### FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TRIAL DIVISION OFFICE OF JUDICIAL RECORDS – CIVIL



## • OPTIONAL FORM -

#### ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FORM PURSUANT TO PA.R.C.P. 1017

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#### NOTICE TO THE PLAINTIFF:

If a New Matter is included in this Answer, you are hereby notified to file a written response to Defendant's New Matter to the New Matter within 20 (twenty) days from service hereof or a judgment may be entered against you.

#### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PHILADELPHIA COUNTY FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA TRIAL DIVISION - CIVIL

Case Number

Plaintiff

v.

Defendant

#### **DEFENDANT'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

Defendant

hereby files this Answer

(Name) to the Plaintiff's Complaint and avers as follows to the corresponding numbered paragraphs of Plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

#### **GENERAL AVERMENTS**

(Review and respond to each numbered paragraph in Plaintiff's Complaint starting with Paragraph #1. For each Paragraph, check the response that best applies to you and explain your answer choice when prompted. If a Paragraph is "Admitted" it means that you know that this information is true and correct. If a Paragraph is "Denied" it means that you know this information is **not** true or correct. If a Paragraph is "Admitted and denied in part" it means that you know that some of the information is true and correct and that some of the information is not true or correct. If a Paragraph is "Denied because you do not have enough information" it means that the Paragraph **could be true or could be not true**, but you do not have enough information to know."

If you have evidence or proof that supports any of your responses, you can attach it to the end of this document.)

1.Admitted.Admitted and denied in part.Denied.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately

respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

2. Admitted. Admitted and denied in part. Denied. Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

3. Admitted. Admitted and denied in part. Denied. Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

4.Admitted.Admitted and denied in part.Denied.

Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

5. Admitted. Admitted and denied in part. Denied. Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

6. Admitted. Admitted and denied in part. Denied. Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

7. Admitted. Admitted and denied in part. Denied.
 Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

8. Admitted. Admitted and denied in part. Denied. Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

9. Admitted. Admitted and denied in part. Denied. Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

10.Admitted.Admitted and denied in part.Denied.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately<br/>respond to this.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately<br/>respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

11.Admitted.Admitted and denied in part.Denied.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately<br/>respond to this.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately<br/>respond to this.

 12.
 Admitted.
 Admitted and denied in part.
 Denied.

 Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.
 Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

Admitted. Admitted and denied in part. Denied.
 Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

14.Admitted.Admitted and denied in part.Denied.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately<br/>respond to this.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately<br/>respond to this.

15.Admitted.Admitted and denied in part.Denied.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately<br/>respond to this.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately<br/>respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

16. Admitted. Admitted and denied in part. Denied. Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

17.Admitted.Admitted and denied in part.Denied.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately<br/>respond to this.Denied because I do not have enough knowledge or information to adequately<br/>respond to this.

(Explain the reason(s) why this answer was chosen. If you chose "Admitted" you do not need to provide a reason.)

# If there are more than 17 paragraphs in the complaint, you can obtain additional pages from the Civil Filing Center.

#### **NEW MATTER**

(If you have additional facts that are relevant to this case that you wish to tell the Court, you can write them in the space below. If you need more space, you can add additional pages to this document.)

**WHEREFORE**, the Defendant hereby demands judgment in their favor and against the Plaintiff.

Date:

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Print Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

#### **VERIFICATION**

I, , the Defendant Other (Name) in this case, verify that the facts set forth in the foregoing are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

I understand that the statements contained herein are subject to the Penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A., Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

#### **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I,	, HEREBY CH	, HEREBY CERTIFY that on	
	, a true and correct copy of the attache	d Answer, was	
	rved to the following individuals at the addresses list	ed below:	
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