

Loker Law Secures \$4,375,000 Verdict Against BMO Bank for Destroying a Small-Business Owner's Credit

\$4.375M verdict: Loker Law holds BMO Bank accountable for failing to fix an admitted error that destroyed a client's credit.

SAN JOSE, CA, UNITED STATES, June 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Loker Law](#) has secured a \$4,375,000.00 jury verdict against BMO Bank, N.A. on behalf of a Bay Area small-business owner whose credit was upended by an error the bank admitted within 24 hours but left on her credit reports for more than seven months. The verdict reaffirms a principle at the heart of the [Fair Credit Reporting Act](#) and the California Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act: when a consumer reports an error, financial institutions must investigate honestly and act, not verify the error as accurate and wait for the consumer to sue.



Case number 24-cv-9225-NW, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

“

This verdict is a warning to every bank: ignore the consumers you've harmed at your own peril. When a customer disputes an error, the law demands you fix it; not stonewall.”

Matthew Loker

The plaintiff, Solmaz Dehcheshmeh, was inadvertently added to a \$1 million-plus mortgage she never agreed to and never signed for. BMO acknowledged the mistake almost immediately and confirmed she should never have been on the loan, yet the tradeline stayed on her credit reports while BMO verified it as accurate, even after she formally disputed it with Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union. Her credit score plunged from roughly 750 to under 600, she was denied credit sixteen separate times, and she was forced to shelve the flagship app she had spent years

building, pivot her startup to a stopgap product, and pile on high-interest personal debt to keep her business alive. The strain extended a course of treatment that had been scheduled to end, escalating into severe anxiety, sleepless nights, and a panic attack.

This verdict sends a clear message to the banking and credit-reporting industries: admitting an error is not enough. When a consumer disputes inaccurate information, institutions must conduct real, meaningful investigations and correct the record promptly, before a family's financial life and a small business are put at risk.

About Loker Law

[Loker Law, APC](#) is a leading law firm dedicated to representing consumers impacted by identity theft, fraud, and inaccurate credit reporting. Founded in 2019 and headquartered in Arroyo Grande, CA, Loker Law is committed to delivering exceptional advocacy and restoring the dignity, financial stability, and peace of mind of its clients.

Matthew Loker

Loker Law, APC

+1 805-669-9844

matt.loker@loker.law

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/922469865>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2026 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.