



CA-DFPI UPDATES COLLECTION LICENSING STATUS

The California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation ("DFPI") recently released a statement to those applying for a debt collection license under the Debt Collection Licensing Act that application approvals will be delayed. The delay is due at least in part to the Federal Bureau of Investigation informing the DFPI that certain protocols need to be changed with respect to requesting federal background checks.

The DFPI encourages those needing a debt collection license to apply through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System. In a change to its enforcement policy, the DFPI indicated that it will not take action for unlicensed activity against those who apply *after* December 31, 2021. The DFPI urged applicants to check the DFPI website for updates regarding DFPI's approval timeline. The DFPI earlier noted that some applications submitted before the end of 2021 would not be fully processed until 2023.

We will continue to monitor the status of the debt collection licensing approval process and provide periodic updates. □

◇ *Mike Tomkies and Nathan Copeland*

Darrell L. Dreher
ddreher@dtlaw.com

Elizabeth L. Anstaett
eanstaett@dtlaw.com

Nathan D. Copeland
ncopeland@dtlaw.com

Susan L. Ostrander
sostrander@dtlaw.com

2750 HUNTINGTON CENTER
41 S. HIGH STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
TELEPHONE: (614) 628-8000 FACSIMILE: (614) 628-1600
WWW.DTLAW.COM

To see previously sent ALERTS, visit our website at www.dtlaw.com

To decline future ALERTS, please contact us at ALERTS@DLTAW.COM. This ALERT has been prepared for informational purposes only. It does not constitute legal advice and does not create an attorney-client relationship.

Michael C. Tomkies
mtomkies@dtlaw.com

Benjamin J. Hurford
bhurford@dtlaw.com

Mercedes C. Ramsey
mramsey@dtlaw.com

Judith M. Scheiderer
jscheiderer@dtlaw.com

Robin R. De Leo
robin@deher-la.com