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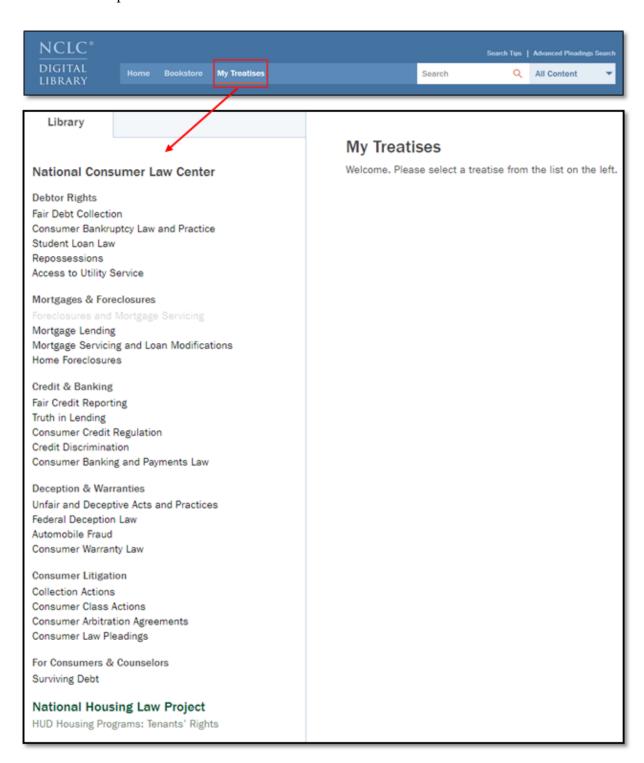
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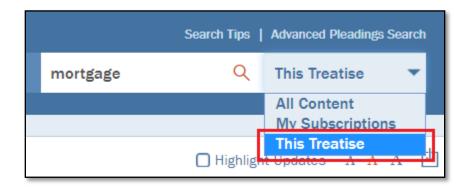
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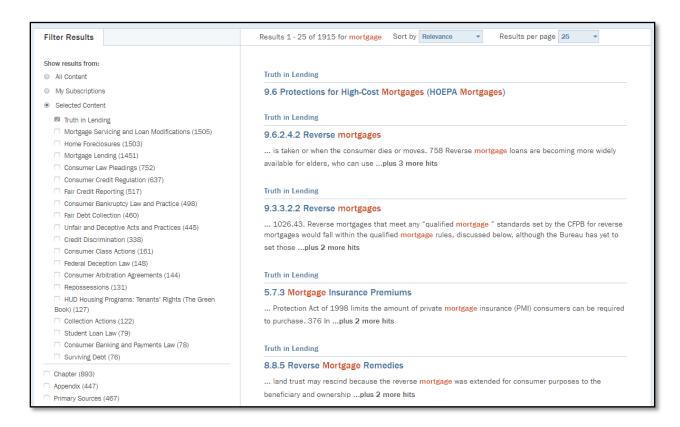
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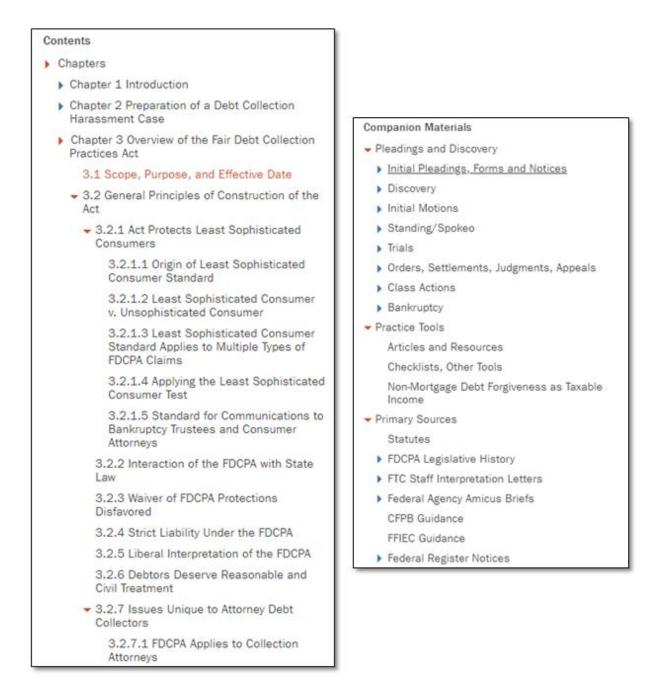


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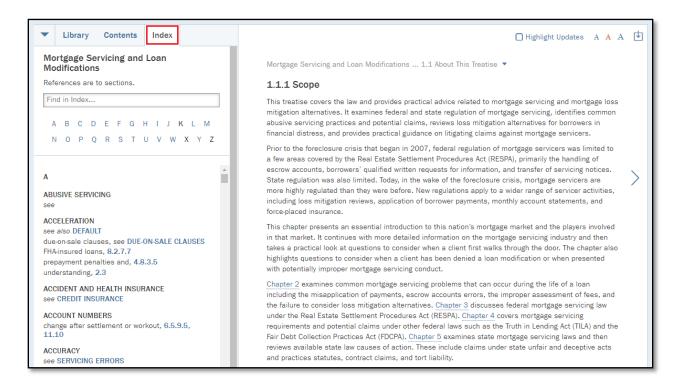


