

# Legal Filings and Regulatory Actions Research

## Apex Capital Bank / Apex Capital Group - Related Cases

### 1. Georgia Department of Banking and Finance - Cease and Desist Order

**Date:** September 12, 2024 **Against:** Apex Capital Bank d/b/a Apex Capital Reserve Bank  
**Status:** Active Order

**URL:** <https://dbf.georgia.gov/press-releases/2024-09-12/order-cease-and-desist-issued-apex-capital-bank>

#### Key Details:

- Operating as bank without state or federal authority
- No record with Georgia Department of Banking and Finance
- Affiliated entities: apexcapitalbank.com, Apex Cape Bank (apexcapebank.com), State of SCNRFP (scnrfgov.ag)
- Associated individual: Arthur Jay Lewis
- Claims authorization under non-existent "State of SCNRFP"

### 2. FTC v. Apex Capital Group, LLC - Federal Trade Commission Case

**Case Number:** 172-3189 / CV18-09573-JFW(JPRx) **Court:** Central District of California  
**Charges:** Deceptive "free trial" offer scheme

**URL:** <https://www.ftc.gov/legal-library/browse/cases-proceedings/172-3189-apex-capital-group-llc>

#### Key Details:

- Filed: November 2018
- Defendants: Apex Capital Group LLC, Phillip Peikos, David Barnett, and multiple UK-based shell companies
- Scheme: False "free trial" claims, unauthorized billing, continuity plans
- Settlement: September 2024 - Over \$2.8 million returned to 153,940 victims
- Related companies: Lead Blast Limited, Capstone Capital Solutions Limited, Clix Trix Limited, Empire Partners Limited, Interzoom Capital Limited, Mountain Venture Solutions Limited, Nutra Global Limited, Omni Group Limited, Rendezvous IT Limited, Sky Blue Media Limited, Tactic Solutions Limited

### 3. Southern Cherokee Nation and Red Fire People - Georgia Cease and Desist

**Date:** August 23, 2017 **Against:** Southern Cherokee Nation and The Red Fire People Central Bank and Depository Trust, Walter Charlie Pressley a/k/a Chief Gees-Due OO-Neh-Gah Usti

**URL:** <https://dbf.georgia.gov/document/document/08-23-2017-order-cease-and-desist-issued-southern-chokeee-nation-and-red-fire/download>

### **Key Details:**

- Operating as bank without authority
- Located at 705 Bracken Strasse, Building #101, Helen, Georgia 30547
- No record with Georgia Department of Banking and Finance
- Unlawful use of "bank" and "trust" in entity names

## **Connection Between Entities**

### **Apex Capital Bank Response (February 14, 2025)**

The Ierakhwa Ne Kanienke Government response indicates:

- FUTUREHEAD GROUP (now affiliated with Ierakhwa Ne Kanienke Government) paid \$18,000 to Southern Cherokee Nation and Red Fire People for a fraudulent "license"
- Southern Cherokee Nation and Red Fire People described as "fake, fraudulent, imitation, artificial Indians"
- Apex Capital Bank entities may have been used as intermediaries or successors to the fraudulent scheme
- The \$18,000 was stolen through fraudulent misrepresentation

## **Pattern of Fraudulent Activity**

- 1 **Fake Indigenous Nation Claims:** Multiple entities falsely claiming to represent Indigenous nations (Southern Cherokee Nation, Red Fire People, SCNRFP)
- 2 **Unlicensed Banking:** Operating banking services without state or federal authorization
- 3 **Shell Companies:** Using multiple corporate entities to obscure ownership and operations
- 4 **Fraudulent Licensing Schemes:** Selling fake "licenses" and "authorizations"
- 5 **Misrepresentation:** Claiming legitimacy through false government structures and Indigenous nation status

## **Regulatory Responses**

- **Georgia Department of Banking and Finance:** Multiple cease and desist orders (2017, 2024)
- **Federal Trade Commission:** Major enforcement action with \$2.8M+ in consumer refunds
- **Victims:** Thousands of consumers defrauded through various schemes