

**Press Release****ARBITRATOR FINDS THAT AMERIX, CARONE AND BERNALLO DANCEL VIOLATED THE CREDIT REPAIR ORGANIZATIONS ACT (CROA) AND HARMED CLASS MEMBERS**

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Tusa P.C. is pleased to announce that an American Arbitration Association arbitrator yesterday ruled that respondents owned by Bernaldo Dancel, including Amerix and Careone Services, violated the Credit Repair Organizations Act (CROA) by failing to provide consumers and class members with disclosures required by that federal law. The ruling was made after a final hearing, where the Class was represented by class counsel G. Oliver Koppell & Associates and Tusa P.C. As a result of the CROA violations, the arbitrator held that: “Hundreds of thousands of their customers were denied the information that CROA required Respondents to provide.” The arbitrator indicated that he would award punitive damages against the Respondents for violating CROA and harming Class members. On behalf of Tusa P.C., Joseph S. Tusa is gratified that the arbitrator held that the Respondents violated the credit repair statute that Congress passed to protect consumers who find themselves in need of financial assistance, and will punish those who take advantage of vulnerable consumers.

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