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### **Key FCA Leaders meet with legislators in Tallahassee**

Tallahassee, FL — (1/22/2018) —The Florida Collectors Association attended a two day event at the State capitol to represent the many members of the association. The members in attendance are members of the board of directors for the 2017-2018 year. These Directors included Mark Laurent (President), Melissa Nash ( President Elect), David Kelley (Director), Jack Brown, (Director), Pam Kirchner,(Director), Jeff Powell (Director) , Christopher Roach (Director) and Renee Perrin (Executive Director). FCA has been involved in this event for several years and finds it critical for gaining attention to issues affecting the collections industry.

The Key issues brought to the attention of legislators were:

1) Biggest issue was 559.715 – notice of assignment and our efforts to work on clarifying language to the statute. 2) Florida H.B.1267-Call Blocking 3) Florida H.B 1241-Debt Collection (General Requirements) Florida H.B. 1606 4) Florida S.B. 606 Identity theft/Personal Identifiers. (see attached for more details)

The long list of legislators included: Senator Jeffrey Brandes , Senator Dennis Baxley , Rep. Brad Drake , Rep. Chris Latvala, Rep. James Grant, Brad Piepenbrink, Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Rick Scott, Senator Oscar Braynon, Chad Davis, Aide to Senator Kelli Stargel, Brian MacManus, Aide to Senator Dana Young, Senator George Gainer, Alex Blair, Aide to Senator Greg Steube. In addition to these legislators, the FCA group also met with key personnel at the Office of Finance Regulation.

In addition, a "state of the state" update was conducted by our lobbyist Jennifer Wilson, from the Adams Reece law firm, providing the members in attendance with an update on major initiatives from both chambers as well as the Governor's office. A key piece of information was the recently released Ernst and Young economic impact study of the collections industry, including the Florida specific information that the legislators found informative; this was a great tool to use while we were working the halls of the state capital.

For more information about the Florida Collections Association or ACA International or to contact a member of the unit please visit <http://fla-collectors.com/> . To learn more about ACA, visit [www.acainternational.org](http://www.acainternational.org)

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