$ 130.03	Restricted Use	09/10/2024
LLT Management	\$ 3,164,774.84	Unrestricted Use	07/30/2024
Matthews Construction	\$ 500.00	Restricted Use	08/14/2024
Matthews Construction	\$ 500.00	Restricted Use	07/09/2024
Matthews Construction	\$ (500.00)	Restricted Use	08/16/2024
Matthews Construction	\$ 500.00	Restricted Use	09/09/2024
Matthews Construction	\$ (500.00)	Restricted Use	09/11/2024
Mullins Property Management, LLC	\$ 1,500.00	Unrestricted Use	09/03/2024
National Opioid Settlement Fund	\$ 3,358,429.90	Restricted Use	07/31/2024
National Opioids Trust	\$ 2,851,395.80	Restricted Use	07/31/2024
Neill Reed	\$ 5,000.00	Unrestricted Use	08/02/2024
Phatiffany Cook dba Hourglass Vixens LLC	\$ 50.00	Unrestricted Use	07/02/2024
Phatiffany Cook dba Hourglass Vixens LLC	\$ 50.00	Unrestricted Use	07/31/2024
Phatiffany Cook dba Hourglass Vixens LLC	\$ 50.00	Unrestricted Use	09/04/2024
Ramona McGee	\$ 1,000.00	Restricted Use	08/14/2024
Ramona McGee	\$ 1,000.00	Restricted Use	09/13/2024
Robert Stevens dba Pro-Pave Asphalt	\$ 2,000.00	Restricted Use	07/18/2024
Robert Stevens dba Pro-Pave Asphalt	\$ 2,000.00	Restricted Use	08/15/2024
Robert Stevens dba Pro-Pave Asphalt	\$ 2,000.00	Restricted Use	09/17/2024
Robert Walley dba The Iron Shop	\$ 50.00	Restricted Use	07/26/2024
Robert Walley dba The Iron Shop	\$ 50.00	Restricted Use	08/15/2024
Robert Walley dba The Iron Shop	\$ 50.00	Restricted Use	09/19/2024
Scott Stewart dba Slabtown Customs	\$ 250.00	Restricted Use	08/02/2024
Scott Stewart dba Slabtown Customs	\$ 250.00	Restricted Use	09/04/2024
MoneyGram	\$ 50,212.43	Unrestricted Use	09/25/2024
T-Mobile USA	\$ 49,017.04	Unrestricted Use	07/09/2024
TracFone Wireless, Inc., dba Verizon Wireless	\$ 30,125.14	Unrestricted Use	07/01/2024
Total	\$ 9,672,361.35		

CASH FUNDS - MISC. RECEIPTS

COST CATEGORY	PAYOR/PAYEE	REASON FOR TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
1120001000 - Invest CD	Bank OZK	CD-4654 matured	\$4,000,000.00
		CD-7099 matured	\$2,634,283.18
		CD-3587 matured	\$6,100,000.00
		CD-9248 matured	\$12,000,000.00
4042007000 - Dmg Settle > 1,000	Jean Butler	Settlement Funds	\$913.12
	Grand River Enterprises	Settlement Funds	\$120,030.00
	Ramona McGee	Settlement Funds	\$2,000.00
	Matthews Construction	Settlement Funds	\$1,500.00
	Neill Reed	Settlement Funds	\$5,000.00
	Bart J. Bowe/Real Travel LLC	Settlement Funds	\$5,000.00
	Scott Stewart dba Slabtown Customs	Settlement Funds	\$500.00
	Robert Walley dba The Iron Shop	Settlement Funds	\$150.00
	Robert Stevens dba Pro-Pave Asphalt	Settlement Funds	\$6,000.00
	Phatiffany Cook dba Hourglass Vixens LLC	Settlement Funds	\$150.00
	Jay & Dora Edmonson dba The Resort Place Travel	Settlement Funds	\$1,200.00
	National Opioids Trust	Settlement Funds	\$2,851,395.80
	National Opioid Settlement Fund	Settlement Funds	\$3,358,429.90
	TracFone Wireless, Inc., dba Verizon Wireless	Settlement Funds	\$30,125.14
	T-Mobile USA	Settlement Funds	\$49,017.04
	AT&T Advertising	Settlement Funds	\$25,104.28
	LLT Management	Settlement Funds	\$3,164,774.84
	Mullins Property Management, LLC	Settlement Funds	\$1,500.00
	Moneygram	Settlement Funds	\$50,212.43
	4042007100 - Dmg Settle < 1,000	Emily Ledbetter	Settlement Funds
Garrett Sublett		Settlement Funds	\$250.00
4046001000 - Other Non-Revenue	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	24 Stop Overdose Summit	\$20,000.00
4047041000 - Volume Rebates	Simmons First National Bank	Rebate	\$402.79
	STATEWIDE SHARED SERVICES	Rebate	\$3,816.36

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4049006000 - INT INC CKING ACCT	Simmons Bank	Interest July 2024	\$4,343.58
		Interest August 2024	\$10,893.73
		Interest September 2024	\$10,807.65
		CD interest	\$767,054.78
4049007000 - Interest Certificate of Deposit	Bank OZK	Miscellaneous Expense	\$120.00
5080020000 - 02 Enforcement Investigation Expense	Gateway Bank	Filing fees	\$1,500.00
5080038000 - Court Filing Fees	Clerk of the Supreme Court	Transfer from Restricted to Clearing	\$20,000.00
6060002000 - Intra-Agy Xfers In	Simmons - Restricted Settlement Funds	Transfer from Opioid Restricted to Clearing	\$3,700.76
	OAG-Opioid Settlement Fund	Transfer from Opioid Restricted to Opioid Unrestricted	\$1,027,344.79
6990003000 - Prior Yr Ref to Exp	State of Indiana Office of Attorney General	Refund	\$100.00
	Arkansas Public Defender Commission	Refund	\$274.44
	West Virginia Office of The Attorney General	Refund	\$100.00
	Arkansas Division of Correction	Refund	\$273.05

