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IACC and CLLA Announce New Strategic Alliance

Chicago 10/1/2014 — In a joint announcement released today, the International Association of Commercial Collectors (IACC) and the Commercial Law League of America (CLLA) have reached agreement on a strategic alliance between the two associations.

The alliance includes production of a single, premiere certification program for commercial collection agencies that elevates professional standards while limiting duplicative efforts.

The IACC/CLLA-produced program will be based on the current CLLA certification program for commercial collection agencies. The agreement also includes the creation of a strategic alliance advisory committee to provide support for CLLA and IACC meetings and events and help promote the certification program.

The alliance also outlines IACC and CLLA's coordination and collaboration plans on certain legislative initiatives that are of mutual importance to the two associations.

"We are very enthusiastic about the strategic alliance between the IACC and CLLA to provide one industry certification program for commercial collection agencies that is fair, comprehensive and cost-effective for our members. It will also reduce confusion in the marketplace with regard to certification programs," Lee VandenHeuvel, IACC president and president of Ross, Stuart & Dawson Inc., said. "This is an excellent example of how the two associations can work together for the benefit of our members and the commercial collection industry."

Barry Gammons, of the Law Offices of Barry J. Gammons, PLLC, who currently serves as CLLA's president, said: "The CLLA is considered to be an industry leader in certification, and we are honored to manage this elite certification program for commercial collection agencies. We look forward to working closely with Lee and the membership of the IACC, not only on the promotion of the certification program, but also on joint membership meetings and public policy issues that impact our industry."

For information about the certification program, contact the IACC at <https://www.commercialcollector.com/> or the CLLA at <http://www.clla.org/>.



About the IACC

The IACC is an international trade association comprised of more than 300 commercial collection agencies, attorneys, law lists and vendors. With members throughout the U.S. and in 25 international countries, IACC is the largest organization of commercial collection specialists in the world. The IACC contributes to the growth and profitability of its members by delivering essential education and professional tools and services in a highly collaborative and participatory environment.

About the CLLA

Since 1895, the not-for-profit Commercial Law League of America has connected experienced attorneys with credit grantors, lending institutions and other commercial credit, bankruptcy and general finance industry members through networking, education, legislative advocacy and specialized legal services. The association's members include attorneys, collection agencies, law lists, judges, accountants, trustees, turnaround managers and other credit and finance experts. For more information on the CLLA, please visit www.CLLA.org