

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 8:24-cv-1626-KKM-AAS

START CONNECTING LLC, d/b/a USA  
Student Debt Relief, a Florida limited  
liability company;

START CONNECTING SAS, d/b/a USA  
Student Debt Relief, a Colombia  
corporation;

DOUGLAS R. GOODMAN, individually  
and as an officer of START  
CONNECTING LLC;

DORIS E. GALLON-GOODMAN,  
individually and as an officer of START  
CONNECTING LLC; and

JUAN S. ROJAS, individually and as an  
officer of START CONNECTING LLC  
and START CONNECTING SAS,

Defendants.

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**NOTICE OF A RELATED ACTION**<sup>1</sup>

Under Local Rule 1.07(c), “lead counsel has a continuing duty to notify the

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<sup>1</sup> When filing via CM/ECF, use the “Notice of a Related Action” event under Civil Events-Other Filings-Notices.

judge of a related action pending in the Middle District or elsewhere.” **But for removal cases, the parties need not identify the original state-court proceeding in this Notice.** Notwithstanding the instruction in the Uniform Case Management Report, a Notice of Related Action must be filed in all cases in the Fort Myers Division, even if no related action exists.

Counsel and unrepresented parties must also inform the Court about any related cases previously filed with any court or administrative agency. And counsel and unrepresented parties have a continuing duty to promptly inform the Court of any newly filed similar or successive cases by filing an Amended Notice.

I certify that the above-captioned case:

- IS** related to pending or closed civil or criminal case(s) previously filed in this Court, or any other federal or state court, or administrative agency as indicated below:
  
- IS NOT** related to any pending or closed civil or criminal case filed with this Court, or any other federal or state court, or administrative agency.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on July 23, 2024, the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notice of electronic filing to all counsel of record.

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