

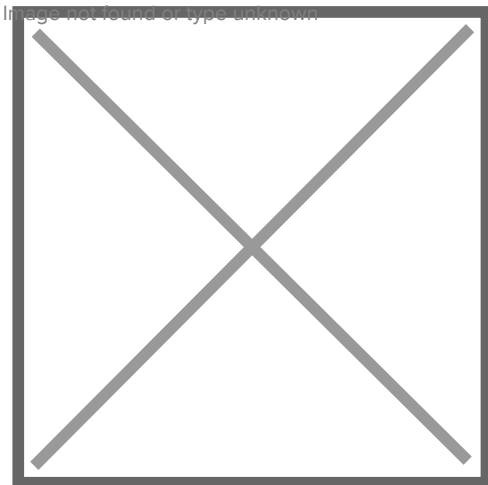


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## Learn to Navigate Your Consumer Debt Case

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At the height of the recession in 2008, more than 300,000 consumer debt lawsuits were filed in New York City courts. Although the economy has improved, nearly 100,000 debt suits were filed in 2013. The majority of defendants in consumer suits are minorities or senior citizens living below the poverty level. Nearly all cannot afford a lawyer and end up in court uninformed.

Advocacy groups and pro-bono legal services have partnered with Fordham Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice to provide an [in-depth video series](#) to educate New Yorkers being sued for consumer debt about their rights and how to navigate their cases.