CASH FUNDS - DISBURSEMENTS

COST CATEGORY	PAYOR/PAYEE	REASON FOR TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
1120001000 - Invest CD	Bank OZK	Funding 3-month CD-8111	-\$3,500,000.00
		Funding 3-month CD-9608	-\$2,700,000.00
		Funding 6-month CD-9551	-\$5,300,000.00
		Funding 3-month CD-7901	-\$18,000,000.00
		Funding 6-month CD-7238	-\$2,800,000.00
		Funding 10-month CD-7241	-\$1,600,000.00
1990150000 - Equipment (Modified)	Crain Chevrolet	Vehicle purchase-S.I.D.	-\$157,852.00
4042007000 - Dmg Settle > 1,000	Mathews Construction	CHARGEBACK ON MATTHEWS	-\$1,000.00
5030001000 - Printing	UALR Printing Services	Printing	-\$3,204.13
5040011000 - Other Rent/Lease	University Of Arkansas, Fayetteville	Venue deposit	-\$17,397.19
5050003200 - 02 Lodging	Simmons First National Bank	Travel	-\$868.36
5050004200 - 09 Lodging	Simmons First National Bank	Travel	-\$10,221.18
5050005000 - 02 Common Carrier	Simmons First National Bank	Travel	-\$448.98
5050006000 - 09 Common Carrier	Simmons First National Bank	Travel	-\$534.96
5050009000 - 02 Ground Transpor	Simmons First National Bank	Travel	-\$445.43
5050010000 - 09 Ground Transpor	Simmons First National Bank	Travel	-\$209.11
5050013000 - 02 Other Travel Ex	Simmons First National Bank	Travel	-\$84.34
5050018000 - 09 Conf/Sem Fees	Simmons First National Bank	Conference registration	-\$1,145.00
5060001000 - Prof & Admin Fee	UALR Office of Research & Sponsored Prog.	Law Clerks	-\$17,711.90
	Norwood Energy Consulting, L.L.C	Professional Services Contract	-\$4,290.00
	University Of Arkansas, Fayetteville	Law Clerks	-\$24,717.97
5060003000 - Legal Fees	Richard Mays Law Firm PLLC	Legal fees	-\$300.00
	Hilburn & Harper LTD	Outside Counsel	-\$1,384,295.28
5060020000 - Witness Fees			-\$94.07
5080006000 - Assoc Member Dues	Conference of Western Attorneys General	Membership dues	-\$6,500.00
5080020000 - 02 Enforcement Investigation Expense	Gateway Bank	Miscellaneous Expense	-\$240.00
5080038000 - Court Filing Fees	Clerk of the Supreme Court	Filing fees	-\$3,000.00
	Brown, Readdick, Bumgartner, Carter, Strickland & Watkins, LLP	Filing fees	-\$800.00
5080039000 - 02 MTS CRT RPTR	Talyn Lawrence	Transcript	-\$164.00
	Pulaski Circuit County Clerk	Transcript	-\$4,089.00
	USDC Northern District of Oklahoma	Transcript	-\$48.00
	Everest Court Reporting LLC	Transcript	-\$2,831.50
	Ronda Thomas	Transcript	-\$354.85
5090003000 - Special Purpose Su	Bender Enterprises Inc	Supplies	-\$12,106.26
5090015000 - Health & Lab Supplies	V23, LLC	Drug disposal bags-One Pill Can Kill	-\$34,386.24
5090019000 - Food Purchases	University Of Arkansas, Fayetteville	2023 Stop Overdose Summit	-\$83,744.64
5090026300 - 02 Dsktop,Laptop,P	Unifiedcommunications.com	Office supplies	-\$7,154.55
5090027000 - Software/Licenses	Monolith Forensics, LLC.	Software	-\$3,000.00
5100005100 - 02 Sponsorships	Arkansas State Police Foundation	Donation	-\$55,000.00
	Wolfe Street Foundation, Inc.	Donation	-\$250,000.00
	Children Advocacy Centers of Arkansas	Donation	-\$68,760.00
	Arkansas Community Foundation	Donation	-\$10,000.00
	NEA Intermodal Authority	Donation	-\$100,000.00
	Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation	Donation	-\$2,500.00
	Natural State Council	Donation	-\$125.00
	Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association	Donation	-\$33,000.00
	Ashley County, Office of Emergency Management	Donation	-\$94,000.00
	Marion Fire Department	Donation	-\$47,865.83
	Sharp County Sheriff's Office	Donation	-\$44,992.19
	Project Right Choice of NWA	Donation	-\$480.00
5110002000 - 02 Other Refund	Arkansas Department of Human Services	Federal share of investigation cost	-\$258.34
6061002000 - IntraAgy Xfers Out	Simmons - Clearing	Transfer from Opioid Unrestricted to Clearing	-\$3,700.76
	OAG - Simmons Opioid Unrestricted	Transfer from Opioid Restricted to Opioid Unrestricted	-\$1,027,344.79
	OAG Simmons Clearing	Transfer from Restricted to Clearing	-\$20,000.00
5070006000 - Genl Liability Ins.	Arkansas Insurance Department	Cyber Liability Annual Renewal	-\$6,906.40
1991100000 - 11 Capital Outlay	VSC Fire & Security, Inc	Construction project	-\$12,852.00
	Moses Tucker Real Estate	Construction project	-\$153,610.12