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### III. Available Treatises (as of April 2019)

#### A. Consumer Litigation

- 1. *Collection Actions (4th ed. 2017), digital updates*: defenses to collection lawsuits for credit card, medical, and other consumer debt, setting aside default judgments, and limitations on a collector's post-judgment remedies.
- 2. Consumer Arbitration Agreements (7th ed. 2015), digital updates: numerous ways to challenge the enforceability of an arbitration requirement.
- 3. Consumer Class Actions (9th ed. 2016), digital updates: step-by-step approach to all aspects of class litigation, with numerous sample class pleadings, and state-by-state analysis of class action rules.
- 4. *Consumer Law Pleadings (digital only)*: over 2000 notable pleadings from all types of consumer cases, ready to paste into a word processor.

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#### B. Credit & Banking

- 1. Consumer Banking and Payments Law (6th ed. 2018), digital updates: checks and telechecks; EFT; money orders and remittances; debit, payroll, and other prepaid cards; E-Sign; and electronic transfers of benefit payments.
- 2. Consumer Credit Regulation (2d ed. 2015), digital updates: federal and state regulation (and federal preemption) concerning credit cards, payday loans, automobile finance, title pawns, rent-to-own, installment loans, and other non-mortgage lending.
- 3. *Credit Discrimination (7th ed. 2018), digital updates*: the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Fair Housing Act, Civil Rights Acts, and state credit discrimination statutes.
- 4. Fair Credit Reporting (9th ed. 2018), digital updates: cleaning up blemished credit records, suing reporting agencies and creditors for inaccurate reports, identity theft, credit scoring, privacy issues, and the Credit Repair Organizations Act
- 5. *Truth in Lending (9th ed. 2015), two volumes, digital updates*: all aspects of TILA, the Consumer Leasing Act, the Fair Credit Billing Act, the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (HOEPA), and the Credit CARD Act.

#### C. Debtor Rights

- 1. Access to Utility Service (6th ed. 2018), digital updates: regulated and unregulated utilities, telecommunications, terminations, billing errors, low-income payment plans, subsidized housing, LIHEAP, and weatherization.
- 2. Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Practice (11th ed. 2016), two volumes, digital updates: the definitive personal bankruptcy manual, from the initial interview to final discharge, including consumer rights when a company files for bankruptcy.
- 3. Fair Debt Collection (9th ed. 2018), two volumes, digital updates: the basic reference covering the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and common law, state statutory, and other federal debt collection protections.
- 4. *Repossessions* (9th ed. 2017), digital updates: a unique guide to seizures of motor vehicles, manufactured homes, and household goods, including statutory liens, leases and rent-to-own.
- 5. Student Loan Law (5th ed. 2015), digital updates: loan deferments, discharges, consolidations and repayment plans; tax intercepts, wage garnishment, and offset of Social Security benefits; private loans, and school abuses.

#### D. Deception & Warranties

- 1. Automobile Fraud (6th ed. 2018), digital updates: title law, "yo-yo" sales, odometer tampering, lemon laundering, sale of wrecked cars, undisclosed prior use, and prior damage to new cars.
- 2. Consumer Warranty Law (5th ed. 2015), digital updates: new and used car lemon laws, the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, UCC Article 2, manufactured home and new home warranty laws, and other state statutes.

- 3. **Federal Deception Law** (3d ed. 2017), digital updates: The leading discussion of TCPA private remedies for robocalls, the FTC Holder Rule, and debt relief scams. Detailed analysis of CFPB UDAAP rulemaking, federal and state RICO, the federal False Claims Act, the FTC Telemarketing Rule, other FTC Rules.
- 4. Unfair and Deceptive Acts and Practices (9th ed. 2016), digital updates: covering all aspects of a deceptive practices case in every state, with citations to tens of thousands of state UDAP and FTC cases.

#### E. Mortgages & Foreclosures

- 1. *Home Foreclosures (1st ed. 2019)*: examines a wide variety of foreclosures involving: Fannie, Freddie, FHA, VA, RHS, and reverse mortgages; land installment sales; manufactured home loans; and unpaid property taxes and condominium fees.
- 2. *Mortgage Lending (2d ed. 2014), digital updates*: regulation (and federal preemption) of the origination and the terms of mortgage loans, including ability to pay, steering, appraisals, loan brokers, insurance, adjustable rates, reverse mortgages, and claims against failed banks.
- 3. *Mortgage Servicing and Loan Modifications (1st ed. 2019)*: the most complete and up-to-date treatise on the new loan modification programs and rights to deal with mortgage servicers.

#### IV. Further Information

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