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Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman Accepts “Partner Award” from Federal Trade Commission

DENVER – Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman today receives the Federal Trade Commission’s Partner Award in recognition of her office’s outstanding work to combat illegal debt collection and fight deception in the marketplace.



“Protecting Coloradans from deceptive advertisers and illegal collection practices continues to be a high priority for me and the Department’s Consumer Protection Section. I am honored that the Colorado Department of Law is being singled out for our important work to educate and protect all Colorado consumers,” said Attorney General Coffman during her acceptance. “I thank the FTC for this recognition and for continuing to be a good partner.”

The Colorado Attorney General’s Office has a long history of successful partnership with the Federal Trade Commission – Bureau of Consumer Protection. During 2015, the two collaborated on several noteworthy cases and initiatives:

- Operation Collection Protection – The FTC “sweep” highlighting enforcement actions against debt collection companies across the country. Colorado had 17 actions -- the highest in the country.

- Cancer Fund of America case – Colorado participated in the largest multistate bust brought against a sham charity.
- Pacific Telecom/Caribbean Cruise Lines – Colorado, the FTC and eight other states brought an action for no-call violations.
- Russ Dalbey/Dalbey Education Institute – The Attorney General’s Office and the FTC partnered to hold Mr. Dalbey accountable for his deceptive “get rich quick” scheme.
- Common Ground Conference – Last April, the Colorado Attorney General co-hosted a Common Ground conference with the FTC bringing together law enforcement and consumer advocates to discuss important consumer protection issues that impact Coloradans.

“Advancing consumer literacy continues to be an important mission of the Attorney General’s Office. Through financial education, Coloradans will understand not only their rights and obligations under the law but how to prevent becoming a victim and falling prey to fraud,” said Attorney General Coffman. “This award is an acknowledgement of the commitment and dedication of each member of the Department’s Consumer Protection Section. I thank them for their continued efforts on behalf of the citizens of Colorado.”

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